

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
May 11, 2020 Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118 Room 1D
Public Session Minutes**

Present:

Board members:

Paul Andrews, Vice Chair
Alexei Levine, Board Member
Saskia Coté, Board Chair
Ellen Walker, Board Secretary

DPL Staff:

Tonia Tassinari Acting Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel

Item 1) 10:02 a.m. Meeting called to order:

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure:** Unnecessary due to remote participation
- **Introductions:** By all Board members and staff
- **General public comment:** The chair invited members of the public voluntarily to self-identify and comment on their reason for participation. Many public participants responded, indicating a variety of concerns related to safe practice standards and return-to-work guidance.

Item 2) 10:05a.m. Board Meeting Business:

- January 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Paul Andrews made a motion to approve seconded by Alexei Levine. All in favor.
- February 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Paul Andrews made a motion to approve seconded by Saskia Cote. All in favor.
- March 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes – to be reviewed at June meeting
- March 26, 2020 Emergency Public Meeting –Ellen Walker made a motion to approve seconded by Alexei Levine. All in favor.

Item 3) Board Counsel Report

Peter Kelley reported conflict disclosures had been acted-upon, submitted, but not accepted by State Ethics Comm'n. Once accepted, Board can discuss. Mr. Kelley will email draft regulations to members in advance of preliminary discussion at June 8, 2020 meeting.

Item 4) Discussion

- FSMTB Resolution / delegate – Levine proposal database of state-initiated massage school disciplinary actions; Andrews suggested adding fiscal consideration language. Andrews will provide to staff to marry to existing resolution – July 17 deadline for submission. Board vote at June meeting.
- Delegate for Chicago October 15-17 meeting; The Board, by unanimous consent, approved Mr. Andrews as delegate, Ms. Coté as alternate.

Item 5) Compliance Monitoring

- 2017-000869-IT-ENF [Thomas Chacko] – Letter from Licensee
 - Ms. Cote moved to accept the 1/29/20 monitoring report; Seconded Andrews. All in favor.

- 2018-000767-IT-ENF [Equinox] – Petition to remove Probation status
 - Reinstate their license; come off probation; 6 mos timeline – page 19 issue “proof of current enrollment in school”
 - Motion to table for amendment and further review of Compliance Plan – Cote; Seconded by Levine. All in favor.

Item 6) Closed session pursuant to G. L. c. 112 §65C to conduct settlement conferences and investigatory conferences and *pursuant to G .L. c. 30A, §18,(5)(d to conduct adjudicatory conferences)]*

Saskia Cote moved to exit open session and enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences, settlement conferences, and adjudicatory conferences. Ms. Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

During closed session, the Board took the following actions:

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| • 2019-000982-IT-ENF [Ron Allen] | Fwd to Prosecutions |
| • 2019-001230-IT-ENF [Kellogg] | Invite licensee to conference |
| • 2019-001494-IT-ENF [Kmon] | Tabled |
| • 2019-001496-IT-ENF [Maung] | Fwd to Prosecutions |
| • 2020-000005-IT-ENF [O’Rielly] | Fwd to Prosecutions |
| • 2019-001495-IT-ENF [Maung] | Dismiss |

By unanimous consent, the Board exited closed session and entered open session.

Item 10) 11:39 AM. Adjournment:

Saskia Cote made a motion to adjourn. Paul Andrews seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Walker
Board Member