

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
January 9th, 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 Sarmento, Board Member

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Joann Termine, Board Administrator
Shawn Croke, Investigator
Martha Sesnovich, Asst. Chief Investigator

Board members not present:

Ann Marie Kennedy, Board Member
Jennie Pelletier, Board Member

Item 1) 11:00 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) 11:01 a.m. Board Meeting Minutes:

- **Public Minutes**-- Mr. Levine moved to approve the December 12th, 2016 Public minutes as amended, Ms. Sarmento seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Minutes**- Mr. Levine moved to approve the November 14th, 2016 Executive minutes, Ms. Sarmento seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3) 11:04 a.m. Board Counsel Report

- **Applications & Communication**- Board Counsel discussed the issues with the new changes to the regulations, including education requirements, establishment license application, discussed the need to fine-tune the cross-referencing section and also discussed the need for a **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** section. Continuing Education requirements are still in a Delay period. Counsel will ask DPL to prioritize on the matter of Continuing Education requirements and the possibility of requiring a Test for licensure.

Item 4) 11:08 a.m. Application Review

- App-2016-276-MT-MT [NT]-following discussion with the board that new educational review would be applied towards deficiencies. The board also discussed applicants who took and passed national examination prior to 2010. Board agreed that applicants who passed prior to



- 2010 would be reviewed on a case by case basis. Motion was made by Mr. Olds to move forward with the application process. Ms. Sarmiento seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) 11:17 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases:[closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C]

Ms. Sarmiento moved to enter closed session pursuant to MGL c.112, §65C, for the purpose of reviewing cases in investigatory conference, settlement conference & quasi-judicial conference Mr. Olds seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- MT-17-002[YW]-Forward to prosecution
- MT-16-011 [NH]- Forward to prosecution
- MT-16-060[Jl]- Forward to prosecution

Item 6) 11:20 a.m. GMC Application Review: [Executive Session-closed pursuant to G.L.c.30A, §21 (1)]

Mr., Olds 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.* Ms. Sarmiento seconded. After taking a roll call vote (all"yes"), motion passed unanimously

At the conclusion of the Executive session, Mr. Olds motioned to come out of Executive Session and to resume the open meeting. Mr. Levine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7) 11:22 a.m. Adjudicatory Hearing:

- Request for board member to attend hearing (MT-16-155) on June 21, 2017at 10:00 am-Board member Paul Andrews to attend hearing

Item 8) 11:44 a.m. New Business / Open Session:

- Notification to board members of MT establishment renewals not printing (Nov 2016-March 2017)-Board Executive Director informed the board of the current defects with the new E-licensing system and notified the board of the problem of establishment renewals not being printed.

Item 10) 11:46 a.m. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Olds
Board Secretary