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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
June 5, 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

Members Absent: Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler

Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Colleen Maloney, Associate Deputy Commissioner, Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel

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, and Sheri Miller-Bedeau; Not Present: Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the public and executive Meeting Minutes for May 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedeau
 - Members not present; Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- FSMTB Nominations- The Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards is seeking nominations for the Board of Directors and Committees. Paul commented that it is important for the states to stay involved and have more influence than just a vote.



- Third Reading: Policy Review: Curriculum Guideline for Applications Received After May 1, 2010. The Board discussed that updating the guidelines will give the Board and the sub-committee flexibility. Board Counsel offered suggestions for clarity. Mark Malloy commented that it is important to restate the regulations so people can find the information in one place. Motion was made to approve and adopt the amended guidelines (with minor changes to dates); 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
 - Members not present; Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Correspondence

- AMTA-MA- Discussion was previously heard regarding the Policy Review of the Curriculum Guidelines with Board Business.

Application Review

- 2022-268-MT-MT-APP [W. Zhao] – This applicant attended Select Therapy Institute in CA. This school is not approved and has been denied by FSMTB. Motion was made to close the application; 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
 - Members opposed; None; Motion passed

Executive Director Report

The Executive Director did not have any updates to report.

Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel did not have any updates to report.

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

- No unanticipated matters were discussed.

Compliance Monitoring

- The Board reviewed monitoring reports from David Bruneau. Motion was made to accept monitoring reports; 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
 - Members opposed; None; Motion passed

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 Sheri Miller-Bedeau; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison at 10:25. All voted 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:

- 2023-132-MT-MT-APP - [KO]
- 2023-172-MT-MT-APP- [EW]

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

The Board took the following actions during the closed session:

Settlements

- 2019-001136-IT-ENF-Gave direction to Prosecutions

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

- 2023-000020-IT-ENF - Tabled
- 2021-000654-IT-ENF – Referred to Prosecutions
- 2023-000246-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2023-000252-IT-ENF – Referred to Prosecutions
- 2023-000253-IT-ENF - Tabled
- 2023-000255-IT-ENF- Dismissed
- 2023-000196-IT-ENF- Referred to Prosecutions
- 2023-000456-IT-ENF – Gave direction to Prosecutions

Quasijudicial Session *[Closed adjudicatory session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d)]:*

- 2020-001343-IT-ENF- Direction given to Board staff

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 PM; So Moved by Sheri Miller-Bedeau; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison. All in favor.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director



Paul Andrews
Board Chair