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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**MAY 8, 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, Ellen Walker/Secretary, and Pallas Hutchison

**Members Absent:** Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler

**Staff:** Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director, 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, Ellen Walker, and Pallas Hutchison;; Not Present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:12AM

**Board Business**

- Meeting Minutes for the March and April to be reviewed at June meeting
- Second reading: Policy Review: Curriculum Guidelines for Applications Received After May 1, 2010 – The Board tabled further discussion to the June meeting.
- Second reading: Policy Review: Policy #15-001 Regarding the Board's Acceptance of Licensed Practice in Lieu of Clinical Supervised Practice Educational Requirement – Motion to accept the policy as amended (change date to 5/8 and 2023-05-08) by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Ellen Walker
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

**Correspondence**



- AMTA-MA – The Board tabled further discussion to the June meeting.

### **Board Appeal**

- 2022-87-MT-MM-APP [MJ Zhang - New Health Inc.] – The Board heard further testimony and evidence from the applicant with respect to her establishment application. Motion to move forward with application; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Alexei Levine:
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, Ellen Walker
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **Application Review**

- 2022-268-MT-MT-APP [W. Zhao] – The Board tabled further discussion to the June meeting.

### **Executive Director Report**

- Acting Executive Director Colleen Maloney introduced new Executive Director Kerry Cassidy.

### **Board Counsel Report**

- Board Counsel, Kristina Gasson, had no new updates; Regulations still under review at the Office of Administration and Finance and the new administration will review the proposed amendments.

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

- No unanticipated matters were discussed.

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 Ellen Walker; Seconded by Alexei Levine at 11:13AM. 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:

- 2022-381-MT-MT-APP [BB]
- 2022-422-MT-MT-APP [SD]
- 2023-30-MT-MT-APP [AM]

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

The Board took the following actions during the closed session:

### **Settlements**

- 2021-000959-IT-ENF- Dismissed
- 2020-001043-IT-ENF-Gave direction to Prosecutions
- 2021-000749-IT-ENF- Gave direction to Prosecutions

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

- 2019-001240-IT-ENF- Received update from Prosecutions
- 2023-000040-IT-ENF- Referred to prosecutions
- 2023-000020-IT-ENF- Tabled
- 2023-000006-IT-ENF- Referred to prosecutions
- 2023-000236-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2021-000654-IT-ENF - Direction given to Board staff
- 2022-001075-IT-ENF - Dismissed
- 2023-000098-IT-ENF- Tabled
- 2023-000031-IT-ENF- Dismissed
- 2023-000048-IT-ENF- Dismissed
- 2022-000700-IT-ENF- Dismissed with advisory
- 2023-000703-IT-ENF- Dismissed with advisory
- 2022-000706-IT-ENF- Dismissed with advisory

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

- No adjudicatory matters were discussed.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting** at 1:36PM; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Alexei Levine; All in favor.

- The meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director

  
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Paul Andrews  
Board Chair