

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

February 3, 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 February 3, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor <u>PUBLIC</u> Ann Boone, Daniel Marsden, Ricky Lynn, Seth Dinkel, Debbie Vaughn
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

MINUTES

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2024, meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

On behalf of Commissioner Kristen Lawson, April Alsabrook stated that DPL will be rolling out a board member training for all current and incoming board members with a hybrid schedule to choose from starting in March and again later in the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for December 2024 & January 2025 were reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for January 2025 & February 2025 were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2025 board positions were up for nominations and voting. There was no expression for a current change in positions. Michelle Lasley made a motion to keep the current board positions as follows: Board Chair, Valerie Smothers, Board Vice Chair, Karen Frazier and Secretary, Nathan Thacker. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Guest speakers Ricky Lynn, from the Frankfort Police Department and Daniel Marsden, from the Louisville Metro Police Department introduced themselves and discussed their continuing efforts in working to resolve the issues that the State of Kentucky is facing with illicit massage parlors and human trafficking. They indicated how they would like to work with the board. They suggested such things as having a non-liaison voting member from law enforcement and to enforce and implement fines against individuals. Mr. Marsden indicated that there is a current establishment ordinance in Jefferson County. The board reiterated that the board does not currently have an establishment licensure, and some things are outside of our jurisdiction. Both individuals indicated that they could provide additional information and statistics to the board and would be willing to come back and speak with the board.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that she had received an email from Michelle Shane and Ms. Shane indicated that the KY Board of Veterinary Examiners approved to send out a mass email survey to all their Vet Techs to gather their interest in the Veterinary Medicine Act.

A living document has been added to the website for previous board member recognition.

No movement on the FAQ section for the board website. Jessica Brown asked the board for any additional suggestions on input.

ATTORNEY REPORT

New attorney Lilly Coiner introduced herself to the board as the board's new legal advisor. Attorney Daniel Leffel indicated he will still be working alongside Ms. Coiner as she transitions into the position.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Februaryr Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (36)

Approved: (32):

Deferred: (4):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

February Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (3)

Approved: (2)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (1):

Denied: (0)

February CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daniel Leffel presented the complaints committee report. No official action at this time.

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Frazier indicated that the Regulations Committee is coordinating and planning on having a meeting towards the end of February. A determined date and time have not been set at this time.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

James Carpenter moved to enter closed session at 2:33 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. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 3:15 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 3:15 PM.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Karen Frazier made a motion to accept items discussed in closed session (this includes applications), James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

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. Karen seconded the motion, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 3, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB