

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
September 9, 2019 Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D
Public Session Minutes**

Present:

Board members:

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

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Anne Driscoll, Investigator

Board Members Not Present:

Anne Marie Kennedy, Board Member

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.

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

- **Public Minutes August 12, 2019**-tabled for October 21, 2019 meeting.

Item 3) 10:10 a.m. Board Counsel Report:

- Board counsel had nothing to report to the board.

Item 4) 10:15 a.m. Curriculum Review:

- Shang Shung change in curriculum- The Board reviewed additional materials submitted for school licensure renewal with the Office of Private Occupational Schools. The Board of Registration of Massage Therapy, reviewed and approved a proposed (2) year- 900 hour program in August of 2017. The school is now proposing a variation of a second extended program for a total of (4) years which would allow individuals to graduate in a longer period of time appose to (2) years as originally approved by the Massage Board.

Ms. Coté expressed that it was unclear as to the number of hours being proposed in the (4) year intensive program. The information provided in the revised catalog appeared to be the same. It would be helpful for the school to separate the programs for the board to determine if (or) what changes are being proposed to the original curriculum that was approved in 2017 for the (2) year-900 hour program.

Motion made by Mr. Andrews to table and request that the school separate the two programs in order for the board to determine if there are any changes to the curriculum and to allow delegation of authority for Executive Director to review additional information provided to

determine if full board should review at the next scheduled meeting held. Ms. Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) 11:21 a.m. Application Review:

- **2019-377-MT-MT-APP [OS]** – No Action. Board is still awaiting original transcripts to be sent directly from the school for further review.
- **2019-125-MT-MT-APP [YZ]**- No Action. Tabled for additional information from the school regarding courses within the curriculum presented.

10:34 a.m. Motion made by Mr. Andrews enter closed session for the purpose of conducting investigatory conferences pursuant MGL. C. 112 §65C. Mr. Levine seconded. After a roll call vote, all “yes.” The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6) 10:34 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases: [closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C]

During investigatory conference, the Board took the following action:

- **2019-00622-IT-ENF[FG]-Fwd to Prosecutions**

10:41 a.m. Mr. Andrews motion to exit closed session and enter open session. Ms. Ruddock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7) 10:42 a.m. New Business:

Item 8) 10:49 a.m. Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Ana Garcia
Executive Director