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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**March 11, 2024 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, and Kimberlee Schuler

**Members Absent:** Sheri Miller-Bedau

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

- Remote meeting procedures – At approximately, 10:01 AM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum via roll call vote which showed the following members participating via remote means; Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

**Board Business**

- The Board reviewed the Public Session Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2024. Motion was made to approve minutes pending a spelling correction to the Board Chair's name; 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, and Kimberlee Schuler
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

**Application Review**

- A reinstatement application was submitted by Liangqiong Xiong in December 2023, after her license was revoked, on July 5, 2023, following a determination that Ms. Xiong's 2018 application failed to establish the minimum educational requirements for licensure. The Board reviewed the application and all supporting documents. Ms. Xiong was interviewed, with a Board-provided interpreter, and answered questions regarding her course schedule, the content of the material, and her attendance. Ms. Xiong indicated she attended classes at Jupiter Beauty Academy from 9:00 to 4:30, with lectures on Mondays



and Thursdays and supervised practice Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, for 20 weeks. Members inquired as to massage technique studies, health contraindications to massage, state of residence, and where Ms. Xiong intended to practice. Alexei Levine moved to deny the reinstatement application due to the applicant's lack of understanding of lymphatic drainage massage and contraindications and because, given the articulated education schedule, it appeared impossible to meet the Board's education requirements; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison

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

### **Compliance Monitoring**

- None

### **Executive Director Report**

- Kerry Cassidy reported the current number of licensed individuals and establishments to the Board. An update was also given on the progress of the new enforcement policy.

### **Board Counsel Report**

- Peter Kelley reported that the agency's pending regulations, including MT revisions, are being systematically reported to other reviewing agencies, with the hope that approvals will come more expeditiously.

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

- No unanticipated matters were discussed.

At 10:48 AM, Kimberlee Schuler moved to exit Public Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C and G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d) for the purpose of conducting investigatory, settlement, and adjudicatory conferences. ; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison

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

The Board took the following actions during the closed session:

- Review Matters Prior to Issuance of an Order to Show Cause
  - 2018-001242-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecutions
  - 2024-000004-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecutions

Motion to exit closed session, enter open session; So, Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Kim Schuler. Following a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting; So, Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Kim Schuler. Following a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

- The meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director



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Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Public Session:

MT Public Agenda  
MT Public Meeting Minutes 02.05.2024  
Reinstatement Application from Liangqiong Xiong