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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
July 14, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes

A hybrid public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Board) was held in person and 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 Anthony Chui

Members Absent: Kimberlee Schuler

Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director; Nirit Eriksson, Board Counsel, Amanda Smith, Staff

Meeting Called to Order

The hybrid meeting convened after the close of the public hearing. At approximately, 10:40 AM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum via roll call which showed the following members participating in person: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui. Alexei Levine participated remotely.

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the Public Session Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2025. Paul Andrews requested that in reference to the FSMTB Alternate Delegate, the word “allowing” be removed and replaced with “reimbursing”. Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended: So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Anthony Chui
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- The Board reviewed the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2025. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented: So Moved by Anthony Chui; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- The Board reviewed the Public Session Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2025. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented: So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Anthony Chui



- Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Board Member Election for Board Chair: Pallas Hutchison nominated Paul Andrews to remain as Board Chair and he accepted the nomination; there were no other nominations. Motion was made to approve Paul Andrews as Board Chair: So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Anthony Chui
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Board Member Election for Vice Chair: Pallas Hutchison nominated Alexei Levine to remain as Vice-Chair and he accepted the nomination; there were no other nominations. Motion was made to approve Alexei Levine as Vice-Chair: So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Anthony Chui
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Curriculum Review

- Flavia Leal School of Massage Therapy- Paula Fallon, Director of Education, was present along with Telma Ross, Director of Practical and Clinical Education. Alexei Levine raised areas of concern in this curriculum review, including in connection with course content, attendance requirements, labs versus homework, mannequins, language of instruction, and foreign transfer credits. Paul Andrews raised additional concerns, including in connection with allergies to lubricants, references to skincare and exfoliation, defining supervision, and the terms therapeutic massage and medical massage. Paula Fallon addressed the question of attendance, with a portion being online with theory, and then in class students would be applying the theory to the practical. Alexei Levine pointed out that online courses have to be scheduled classes that are taught by a live instructor. Ms. Fallon discussed the issue of teaching in other languages than English. She confirmed that textbooks are only in English. Paul Andrews suggested that the Board provide its concerns in consolidated written form to assist Ms. Fallon. This item was tabled.

Executive Director Report

- Kerry Cassidy provided updated numbers for individual massage therapists and establishment applications.

Board Counsel Report

- None

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

- Alexei Levine noted his desire for the Board to pursue a policy that would prohibit transfer of credits from outside of the United States and require that students be told in advance of enrollment that a licensing exam will be required.
- Mark Molloy and Greg Hurd stated that they have encountered questions regarding draping requirements.

At 11:19 a.m., Pallas Hutchison moved to exit Open Session and enter into Closed Session pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C for the purpose of conducting investigatory and settlement

conferences, and pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d) for the purpose of conducting adjudicatory conferences; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Anthony Chui

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

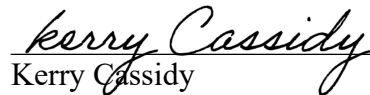
The Board took the following actions during closed session:

- 2024-201071-FI-ENF – Dismissed
- 2024-201721-FI-ENF – Tabled
- 2024-202050-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-202068-FI-ENF – Tabled
- 2024-202374-FI-ENF – Dismissed
- 2024-202818-FI-ENF – Dismissed
- 2024-202924-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-203051-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000543-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000244-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000547-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 PM; 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, and Anthony Chui
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,



Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director

List of Documents Used in the Public Meeting:

MT Public Agenda 07.14.2025

MT Public Meeting Minutes 05.12.2025

MT Executive Session Meeting Minutes 05.12.2025

MT Public Meeting Minutes 06.02.2025

Curriculum for Flavia Leal School of Massage Therapy

MT Application Numbers