

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

**June 2, 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 June 2, 2025

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary James Carpenter Michelle Lasley	<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u></b> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section <b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor Catherine Falconer, General Counsel <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Seth Dinkel, Susan Rose, Landon Catlett-Slaughter, Molly Randolph, Garrett O'Neil
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Nathan Thacker made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5<sup>th</sup> 2025, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson had nothing to present at this time.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for May 2025 was reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for June 2025 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers stated that the board needed to make a decision on who the board wanted as the voting delegate and alternate voting delegate for the annual FSMTB

meeting in October 2025, in Kansas City, MO. Valerie Smothers stated she would be attending and would be willing to be the voting delegate and Jessica Brown stated she would be willing to be the alternate voting delegate. A motion was made by James Carpenter for board Chair, Valerie Smothers to be the voting delegate for the 2025 FSMTB annual meeting and for Jessica Brown to be the alternate voting delegate. Nathan Thacker seconded, motion carried.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Karen Frazier indicated that there was no additional movement or information from Michelle Shane with the Veterinary.

Karen Frazier had provided a fee projection for the board's attendance for the Annual FSMTB Meeting October 5-7, 2025, in Kansas City, MO. Jessica Brown indicated that since Kansas City was at a higher rate for travel, that the reimbursement allotment would be \$10 higher for the day. Karen Frazier also stated that FSMTB has partnered with Direct Travel for the airfare.

There are some drafts being worked on for FAQ section for the board website.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

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

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

#### **June Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (9)**

**Approved: (6):**

**Deferred: (3):**

**Denied: (0)**

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

**Approved (0):**

**Probation: (0)**

**Deferred: (0):**

**Denied: (0)**

#### **June Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (1)**

**Approved: (1)**

**Probation: (0)**

**Deferred: (0):**

**Denied: (0)**

#### **June CEU Applications Total: (0)**

**Approved:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0)

**Denied:** (0)

Michelle Lasley 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:  
2018BMT00019- Dismiss.

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

### **REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Karen Frazier presented that the regulations committee is trying to schedule a meeting for the end of June. Jessica Brown indicated a poll had been generated but a date had not yet been set, as we were still waiting on some responses.

### **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**

Michelle Lasley 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 July 7, 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Michelle Lasley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

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