

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
July 8, 2019, Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D
Public Session Minutes

Present:

Board members:

Paul Andrews, Vice Chair
Alexei Levine, Board Member
Mindy Ruddock, Board Member
Saskia Coté, Board Chair
Ellen Walker, Board Member

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Anne Driscoll, Investigator
Liam Powers, Investigator
Denise Quintiliani, Board Administrator

Item 1) 10:10 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.
- **Introduction to new public board member Ellen Walker-** Board members and staff went around the room to introduce and welcome Ms. Walker to the board.

Item 2) 10:11a.m. Board Meeting Business:

- **Public Minutes for April 8, 2019**-Motion made by Mr. Andrews to accept the minutes with edits. Ms. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Minutes for April 8, 2019**-Motion made by Mr. Andrews to accept the minutes with edits. Ms. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- FSMTB-concerns regarding score submissions to the board- Executive Director discussed concerns raised by the Federation of State Boards of Massage Therapy regarding un-official score reports being submitted by applicants. The MA Board does not require examination for licensure however if applicants is deemed deficient in the required educational hours, the board may allow up to 100 hours towards theory and technique.

Executive director informed board that the solution would be to have applicants request official scores with Federation and submit sealed score report with application packet.

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

- Board counsel went over the different administrative sessions to the board meeting (closed, executive, public, etc).

Item 5) 10:28 a.m. Application Review:

Motion to table Application Reviews for **2019-176-MT-MT-APP [G.Y.P]** and **2019-323-MT-MT-APP [M.F.L]** made by Saskia Cote. Mindy Ruddock seconded. After a roll call vote, all “yes.” The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6) 10:29 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases: [closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C] Saskia Coté moved to exit open session and enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences. Mindy Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

During investigatory conference, the Board took the following action:

- 2019-320-IT-ENF [S.G.]-**Fwd to Prosecutions**
- 2019-0003471-IT-ENF [M.L.]-**Fwd to Prosecutions**
- 2019-000378-IT-ENF [L.H.Z.]- **Fwd to Prosecutions** (*Ms. Coté took no part in the discussion of or deliberation on this matter*)
- 2019-000620-IT-ENF [Y.P]-**No action. Update on Summary Suspension**

Mr. Andrews moved to exit closed session and to enter open session. Ms. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7) 11:53 a.m. Compliance Monitoring:

- **2017-000869-IT-ENF [Thomas Chacko] – Review of 1st Quarterly Report:**

Board reviewed 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report submitted for Mr. Thomas Chacko to comply with consent agreement for 2017-000869-IT-ENF. Mr. Chacko’s monitor highlighted some practice deficiencies on the initial report. Board tabled the review of 1st Quarterly Report to await corrective action plan from Mr. Chacko.

Item 8) 12:00 p.m. New Business:

Item 9) 12:02 p.m. Adjournment:

Mr. Andrews made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ana Garcia
Executive Director