

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

July 6, 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 July 6, 2026

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Board Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Jacob Walbourn Michelle Lasley Jason Washburn James Carpenter <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Jeff Bardroff, Admin. Sect. I Supervisor <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Matthew Ellison, Legal Advisor Catherine Falconer, General Counsel <u>PUBLIC</u> Elise Baine (FSMTB), Courtney, Denise Logsdon
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Nathan Thacker motioned to begin the board meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

MINUTES

Jacob Walbourn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1st, 2026, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson asked if the board had any good news stories. She stated she had nothing to present to the board at this time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

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

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for July 2026 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ONGOING BUSINESS

The Investigator Services Contract from Clinton Investigations has been signed and a copy presented for board review. Karen Frazier discussed that she just met with Michelle Shane from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners at a July 1st meeting. There will be a stakeholder meeting held on July 30th at 2 p.m. E.T. This meeting will be the first for public input. Jessica Brown indicated that there was information placed on the KBLMT website for information pertaining to this upcoming meeting. Jason Washburn indicated that there was a 404 error with the link on the website. Jeff Bardroff stated he would check into the matter. Valerie Smothers discussed that she would reach out to board members to gain interest in attending FSMTB's annual meeting in October and delegate positions. Jason Washburn addressed interest. Jason Washburn made a motion to have Valerie reach out to board members to obtain their interest. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried. Karen Frazier discussed the collaborating efforts in working with FSMTB to set up a date in mid to late January for a Human Trafficking Summit for approximately 80-120 attendees. A centralized location was suggested and for possible a Monday through Thursday for a date. Nathan Thacker recommended Frankfort or Louisville. It was discussed that Jessica could do a doodle poll to get the board's interest in dates. Jessica indicated we should first reach out to FSMTB to check with them on their availability dates first. Jessica asked Valerie and Karen provide more in-depth explanation of what this Summit would entail. Both explained how FSMTB will pay for the event and coordinate. Karen Frazier indicated she could draft an email to send to FSMTB and cc the board administrator to correlate possible dates and locations. A motion was made by Karen Frazier to move forward with sending this email to FSMTB. Motion was seconded by Michelle Lasley and the motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

General Counsel, Catherine Falconer introduced the board's new legal counsel, Matthew Ellison. Matthew provided a brief background of his 21 years in private practice prior to joining the Public Protection Cabinet last week. He has worked with litigation and civil law. Matthew is looking forward to working with PPC.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

July Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (16)

Approved: (10): Chelsea Beyer, Whitney Decker, Shyann Hibbs, James MacKenzie, Brittany Mitchell, Zusely Moreno Pelegrino, Hannah Smart, Kayla Snow, Lauren Stephens, Stephanie Flowers, Susanna Sloan

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (5)

July Reinstatement Applications Total: (1)

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

July Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total: (4)

Approved (3):
Probation: (0)
Deferred: (1):
Denied: (0)

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

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

July CEU Applications Total: (2)

Approved: (2)
Deferred: (0)
Denied: (0)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nathan Thacker presented the complaints committee report:

- 2026BMT00013- Refer to Investigator
- 2026BMT00014- Cease & Desist
- 2026BMT00017- Additional research from legal team and correspondence.
- All pending complaints will be continued as under review.

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

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Board Administrator Jessica Brown stated that legal is requesting that we defer the regulations committee meeting for another month. Another doodle poll will be generated and distributed.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Nathan Thacker 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.

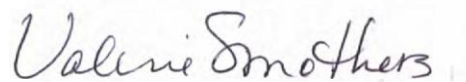
NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be August 3rd, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Smothers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.