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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**April 10, 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 noted we had a quorum and 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**

- FSMTB resolutions: The Board discussed that submissions are due by June 30, 2023.
- FSMTB delegate: September 28-30, 2023 San Diego Annual Meeting – Motion was made to nominate Pallas Hutchison with Paul Andrews as the alternate as delegates with voting rights; So moved by Paul Andrews; 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
- Amendment of Board CORI Policy: The Board discussed amendments to the Board's CORI policy Motion to approve updated CORI policy with amendments; So moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - 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
- Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2023- The Board agreed to table the review of the March minutes to a future meeting.
- Policy Review: Curriculum Guidelines for Applications Received After May 1, 2010- Board Counsel Kristina Gasson offered to review the policy and make a recommendation to the Board; tabled for legal review and stakeholder feedback.
- Policy Review: Policy #15-001 Regarding the Board's Acceptance of Licensed Practice in Lieu of Clinical Supervised Practice Educational Requirement – The Board agreed to table further discussion pending a legal review.

### **Curriculum Review for School Approval**

- The Massage School Motion to approve curriculum; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler ; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
  - Members recused: Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- New England School of Therapeutics- Motion to approve curriculum; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
  - 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**

- 2022-452-MT-MT-APP [J. Huang]- Motion to move application forward; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - 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
- 2022-453-MT-MT-APP [H. Zeng] – Motion to move application forward; 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, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

- 2023-4-MT-MT-APP [K. Kim] Motion to move application forward; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; 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
- 2022-268-MT-MT-APP [W. Zhao]- The Board tabled the application and the applicant would be invited to a future meeting.
- 2023-106-MT-MT-APP [A. Powell] – Motion to move application forward; So Moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
  - 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
- 2022-440-MT-MT-APP – [S. Wu] [Reinstatement Request] – Motion to move application forward pending a Consent Agreement with a two-year probation on the personal license, cannot act as Compliance Officer during that time and must remain free from violations; 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, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Ellen Walker
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 2023-188-MT-MT [S. Zimmer] – Motion to move application forward; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - 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

### **Correspondence**

- CE Broker – Executive Director provided email correspondence in packet for the Board’s review. Motion for Executive Director to reply that the Board has no comment and to provide contact details; So Moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - 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

### **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director advised Board of new team member, Amanda Smith; ensured Board that she would remain with the Board for the foreseeable future.

## **Board Counsel Report**

Board Counsel did not have any updates to report.

Sheri Miller-Bedeau exited the meeting at 1:30 PM.

The Board agreed to take a five-minute recess and the meeting resumed at 1:35 PM.

## **Board Appeal**

- 2022-87-MT-MM-APP [MJ Zhang- New Health Inc]- The Board convened a hearing on the denial of an establishment license. Motion to close the hearing; deliberate after receiving more information; 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, Ellen Walker
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

## **Applications Reviewed – Sub-Committee**

The Board reported on actions taken at the most recent application review subcommittee meeting for the following applications:

- 2022-403-MT-MT-APP [W. Wang]
- 2023-8-MT-MT-APP [E. Drislane]
- 2023-39-MT-MT-APP [A.Tsykalova]

## **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.

Ellen Walker exited the meeting at 2:13 PM; At 2:13 PM, the Board no longer had a quorum of members and the meeting concluded. The Board did not take any action in closed Executive Session and did not move into closed Investigative Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Maloney

Colleen Maloney  
Executive Director



Paul Andrews  
Board Chair