

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

March 6, 2023

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 March 6, 2023

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Michelle Lasley Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Cheryl Turner	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Administrator Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Cameron French	<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
	<u>PUBLIC</u> Ann Boone, Susan Roe, Terri Sloan, Y.Z., Crystal Meppen, Brandy Madding, Bonnie Arndt, Terry Pollard, Diane Bryant

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

MINUTES

Michelle Lasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson stated that back pay for travel and per diem for the 2019 and 2020 years were sent out. Courtney Cook also indicated that all back pay for administrative fees from DPL were paid and caught up at this time and stated that the board had the finances to continue with back pay for the 2021 and 2022 years and could pursue with paying for travel and per diem hence forth for 2023.

A motion was made by Karen Frazier to move forward with back pay for travel and per diem for the 2020 and 2021 years and hence forth for the 2023 year, seconded by Nathan Thacker. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for February 2023 were reviewed. Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor stated she was available for any questions.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for March 2023 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Administrator Jessica Brown stated that the March in Touch with FSMTB virtual membership event will be held March 8, 2023 and the topic is 'The Value of the MBLEX'. Board chair Valerie Smothers asked if any board member would be interested in attending. Karen Frazier indicated interest in attending. Valerie Smothers made a motion for Karen Frazier to attend virtually, seconded by Michelle Lasley. The motion carried. The Board allowed speaker Bonnie Arndt to address the board with questions and concerns of fee increases, senior accommodations for licensees and the reporting of sales tax concerns. The board responded by addressing the fees were not increased since 2003 and the need for the increase in fees was necessary for operational costs. The board stated that they did not monitor or regulate the sales tax.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Jessica Brown stated that Tasha Stewart had submitted the remaining rule gathering answers to CE Broker for their review. Valerie Smothers indicated that we would table any further discussion about the Kentucky Board of Vet Examiner's Veterinary Medicine Act until the board received additional information. The NCBMBT's Interstate Massage Compact was presented to the board for review with no discussion on it. No discussion was made on the FSMTB CE Registry Partnership. FSMTB will be having their 2023 Massage Board Executive Summit April 27-28, 2023 in Denver Colorado for executive directors/administrators and staff of each state board. Jessica Brown stated that board investigator Chip Nowlin and herself would be attending.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Daniel Leffel stated that he had nothing to present at this time.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for March 2023 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

March Inactive Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1):
Deferred: (0)
Denied: (0)

March Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (6)

Approved: (3):
Deferred: (3):
Denied: (0)

March Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total: (0)

Approved (0):
Deferred: (0):
Denied: (0)

March Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)
Deferred: (0):
Denied: (0)

March CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daniel Leffel provided the complaints committee report and gave the following recommendations:

- 2022BMT00007- Dismiss.
- 2022BMT00011- Dismiss
- J. M. Complaint- Dismiss.
- P. K. Complaint- Request additional verification/documentation/information, third attempt.
- G.S. Complaint- Tabled for next month.
- 2022BMT00009 & 10- Tabled for next month.

Nathan Thacker made a motion to accept the complaints committee report, Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Valerie Smothers moved to enter closed session at 1:48 PM, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j), for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding complaints, at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed. Cheryl Turner seconded. The motion carried.

Cheryl Turner moved to return from closed session at 2:10 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Valerie Smothers made a motion to approve items discussed in closed session (T.P. & Y.Z.), Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Cheryl Turner made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all Board members that attended the Board meeting and committee meetings. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 3, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Valerie Smothers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

VS/jlb