

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Public Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D**

**Present:**

**Board members:**

Paul Andrews, Board Chair  
Alexei Levine, Vice Chair  
Matthew Olds, Board Secretary  
Sheri Sarmiento, Board Member  
Ann Marie Kennedy, Board Member  
Jennie Pelletier, Board Member

**DPL Staff:**

Ana Garcia, Executive Director  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel  
Joann Termine, Board Administrator  
Shawn Croke, Investigator

**Item 1) 10:04 a.m.      Meeting called to order:**

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** –Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.

**Item 2) 10:05 a.m.      Board Meeting Minutes:**

- **Public Minutes**-- Mr. Levine moved to approve the March 13, 2017 Public minutes as amended, Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Minutes**- Mr. Levine moved to approve the March 13, 2017 Executive minutes, Mrs. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3) 10:08 a.m.      Executive Director Report:**

- Executive Director spoke at the AMTA Annual Meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 in Needham, MA. Many questions were addressed about the Boards new Establishment and Out-call regulations.

**Item 4) 10:15 a.m.      Board Counsel Report:**

- Board Counsel updated the board on questions regarding the Open Meeting Law, particularly as to approving Executive session meeting minutes in either open session or executive session. If the latter, this would require a roll-call vote to enter Executive session, approval and roll-call vote in the executive session, and another roll-call vote to exit Executive session and back into open. Board moved to read and file and to consider delegation of authority.

**Item 5) 10:21 a.m. Candidate Interview: [Executive Session-closed pursuant to G.L.c.30A, §21 (1)]**

Mr. Levine moved to enter into an Executive Session pursuant to G.L.30A §21(1) to discuss the character rather than competence of applicants for licensure. Mr. Olds seconded. After taking a roll call vote (all"yes"), motion passed unanimously.

*At 11:48 a.m. Mrs. Pelletier left the meeting.*

Mr. Levine moved to exit executive session, enter and exit open session, and enter Closed Session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences, adjudicatory conferences and settlement conferences pursuant to MGL c.112, §65C; MGL. C.30A, §18, 5(d). Ms. Sarmento seconded. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6) 11:50 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases and Appeals: [closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C]**

During the Investigative conference the Board voted to take the following action

- 2014-1216MT092-IT-ENF [LH]- Forward to Prosecutions
- 2017-000094-IT-ENF [PO]-Dismiss w/o prejudice
- 2017-000010-IT-ENF [MD]- Dismiss w/o prejudice
- 2016-000707-IT-ENF [SG]- Dismiss w/o prejudice
- 2016-001128-IT-ENF [KC]- Dismiss w/o prejudice
- 2017-2000127-FI-ENF [SG]-Dismiss w/advisory

*At 12:33 p.m. Mrs. Kennedy left the meeting.*

**Item 8) 12:30 p.m. Final Decision and Order: [Deliberative session: closed session pursuant to G.L.30A §18, 5(d)]**

At the end of the Quasi-Judicial session Mr. Levine moved to exit closed session to resume the open session. Ms. Sarmento seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 9 12:37p.m.) Board member to attend a Hearing:**

- Request for a board member to attend Adjudicatory Hearing in the matter of MT-15-122[RG] for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Board member, Mr. Paul Andrews to attend hearing.

**Item 10) 12:40 p.m. New Business / Open Session:**

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- Discussion of massage therapy schools renewing their programs in light of the board's changes to educational requirements for licensure. The Board may suggest that the schools bring in their curricula, syllabi, lesson plans, etc. for review.
- Greg Hurd-AMTA MA Chapter President inquired about presenting scope of practice questions from members. Board advised Mr. Hurd that inquires may be forwarded to the board staff to put before board at meetings.

**Item 10) 12:43 p.m. Adjournment:**

Mr. Olds moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sarmento seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Olds  
Board Secretary