

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

A posted public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Massage Therapy (the Board) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provision of the open meeting law.

Attending: Members: Saskia Cote, Chair; Paul Andrews, Vice Chair, Alexei Levine, Member, Ellen Walker, Secretary

Members absent: none

Staff: Danielle O'Neil and Sheila York

Danielle O'Neil noted this would be a public meeting as this is how applications are normally discussed when Board review of educational qualifications is required.

**Meeting Called to Order** Saskia Cote called to order at 3:00 p.m.  
Remote meeting procedures

Saskia Cote asked Alexei Levine to explain what we are looking for in these documents. Alexei stated Vermont (and Montana) do not license schools (effective date after 2009). The Board subsequently determined not to accept out of state applications with massage schooling in either Vermont or Montana. The Board also determined not to accept out of country applications and required graduation from an American, state-licensed school.

Paul Andrews suggested the website should reflect this information.

Saskia Cote and Sheila York discussed grandfathering versus reciprocity in some of the above cases.

**Application Review of previously issued licenses:**

- Green Mountain 1 [Vanessa Mayer]
- Green Mountain 2 [Lauren Guilbault]
- Green Mountain 3 [Joeda Chabot]
- NorthEast Medical [Eleonora Shcherbakova]
- Pyramid [Shari Larson]
- Scientific Massage [Christine Bulman]
- Touchstone 1 [Karen Frucci]
- Touchstone 2 [Bridget Kinsey]

Saskia Cote and Sheila York discussed grandfathering versus reciprocity in some of the above cases in regard to out of country education. Massachusetts Department of Education evaluated and translated the education as it related to the course work.

The Board determined in review of all the above applications to be legitimate and without concern.

Discussion –

Add to September 14<sup>th</sup> agenda what do we do if the pandemic continues / doesn't end

New Business / Open Session for topics

Adjourned – 3:45 p.m. motioned by Saskia Cote, seconded by Alexie Levine  
Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Ellen Walker  
Members opposed: None; Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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Ellen Walker  
Board Secretary

List of Documents Used in the Open Session of the Meeting:

Agenda of the August 9, 2020 Meeting  
Draft of the June 8 Public and Executive Session Minutes