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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy Subcommittee**  
**July 18, 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, Pallas Hutchison

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

**Meeting Called to Order**

- Remote meeting procedures- At approximately 1:01 PM, Paul Andrews confirmed quorum, with at least two (2) participating members, via roll call vote, which showed the following members participating via remote means; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, and Alexei Levin; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

**Board Business**

- The Subcommittee reviewed the subcommittee meeting minutes for January 23, 2024. Motion was made to approve minutes as presented; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, and Pallas Hutchison
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed.

**Application Review**

- 2024-158-MT-MT-APP [Austin Tepsic] – This applicant attended Gwinnett College/The Medical Arts School in North Carolina. This application has a total of 750 hours with a surplus of 98 hours in Massage Theory & Technique, but was found to be deficient in



Ethics, Clinical, and the Sciences. Mr. Tepsic has a current license in North Carolina which would satisfy the deficiency in clinical. He also submitted a continuing education certificate in Neuromuscular Therapy for a total of 50 classroom hours. Paul Andrews explained that the Board does not currently regulate CEU's and nevertheless, the Board does not accept CEU's to meet the basic education due to their limited duration and the fact that continuing education implies that an individual is already licensed. Peter Kelley clarified that typically a CEU is two (2) or three (3) hours and is usually not accepted as academic credit. However, this course appears to be part of a certificate program which is similar to an academic course. Alexei Levine moved to allow the application to proceed forward; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison

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

- 2024-133-MT-MT-APP [Jennifer Catherall]- This applicant attended both the US Career Institute and Salem State University. This application has a total of 625 hours. Deficiencies found in Ethics/Professionalism and the Sciences. A transcript was submitted from Salem State University that would satisfy the deficiency of the hours in the sciences. A transcript was also submitted from North Shore Community College regarding the ethics hours but, based on the only definition that could be located from a current catalog, it did not appear to be relevant to the massage industry and did not address such topics as informed consent. Alexei Levine moved to accept the Salem State courses to satisfy the deficiency for the sciences; however, the courses taken at the North Shore Community College did not meet the ethics requirement and were denied; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison

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

- 2670-MT-MT [Stephanie Stanislovitis]- This applicant attended the Massage Institute of New England. This is a reinstatement that has a total of 634 hours. It was found to be deficient in Massage Theory & Technique, Ethics & Professionalism, and the Sciences. Ms. Stanislovitis did take the NCETMB exam in 2006. If a copy of the official report is submitted directly from NCBTMB, the deficiency in Massage Theory & Technique would be covered. Ms. Stanislovitis also submitted a few certificates for CE classes, but these would not apply. It was recommended that she contact schools outside of Massachusetts and within the state for remote classes. Alexei Levine moved that if the NCETMB certificate is submitted it would satisfy the Massage Theory & Technique deficiency, which would leave 34 hours in Ethics & Professionalism and 20 hours in the Sciences; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison

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


- 2024-213-MT-MT-APP [Choenyi Dhondup]- This applicant attended Bright Education Institute. Submitted transcript has a total of 800 hours. Kerry Cassidy had contacted FSMTB to obtain information regarding Bright Education Institute. FSMTB responded with a transcript that was substantially different than the transcript that we had received. The reason for this review was not for a deficiency, but rather guidance on how to move forward with the discrepancy. Peter Kelley recommended that he coordinate with Kerry Cassidy to contact the Florida Department of Education for further information.


Therefore, the application should be tabled for at least 60 days to allow the other organizations to take appropriate action and review again.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 PM; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison, Seconded by Alexei Levine.

- The meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director

  
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Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Subcommittee:

MT Subcommittee Agenda 11.20.2024  
MT Applications for Review Spreadsheet  
Transcript and Syllabus for Austin Tepsic  
Email Correspondence for Austin Tepsic  
Transcript and Syllabus for Jennifer Catherall  
Transcript for Stephanie Stanislovitis  
Transcript for Choenyi Dhondup