

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

**April 1, 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 TEAMS, on April 1, 2024

<p><b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley</p> <p><b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> Cameron French</p>	<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u></b> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Stephanie Hilson-Robinson, Board Specialist Jenna Wells, Operations Lyndsay Sipple, Admin. Section Supervisor <b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor</p> <p><b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, Susan Rose, Patty Glen, Mary Bietz, Ashley Hernandez (FSMTB), David Hudson</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

**MINUTES**

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that she had nothing to present at this time.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for March 2024 was reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for April 2024 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Special Called Meeting Scheduled for Monday, April 15th for KBLMT Survey Responses & Veterinary Medicine Act
  - o Val Smothers asked Karen Frazier about survey responses. Karen Frazier has not received any response, but an approved agenda was sent out. A meeting of

the Veterinary Board will follow the KBLMT meeting. The Veterinary Board may reschedule their meeting. The KBLMT meeting will occur at 11 am on April 15th.

- Projected expense breakdown for legal to attend FSMTB Annual Meeting October 3-5
  - o Karen Frazier provided the following breakdown (providing airfare is scheduled in advance)
    - Total cost: \$2,100 - \$2,500
      - Roundtrip
      - Lodging
      - Per diem at \$100 a day
        - o Includes travel to/from airport
      - Cost could be reduced by scheduling airfare soon
    - o Karen Frazier moved to accept the cost for Legal Counsel to attend. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

- KY Board of Vet Examiners (Veterinary Medicine Act)-Karen Frazier additional information to present.
  - o Karen Frazier does not have any additional information to present. Karen Frazier did get a response from Midway (they did not get the survey as they are not licensed massage therapists). Karen Frazier plans to meet with Midway to discuss concerns.
- Interstate Massage Compact- Karen Frazier has reached out.
  - o As far as known, the bill has not moved.
- Device Training-Karen Frazier -Any Additional Information?
  - o Val Smothers acknowledged that timeline wise, there is not enough resources to fully analyze device training. Karen Frazier suggested that this review would be better done by Device Training.
- KBLMT Policy & Procedure Manual- Board Members were to review for creation of living document for April's meeting.
  - o Karen Frazier acknowledged that discrepancies are currently being reviewed.
- Previous Board Member Recognition- Lyndsay Sipple was to check with Boards & Commissions for a possible list.
  - o Stephanie Hilson-Robinson will provide any information she has received.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

No information to report, other than special meeting.

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

**April Inactive Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0):

**Deferred:** (0)

Denied: (0)

**April Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (14)**

Approved: (12):

Deferred: (2):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (0):

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

**April Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (3)**

Approved: (2)

Deferred: (1):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

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

**COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

No business to discuss as Complaints Committee did not meet.

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

There was no closed session required.

**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 regularly scheduled meeting will be May 6, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, James Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

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