

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY  
BOARD MEETING**

**February 5, 2024**

A meeting for the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Department of Professional Licensing, located in Frankfort, KY, and via Zoom, on February 5, 2024

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley	<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u></b> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Specialist Jenna Wells, Operations Lyndsay Sipple, Admin. Section Supervisor <b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> Cameron French	<b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, Matthew Schuler, Adam Whitehouse, Ashley Hernandez (FSMTB)

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

**MINUTES**

Michelle Lasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024, meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that starting the first of March DPL will be taking security measures by moving from Zoom to TEAMS for sharing of documents.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for January 2024 was reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for February 2024 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers asked about the contracts for review. Board Specialist Jessica Brown indicated that Fiscal has not yet got those compiled for review. They should be available at March's meeting. Valerie indicated she would like to look into trends with questions from other related professions and have Daniel with legal reach out to other boards that have similar

scopes such as Physical Therapy, PTA's, Nursing and Chiropractic to get their requirements for scope of practice and information on requirements for their continuing education, as there has been a lot of questions and concerns arising. The February In Touch with FSMTB information was also available for board review and previously sent to board members.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Karen Frazier indicated that she has been in contact with Ms. Shane and that the Veterinary Board's last meeting was cancelled and is now rescheduled for Friday February 16, 2024. There is no additional information on the Interstate Massage Compact. Karen Frazier indicated that Debra Florio indicated she was interested in submitting a Continuing Education Approval Application Form for a PEMF training as well but, has not heard anything back from her and no application form has been received. Karen indicated that she would reach back out to Ms. Florio. Karen Frazier indicated that she would reach out to Ann Boone to see if she could provide any contact information for individuals who may have class material or would be interested in submitting courses for continuing education especially pertaining to PEMF, Microcurrent and Estem. No one had any additional information add to the KBLMT Policy & Procedure Manual at this time. Jessica Brown indicated that there was not a complete list of previous board members compiled yet for recognition at this time.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Daniel Leffel indicated he had no information to present at this time.

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Applications for February 2024 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

#### **February Inactive Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0):

**Deferred:** (0)

**Denied:** (0)

#### **February Initial and Endorsement Applications Total:** (13)

**Approved:** (11):

**Deferred:** (2):

**Denied:** (0)

#### **February Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0):

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

#### **February Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

**February CEU Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0)

Michelle Lasley made a motion to accept the applications committee report, Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

### **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel indicated that there was no complaints committee report to give for the February 5, 2024 meeting

James Carpenter questioned if the board had a statute of limitation for complaint cases. Daniel Leffel indicated we did not have a statute of limitation on the time that a case can be open. No motion required.

### **BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session required.

### **TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all Board members that attended the Board meeting and committee meetings. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 4, 2024.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 PM. James Carpenter seconded the motion, carried.

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