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Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
September 9, 2024

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, Kimberlee Schuler, Sheri Miller-Bedau

Members Absent: None

Staff: Colleen Maloney, Associate Commissioner of Boards, Peter Kelley, Board Counsel, Richard Holtz, Deputy General Counsel

Meeting Called to Order

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

Board Business

- The Board reviewed the Public Session Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2024. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison, Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Kimberlee Schuler, Sheri Miller-Bedau
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Reinstatement Procedure for Revoked and Voluntary Surrender Licenses Voluntary Licenses - The Board discussed reviewing these reinstatements on a case-by-case basis with a special meeting. An option might be to channel some authority to the Subcommittee and utilizing FSMTB more.
- Procedure for Dealing with Elizabeth Grady Transcripts- Paul Andrews stated that it is hard to ignore such a blatant violation and inquired about what actions had been taken against Elizabeth Grady. Peter Kelley feels that the agency has exhausted all possibilities.



Some options might be to conduct student interviews and request any proof of attendance. Further discussions should transpire with Occupation Schools on a resolution.

Curriculum Review

- Spirit Wellness Institute- The Board reviewed the curriculum submitted from Spirit Wellness Institute. Requirements appear to have been met and no discrepancies were noted. Motion was made to approve the 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, and Kimberlee Schuler, Sheri Miller-Bedau
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

- Tri County Vocational Tech High School – Tabled

Compliance Monitoring

- 2023-000040-IT-ENF [William Geoffrey Wood] – Attorney Michael McCarthy introduced William Wood and the two compliance monitor candidates, Michael Hruby and Heather Graber. Paul Andrews explained the duties and expectations of the compliance monitor. The Board interviewed both candidates. They provided an overview of their experience and understanding of the regulations. The first report would be due three months from today, December 9 2024. Motion was made to approve Heather Graber as compliance monitor; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedau
 - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Kimberlee Schuler, Sheri Miller-Bedau
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Executive Director Report

- Colleen Maloney stated that there were three hearings scheduled for September, October, and December. The information for these hearings is located in the packet. She also introduced Richard Holtz, Deputy General Counsel, as the incoming Board Counsel. The Board thanked Peter and wished him well.

Board Counsel Report

- Peter Kelley and Richard Holtz didn't have anything to report on at this time. Unfortunately, there haven't been any updates on the regulations.

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

- As the Board Delegate, Pallas inquired about her authority as it pertains to voting. The Board instructed her to vote on how she deems appropriate. Alexi Levine expressed interest in the interstate compact and made a recommendation about joining. The Board decided that they should review after the annual meeting and welcome stakeholder input.

At 11:04 AM, Sheri Miller-Bedau moved to exit Public Session and enter into Executive Session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a) (7) to comply with G. L. c. 66, § 10, G. L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c)(medical record information), and to enter 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 Sheri Miller-Bedau, Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler

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

The Board took the following actions during closed session:

- 2023-000020-IT-ENF – Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000568-IT-ENF/2022-000429-IT-ENF- Refer to Staff
- 2024-000725-IT-ENF- Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000447-IT-ENF- Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000367-IT-ENF- Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000235-IT-ENF – Refer to DPH/Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000351-IT-ENF- Dismiss with Advisory

Motion to exit closed session, enter into open session; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler. Following a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler. Following a roll call vote, all members voting in favor, the motion passed.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kerry Cassidy
Executive Director



Paul Andrews
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Public Session:

MT Public Agenda
MT Public Meeting Minutes for 06.10.2024

Memo Regarding Student Records from Elizabeth Grady School of Esthetics and Massage
Therapy

Curriculum from Spirit Wellness Institute

Executed Consent Agreement for William Geoffrey Wood

Order to Show Cause for William Geoffrey Wood

Meeting Invites for Geoffrey Wood, Heather Graber, and Michael Hruby

Resumes for Heather Graber and Michael Hruby

Order to Show Cause for 2023-204579-FI-ENF

Order to Show Cause for 2023-201204-FI-ENF