

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

July 7, 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 July 7, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary James Carpenter	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor Catherine Falconer, General Counsel <u>PUBLIC</u> Seth Dinkel, Ann Boone, Caselyn Traughber, Kevin Street, Elise Baine
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Michelle Lasley	

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Nathan Thacker made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2nd 2025, meeting with the addition of the approved delegate and alternate delegate names included for the 2025 FSMTB Annual Meeting. James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson discussed the upcoming term expirations for board members. Both Karen Frazier and Nathan Thacker indicated that they wanted to stay on the board for an additional term. Valerie Smothers asked about her term. Commissioner Lawson will be checking on her term to get back with.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for June 2025 was reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for July 2025 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the last time disciplinary actions were posted to the website. They are going to decide if they are going to continue to add new ones for the future. The board discussed a retention policy of removing the disciplinary actions off from the website if older than five years. James Carpenter made a motion and Nathan Thacker seconded the motion for a 5-year retention policy. The motion carried. This discussion will be discussed further at the next meeting. Valerie Smothers proposed that the board start listing the names of approved applicants' names for licensure in the minutes. Karen Frazier made a motion to accept Valerie's proposal and James Carpenter seconded. Motion carried. It was brought to the board's attention by Jessica Brown that the board needed to reschedule the October 6th board meeting date due to the date conflict with the Annual FSMTB Meeting and several of the board members and board specialist being in attendance. A doodle poll will be created for a special called meeting for late September.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that there was an informal discussion schedule for July 14th with Michelle Shane from the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

The FSMTB Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 5th-7th. Valerie Smothers will be attending as the voting delegate. Jessica Brown will be attending as the alternate voting delegate and Michelle Lasley is attending as member from the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy.

An additional FAQ section has been added to the board website for assistance with the background checks and photo.

ATTORNEY REPORT

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

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

July Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (14)

Approved: (10): Vita Fleming, Alisha Foreman, Kimberly Griffin, Amanda Guffey, Garrett O'Neil, Shuang Qian, Tasha Rauen, Elena Taurman, Carola Todd, & Cherish Torres

Deferred: (4):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

July Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (2)

Approved: (2)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

July CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

- Resend correspondence to 2024BMT00002.
- Request additional information in regard to in re AM.
- Request additional information from complainant regarding 2024BMT00001.
- Dismiss 2024BMT00009

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

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Frazier indicated that she had nothing to present at this time. Jessica Brown indicated she would do a doodle poll for an August date.

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

Nathan Thacker 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 regularly scheduled meeting will be August 4, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:27 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB