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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
December 11, 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, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker

Members Absent: Sheri Miller-Bedau

Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Peter Kelley, Board Counsel

Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures – At approximately 10:03 AM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum via roll call vote which showed the following members participating via remote means; Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- FSMTB Letter regarding the Department of Education- The letter was reviewed by the Board, without further discussion or comment.



Application Review

- 14475-Weiqin Lu- The appeal correspondence was reviewed and it was determined that there was no factual dispute raised in contravention to the board's denial correspondence of October 30, 2023. Motion was made to deny the request for an appeal hearing; So Moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Alexei Levine
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 2023-155-MT-MT-APP – Kevin Burnley – The application was reviewed, particularly as to classroom and continuing education credits in ethics. Mr. Levine moved that since Mr. Burnley's education and qualifications are equivalent to Massachusetts requirements, per 269 Code Mass. Regs. § 3.01(3)(a), he should continue in the application process. Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Compliance Monitoring

- 2019-001136-IT-ENF – [Mark Cornelius] – Tabled
- 2021-000749-IT-ENF – [JieXia Yu] – A letter was submitted requesting to remove JiaXia from the probational period that had been set forth in the consent agreement. Motion was made to remove JiaXia from probation; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 2021-001096-IT-ENF [David Bruneau]- The Board reviewed final monitoring reports submitted by the compliance monitor in order to comply with the consent agreement. Motion was made to accept the reports and terminate the probation; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 2022-000560-IT-ENF- [Andrei Popandopoulo]- The Board reviewed a certificate of completion to determine if it meets the requirements of the consent agreement. Motion was made to accept the CEU certificate; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Executive Director Report

- The Executive Director did not have any updates to report.

Board Counsel Report

- The Board Counsel did not have any updates to report.

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

- Paul announced that this would be Ellen's last meeting. The Board recognized Ms. Walker for her accomplishments, contributions, and opinions that she brought to the Board as a public member.
- Paul also announced that Greg Hurd was retiring and acknowledged his contributions and efforts to the profession. He will remain as the legislative and regulatory chair for the AMTA chapter.

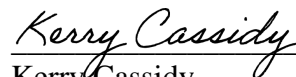
Motion to exit Public Session at 10:32 AM and enter into Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a) (1) to discuss individuals' character and reputation rather than competence, thereafter, to enter Closed Session to conduct Settlement Conferences with the public meeting not to resume; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Alexei Levine

- Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Kimberlee Schuler, and Ellen Walker
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Motion to exit closed session, enter open session and to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 AM; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded By Alexei Levine

- The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director



Paul Andrews
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Public Session:

MT Public Agenda
MT Public Meeting Minutes 11.6.2023
FSMTB Letter regarding the Department of Education
Reinstatement application for Weiqin Lu
Appeal packet for Weiqin Lu
Transcript for Weiqin Lu

Deficiency Letter for Kevin Burnley
Transcript and analysis for Kevin Burnley
Executed Consent Agreement for JiaXia Yu
Letter from Attorney Russell Chin
Tai Chi Case Summary
Executed Consent Agreement for David Bruneau
Monitoring Reports for David Bruneau
Executed Consent Agreement for Andrei Popandopoulo
Memo to File and Certificate of Completion for Andrei Popandopoulo
Docket Information for Andrei Popandopoulo