

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

January 5, 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 December 1, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary James Carpenter Jason Washburn Jacob Walbourn	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jeff Bardroff, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Michelle Lasley	<u>PUBLIC</u> Elise Baine, Ann Boone, Denise Logsdon

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

MINUTES

Jacob Walbourn made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5th, 2025, meeting. Jason Washburn seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson announced that Jeff Bardroff was promoted to supervisor and is the supervisor for the massage therapy board. She also stated that Gabriel Dent was promoted in DPL as the other supervisor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for December 2025 was reviewed. Jenna Wells was available for questioning. James Carpenter asked where it showed the approved movement of funds for per diem. Jenny indicated it was reflected on page three of the document.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for January 2026 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The poll for board member interest in board committees were received and forwarded to the board chair. It was discussed what constituted quorum for the specific number of board members on a committee. Board Chair, Valerie Smothers will review the submissions. Valerie Smothers stated that we would table the discussion until the February meeting. Karen Frazier addressed that a discussion was made in the applications committee meeting about having a possible interview training. Karen stated that she wanted to be proactive as a board in order to combat the issues the industry faces with illicit businesses and fraudulent applicants. She will be creating a proposal to present to the board at the February meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Jessica Brown indicated that she had provided Michelle Shane, with the Veterinary Board, everyone's contact information for scheduling of an upcoming meeting. No additional movement.

ATTORNEY REPORT

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

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for January 2026 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

January Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (18)

Approved: (8): Krista Brown, Toni Wells, Hannah DuBois, Rosa Navarro, Bethany Schneider, Karen Fig, Alissa Jacoby, Maandrea Hoffmaster

Probation: (1)

Deferred: (2):

Denied: (1)

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

Approved (1):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

January Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

January CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

James Carpenter made a motion to accept the applications committee report, Jacob Walbourn seconded. The motion carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

2020BMT00015 – Dismiss

2023BMT00002 - Dismiss

2024BMT00008 - Dismiss

2025BMT00002 – Dismiss

In Response SP - issue cease and desist

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner indicated that there was nothing to present at this time. Karen Frazier stated that she has placed some additional notes on it. Jessica Brown state that we are waiting for a committee to be finalized to set up the next meeting.

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

Jacob Walbourn made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all Board members that attended the Board meeting and committee meetings. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be February 2nd , 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 PM. James Carpenter seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB

Valerie Smothers