

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

August 4, 2025

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 August 4, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Michelle Lasley James Carpenter	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Lyndsay Sipple, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Nathan Thacker, Secretary	<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor Catherine Falconer, General Counsel <u>PUBLIC</u> Seth Dinkel, Ann Boone, Susan Rose

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

MINUTES

James Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7th, 2025, meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson stated that April Alsabrook has left DPL and that Lyndsay Sipple will be the acting supervisor until DPL tries to detail another employee as an interim supervisor. Valerie Smothers asked if there was any current movement on the board getting any new board member appointments. Commissioner Lawson indicated they were working on that. Commissioner Lawson also indicated she had nothing else to present unless they board had questions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for July 2025 & Fiscal Year were reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for August 2025 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

A doodle poll was generated for a possible special meeting at the end of September to take place of the October meeting, due to the October meeting falling on the date of the FSMTB Annual Meeting. The board discussed a retention policy of removing the disciplinary actions off from the website if older than five years; this was voted on and approved at the July meeting. Karen Frazier made a motion, and James Carpenter seconded the motion to continue to post all disciplinary actions on the website.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that there was an informal discussion on August 1st with Michele Shane from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. They are asking that the board of massage therapy provide a collaborative definition of what the scope of practice should look like.

The FSMTB Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 5th-7th. Valerie Smothers, Jessica Brown, Michelle Lasley and Karen Frazier will be attending from the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy. Karen Frazier's attendance will be through FSMTB.

Attorney Lilly Coiner reiterated that the board is now placing the list of approved applicant's names on the board meeting minutes.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Lilly Coiner indicated that she had nothing to present at this time.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for August 2025 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

August Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (25)

Approved: (21): Jonahtan Arthur, Tammy Bacher, Catherine Birk, Bernadette Bodhi, Madison Case, Susan Cordle, Helen Flener, Sarah Galeano, April Griggs, Jennifer Hein, Caleb Howard, Christopher Keffer, Destiny Noble, Ilham Ouchchach, Kevin Streets, Chelsea Willems, Rebecca Zimmerman, Tiffany Becker, Melody Hillard, Jennifer Morgan-Farney, & Gina Nocero

Deferred: (3):

Denied: (1)

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

Approved (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

August Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (4)

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

August CEU Applications Total: (0)

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

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

- 2024BMT0001 dismissed based on lack of corroborating evidence.
- 2025BMT00001 resend correspondence to work address.
- 2025BMT00002 dismiss and refer to the Kentucky Board of Nursing.
- In re GT resend complaint form due to incomplete filing.
- In Re: SM resend complaint form due to incomplete filing.
- In Re: YM send complaint to establishment and request relevant appointment records.

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

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Frazier indicated that she had nothing to present at this time. Jessica Brown indicated a doodle poll for a September date was sent out..

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There was no business that occurred in closed session.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business that occurred in closed session.

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 September 8, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, James Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 PM. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

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