

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

June 1, 2026

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 TEAMS, on June 1, 2026

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Board Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Jacob Walbourn Michelle Lasley Jason Washburn	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Jeff Bardroff, Admin. Sect. I Supervisor Joseph Carey, Interim <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor Cathy Falconer, General Counsel Bonnie Potter, Legal
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Nathan Thacker, Secretary James Carpenter	<u>PUBLIC</u> Elise Baine (FSMTB), Susanna Sloan, Seth Dinkel (FSMTB)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES

Jason Washburn made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th , 2026, meeting. Jacob Walbourn seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson introduced our new TEAM KY College Intern, Joseph Carey. She also discussed that DPL is currently working on a new spill with all their boards to obtain positive news stories about the professions. She asked that board members provide any information that they may have.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for May 2026 was reviewed. No discussion or questions presented.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for June 2026 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Questions brought to the board from the Alliance of Massage Therapists were conducted in closed session.

ONGOING BUSINESS

The Investigator Services Contract was provided for the board to review from Clinton Investigations. Upon review, Jacob Walbourn made a motion to accept the contract as drafted and seconded by Michelle Lasley. The motion carried. Karen Frazier discussed that she just met with Michelle Shane from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners at a May 19th meeting. The board is scheduled to meet again on July 1st and there will be a stakeholder meeting held on July 13th. This meeting will be the first for public input. Karen also stated that KBLMT board members were encouraged to attend. Legal Counsel, Lilly Coiner, indicated that the board's attendance should not meet quorum numbers for this meeting. KBVE is asking that KBLMT place a draft statement on our website regarding the Veterinary Medicine Act. Supervisor, Jeff Bardroff commented that the statement would need review and approval from the communications team before placing on website. Karen Frazier made a motion to accept the draft as presented and move forward in presenting it to the communications team for review and placing on website if reviewed. The motion was seconded by Michelle Lasley and the motion carried. Valerie Smothers discussed that FSMTB's annual meeting is coming up. Karen Frazier discussed that she would like all the board members to attend. Commissioner Lawson stated that the board should not vote to pay to send more than four. Karen Frazier reiterated that two individuals would automatically be paid for through FSMTB and herself as a member of the FSMTB board would be covered as well. Jessica Brown suggested obtaining a cost analysis. Karen Frazier indicated she would reach out to FSMTB for this information and have sent to the Board Administrator to present to the board for review. The board requested an email reminder be sent out to board members reminding them of the dates for the upcoming Annual FSMTB meeting that will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 21st - 23rd, 2026.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Lilly Coiner introduced the board's new attorney, Bonnie Potter.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for June 2026 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Karen Frazier made the following recommendations:

June Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (11)

Approved: (8): Christa Coleman, Diana Guterrez-Marquez, Brooke Harms, Matthew Howe, Bridgit Martin, Deanna Shrader, Andrea Trevett, Ealita Walls

Probation: (1)

Deferred: (2):

Denied: (0)

June Reinstatement Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

June Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total: (1)

Approved (1):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved: (1)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

June CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

- 2026BMT00009- Dismiss
- 2026BMT000010- Dismiss
- 2026BMT000011- Dismiss
- 2026BMT000012- Dismiss

Jacob Walbourn made a motion to approve the complaints committee report, Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Administrator Jessica Brown stated that we were looking to schedule a meeting towards mid to the end of July to help accommodate our legal team in current regulatory deadlines occurring. We are still awaiting a response from one of the committee members. A follow-up email will be sent.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Jacob Walbourn moved to enter closed session at 1:24 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. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 2:01 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 2:01 PM.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Karen Frazier made a motion to respond to the Alliance of Massage Therapists with "We have presented your email to the board for review". Jason Washburn seconded, and the motion carried

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.

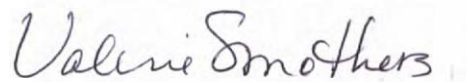
NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be July 6th, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Valerie Smothers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 PM. Jason Washburn seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB

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