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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy Subcommittee**  
**January 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

A public meeting of a validly-constituted and convened subcommittee of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Subcommittee) 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. The purpose of the Subcommittee was to review and approve licensure applications.

Attending Subcommittee Members: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine

Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Peter Kelley, Board Counsel, Amanda Smith, Board Staff

**Meeting Called to Order**

- Remote meeting procedures- At approximately 10:02 AM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum, the two (2) participating members, via roll call vote, which showed the following members participating via remote means; Paul Andrews and Alexei Levine; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

**Board Business**

- The Subcommittee reviewed the meeting minutes for July 27, 2023. Motion was made to approve minutes as presented; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Paul Andrews
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews and Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed.

**Application Review**

- **445-MT-MT-APP**- David Bannerman- This reinstatement was found to be deficient in Massage Theory & Technique, Ethics & Business, Anatomy & Physiology, Kinesiology,



Pathology, and Clinical. This license was voluntarily surrendered and expired on 04/28/2017 and is required to meet current curriculum requirements. The total overall hours that were demonstrated were 29 hours; therefore, an additional 621 hours are required to meet current licensure requirements. The transcript from the Maui Academy of the Healing Arts did not have a graduation date and the remaining hours were from an apprenticeship. These hours cannot be included as part of current curriculum requirements. Mr. Bannerman was present at the meeting and made collateral arguments about his past discipline but did not offer any additional information that would change the outcome of the deficiency. Paul Andrews moved to deny the reinstatement; Seconded by Alexei Levine

- Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews and Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed.
- **2023-319-MT-MT-APP** – Ping Chen – This applicant attended the Atlanta University of Health Science. This application was found to be deficient in Massage Theory & Technique. However, the applicant did take the MBLEX exam that would satisfy the deficiency of 100 hours. Several issues were noted regarding this application and possible fraudulent activity. Kerry Cassidy contacted FSMTB and the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy requesting information about the Atlanta University of Health Science. Paul Andrews moved to table this application until further information could be obtained from FSMTB and the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy pertaining to the Atlanta University of Health Science; Seconded by Alexei Levine
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews and Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- **2023-372-MT-MT-APP** – Erin O'Donnell – This applicant attended the Massage School of New England. This application was found to be deficient in Massage Theory & Technique, and Ethics & Business. An additional 200 hours is required in Massage Theory & Technique, and an additional 53 hours is required in Ethics & Business. After a review of the submitted documents, it was determined that two courses were found that would satisfy the requirement for Massage Theory & Technique. However, the seven (7) hours that were submitted for Ethics & Business do not appear to meet the curriculum definition. Paul Andrews moved to accept the hours for Massage Theory & Technique, but there is deficiency of 60 hours for Ethics & Business; Seconded by Alexei Levine
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews and Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **New Business**

- Discussion of potential ratification by full board of subcommittee decision. Board counsel indicated the possibility of ratification by the full board of subcommittee determinations.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 AM; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Paul Andrews.

- The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director

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Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Subcommittee:

MT Subcommittee Agenda 01.23.2024  
MT Applications for Review Spreadsheet  
Reinstatement Application for David Bannerman  
Transcript and Supporting Documents for David Bannerman  
Emails and Surrender Agreement for David Bannerman  
Transcript and Syllabus for Ping Chen  
Transcript and Supporting Documents for Erin O'Donnell