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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
March 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Board) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public.

Attending Members: Paul Andrews/Chair, Alexei Levine/Vice Chair, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler

Members Absent: None

Staff: Colleen Maloney, Kristina Gasson

Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures – Paul Andrews confirmed quorum via roll call vote which showed the following members participating via remote means: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

Board Business

- Review and Approve Public Meeting Minutes 1/9/23 Motion was made to approve the minutes by Ellen Walker; So moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Pallas Hutchinson.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Review and Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes 1/9/23
 - Tabled
- Sub-committee on Applications. Paul Andrews made a motion to update the established sub-committee on applications to be comprised of two or more members with the authority to review, approve or deny applications. Seconded by Alexi Levine. Discussions regarding timing of meeting.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote



- Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Updates to Board CORI Policy from Board Counsel. Agency is working to standardize language and ensure we are following correct policies. Will be on the agenda next month.
- Update that Colleen Maloney will be acting Executive Director.

Correspondence

- Dry Needling Email: discussion regarding Dry Needling; noted it is out of scope. Paul Andrews motion to respond that dry needling does not fit the definition of Massage and is out of scope. So moved by Alexi Levine; seconded by Ellen Walker.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Application Review

- 2022-268-MT-MT-APP [W. Zhao]- The Board tabled the application and directed the Board to gather more information. Moved to sub-committee.
- 2022-440-MT-MT-APP [S. Wu] – Motion was made by Alexie Levine to invite the applicant to the next Board meeting to discuss their application; so moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Alexi Levine.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 22022-53-MT-MT-APP [M. McIver]- The Board tabled this application and sent to sub-committee for review.

Curriculum Review

- Mildred Elley – Motion made by Alexi Levine to approve the Mildred Elley school curriculum; So moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Pallas Hutchinson.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Board Appeal

- 2022-87-MT-MM-APP New Health, Inc [M.J. Zhang] – Attorney Ward was present with the applicant and is asking for a continuance of the Board appeal. He requested a copy of the application and appeal. The appeal was continued until the next meeting.

Applications Reviewed – Subcommittee

- 2022-439-MT-MT-APP [S. Bian] – The Board received an informative update on applications approved during the last subcommittee meeting.

Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting

- No unanticipated matters were discussed.

Motion to exit Public Session to move into closed Executive Session, followed by closed Investigative Conference with the public meeting not to resume; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Ellen Walker at 2:09 PM. All in favor.

Application Review – Executive Session *[Closed pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with the public record law pursuant to G. L. c. 66, § 10; G. L. c. 4 § 7, ¶ 26(a) and to preserve the confidentiality protections of criminal record information. G. L. c. 6, § 172.]*

The Board reviewed the following applications in closed Executive Session:

- 2022-392-MT-MT-APP [BL]

Investigative Conference Closed Session *[Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]:*

Settlements

- 2022-000300-IT-ENF - Gave direction to Prosecutions
- 2020-001043-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2020-200444-FI-ENF - Gave direction to Prosecutions
- 2021-000809-IT-ENF- Gave direction to Prosecutions
- 2021-001019-IT-ENF- Gave direction to Prosecutions
- 2021-000749-IT-ENF -Tabled

Review of Matters Prior to Issuance of an Order to Show Cause

- 2022-000829-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2022-000992-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2022-001070-IT-ENF - Referred to Prosecutions
- 2022-001149-IT-ENF - Referred to Prosecutions
- 2023-0000011-IT-ENF - Referred to Prosecutions
- Email Correspondence - Tabled

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 PM; So Moved by Alexi Levine; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison. All in favor.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Maloney

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Executive Director



Paul Andrews
Board Chair