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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
July 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-Bedau, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler

Members Absent: None

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

Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures – At approximately 10:00 AM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum via roll call vote which showed the following members participating via remote means: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the Executive Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Ellen Walker
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote



- Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- The Board reviewed the Executive Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Sheri Miller-Bedau; Seconded by Ellen Walker
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as written; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedau
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Nominations for Officer Elections. Motion was made to re-elect Paul Andrews as Chair; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Nominations for Officer Elections. Motion was made to re-elect Alexei Levine as Vice Chair; So Moved by Sheri Miller-Bedau; Seconded by Ellen Walker
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Nominations for Officer Elections. Motion was made to re-elect Ellen Walker as Secretary; So Moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Executive Director Kerry Cassidy announced that an adjudicatory hearing is scheduled for November 1-2 in person at DOL from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM for case 2022-000846-IT-ENF. Paul Andrews stated that if any Board member was interested to email the Executive Director confirming your attendance.

Curriculum Review

- Paul Andrews noted that he had questions regarding the content of the curriculum for Jupiter Beauty Academy. The Board agreed to table the item until the August Board meeting.

Executive Director Report

The Executive Director did not have any updates to report.

Board Counsel Report

Board Counsel Kristina Gasson stated that she has been busy cleaning up old cases and tickets. Attorney Gasson recently attended a meeting with the Office of Administration and Finance and answered many questions regarding the new regulations; such as the new continuing education and First Aid requirement, as well as, possible fee and renewal changes.

The Board agreed to take a ten-minute recess at 10:20 AM as an interpreter was scheduled to join the meeting at 10:30. The meeting resumed at 10:30 AM.

Compliance Monitoring

- Zixiu Zhou- The Board interviewed the proposed monitor, Jenny Su, on the obligations of a monitor, a compliance officer, and her qualifications. Board Counsel gave Ms. Zhou recommendations on finding a new compliance monitor and providing an update at the next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2023. Motion was made to deny Jenny Su as a compliance monitor; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Ellen Walker.
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Sheri Miller-Bedau, Ellen Walker, and Kimberlee Schuler
 - 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-Bedau; Seconded by Ellen Walker at 11:00 AM. All voted in favor.

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

- No unanticipated matters were discussed.

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 application in closed Executive Session:

- 2023-57-MT-MT-APP – [CS]

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

The Board took the following actions during the closed session:

Settlements

- 2022-000560-IT-ENF- Gave Direction to Prosecutions
- 2022-000456-It-ENF – Gave Direction to Prosecutions

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

- 2023-000263-IT-ENF – Gave Direction to Board Staff
- 2023-000264-IT-ENF – Dismissed

- 2023-000204-IT-ENF- Dismissed with Advisory
- 2023-000185-IT-ENF- Dismissed with Advisory
- 2023-000064-IT-ENF – Tabled

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

- 2021-001066-IT-ENF- Issue Final Decision and Order
- 2021-000873-IT-ENF–Issue Final Decision and Order
- 2021-000941-IT-ENF/2022-200430-FI-ENF – Issue Final Decision and Order

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 PM; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedau

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director



Paul Andrews
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Public Session:

MT Public Agenda 07.10.2023
 MT Executive Meeting Minutes 04.10.2023
 MT Public Meeting Minutes 04.10.2023
 MT Executive Meeting Minutes 06.05.2023
 MT Public Meeting Minutes 06.05.2023
 Jupiter Beauty Academy MT Program Renewal
 Zixiu Zhou - Consent Agreement