

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy  
January 22, 2018, Public Session Meeting Minutes  
Location: 1000 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D**

**Present:**

**Board members:**

Paul Andrews, Board Chair  
Alexei Levine, Vice Chair  
Sheri Sarmento, Board Secretary  
Saskia Coté, Board Member

**DPL Staff:**

Ana Garcia, Executive Director  
Sheila York, Board Counsel  
Shawn Croke, Board Investigator  
Martha Sesnovich-Assistant Chief (OI)

**Not Present:**

Ann Marie Kennedy, Board Member

**Item 1) 10:28 a.m.     Meeting called to order:**

**Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** – Executive Director Garcia detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency. Do not use the elevators, exit down the stairwell and go across Harrison St. to Whole Foods parking lot.

The board welcomed new board member, Ms. Saskia Coté.

**Item 2) 10:30 a.m.     Board Meeting Business:**

- **Public Minutes from November 20, 2017-** Motion made by Mr. Levine to accept the Public Minutes with corrections, Ms. Cote seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Minutes from November 20, 2017** – Motion made by Mr. Levine to accept the Executive Minutes with corrections, motion seconded by Ms. Sarmento, motion passed unanimously.
- **Public Minutes from December 15, 2017-** Motion made by Ms. Cote to accept the Public Minutes, motion seconded by Ms. Sarmento. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Minutes from December 15, 2017** – Motion made by Ms. Cote to accept the Executive Minutes, motion seconded by Mr. Levine. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3) 10:36 a.m.     Executive Director's Report:**

- **Board Member Training-** On February 12, 2018 before our meeting there will be a training at 9:30 a.m., presented by Board Counsel Peter Kelley. Old members can attend the training as well as new members.

**Item 4) 10:38 a.m. Curriculum Review:**

- **Cape Cod Massage Academy** – Mr. Levine remarked that on the page regarding the class meeting schedule we have to know who the students are working with and what they will be doing. Ms. Cote stated that we need more information regarding the clinic where the students are going. We need to make sure it is a licensed facility.

Mr. Levine made a motion to table the review until we receive a response from Cape Cod Academy, Ms. Sarmiento seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5) 10:45 a.m. Executive Session [closed pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a) (7) to comply with G. L. c. 66, § 10, G. L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) (medical record information)]:**

Mr. Levine made a motion to come out of open session and enter into closed executive session to discuss medical records, Ms. Cote seconded, following a roll call vote, all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

**10:55 a.m.** Mr. Levine made a motion 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. Cote seconded. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6) 10:56 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases:** [Closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C]

During investigative conference the Board voted to take the following action:

*Martha Sesnovich-Assistant Chief of Investigations presented the following cases:*

- 2016-001069-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**
- 2016-001087-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**
- 2016-001132-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**
- 2016-001133-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**
- 2016-001134-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**
- 2016-001135-IT-ENF-**Fwd to prosecutions**

At the end of the presentation the Investigative Conference resumed.

During investigative conference the Board voted to take the following action:

- 20151208MT084-IT-ENF [FC] (tabled from May) – **Tabled for February**
- 2017-000688-IT-ENF [TC] –**Dismiss w/o prejudice**
- 2016-000703-IT-ENF [AD] – **Revoke right to renew**

**Item 7) 10:56 a.m. Investigative Conference: Appeal Cases:** [Closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C]

During investigative conference the Board voted to take the following action:

- **2017-202735-FI-ENF [LGH] – Uphold \$500 fine**
- **2017-202721-FI-ENF [LNS] – Uphold \$500 fine**

**Item 8) 11:15 a.m. Financial Decision and Order:** [Deliberative Session: closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §18, (5) (d)]

The board reviewed cases in closed session to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations.

At the end of the adjudicative conferences, the closed session continued with settlement conferences.

**Item 9) 11:52 a.m. Adjournment:**

Mr. Levine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Coté, motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana Garcia", with a stylized, cursive script.

Ana Garcia  
Executive Director