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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy September 8, 2025 Public 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 Anthony Chui

Members Absent: Kimberlee Schuler

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

Meeting Called to Order

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

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the Public Session Meeting Minutes for July 14, 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 August 11, 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
- FSMTB Annual Meeting Voting Items- The Board did not receive any information regarding the voting items. Paul Andrews confirmed that the delegate has the authority to vote on items as appropriate.
- Board Authorization of Staff to Develop a Proposed Policy on Draping- Paul Andrews suggested that a policy on draping should be developed to help clarify these requirements for licensees and the public. Motion was made to authorize staff to develop a proposed policy on draping and direct Board Chair Paul Andrews to work on creating a draft for Board consideration; 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
- Rescheduling of the October 15 Subcommittee Meeting and the November 10 Board Meeting- Kerry Cassidy recommended that the October 15 Subcommittee Meeting and the November 10



Board Meeting be rescheduled due to a staff conflict and the upcoming Veteran's Day holiday. Motion was made to cancel the October 15 Subcommittee meeting and reschedule the November 10 Board Meeting to November 17; 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- Ms. Fallon was in attendance. Paul Andrews mentioned a spelling correction on the first page. Alexei Levine noted that the program outline for the full-time program as listed is two hours short of 650 hours. Alexei also requested that the part-time and full-time calendars should be clarified to improve student awareness. It was also recommended that the hours for massage history should be reduced in order to increase hours for the ethics and business courses. Motion was made to approve the curriculum and allow the application to proceed; So Moved by Alexei Levine; 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

Executive Director Report

- Kerry Cassidy stated that the approved June 9 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes are in the packet for the Board's reference.
- Kerry Cassidy provided updated numbers for individual massage therapists and establishment applications, as well as current licenses.

Board Counsel Report

- None

Compliance Monitoring

- 2024-000343-IT-ENF – [Zixiu Zhou] Review of Compliance Report- The Board reviewed the reports submitted by the compliance monitor for Ms. Zhou. Motion was made to accept the compliance report; So Moved by Alexei Levine; 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

Open Session for Topics

- Alexei Levine mentioned the proposed policy that he submitted regarding transfer credits and the new exam requirement. Board Counsel stated that the proposals are undergoing internal review.

At 10:28 AM, Anthony Chui moved to exit Open Session and enter into Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of reviewing reputation or character rather than professional competence, and then entering 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 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 took the following actions during closed session:

- 2024-201721-FI-ENF – Tabled
- 2024-202068-FI-ENF – Tabled
- 2024-206095-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-205919-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-204662-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-205746-FI-ENF – Dismissed
- 2024-205838-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-205745-FI-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000819-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000805-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000806-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000586-IT-ENF – Dismissed
- 2024-000850-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2025-000804-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 PM; 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

Respectfully Submitted,



Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director

List of Documents Used in the Public Meeting:

- MT Public Agenda
- MT Public Meeting Minutes for 07.14.2025
- MT Public Meeting Minutes for 08.11.2025
- Curriculum for Flavia Leal School of Massage Therapy
- MT Subcommittee Minutes for 06.09.2025
- License and Application Numbers
- Compliance Monitor Reports for Zixiu Zhou