

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

**March 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 March 3, 2025

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair 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> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, Seth Dinkel, Steven Carroll
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

**MINUTES**

James Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2025, meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson reminded the board of the upcoming board member training this month and if they have not already signed-up, that there was still time.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for February 2025 was reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for March 2025 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Interviews (To be conducted in closed session)

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Karen Frazier indicated that that there was no movement or correspondence from the Vet Board, assuming they were still awaiting on results from their survey to all their Vet Techs to gather their interest in the Veterinary Medicine Act.

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

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Daniel Leffel indicated attorney Lilly Coiner was out sick today and they had nothing to report.

## **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

### **March Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (17)**

**Approved:** (16):

**Deferred:** (1):

**Denied:** (0)

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

**Approved** (0):

**Probation:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

### **March Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (3)**

**Approved:** (2)

**Probation:** (1)

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

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

**Approved:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0)

**Denied:** (0)

## **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel presented the complaints committee report. No formal recommendations, no action needed at this time. The Complaints Committee discussed open questions regarding different modalities (not open to any complaints) and questions to the board about procedures. These questions will be sent to the Regulations Committee for further discussion.

### **REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel presented the regulations committee report. The regulations committee met on February 26, 2025. They are working on going line-by-line and still going through.

Items discussed:

KRS 309.355(3) & KRS 309.363(1)(b)  
201 KAR 42:010(2), 201 KAR 42:020, 201 KAR 42:035 Section 1(3) & Section 1. (1)(a), 201 KAR 42:040 Section 1. 4(c), 201 KAR 42:061 Section 2. (1)(a), Section 2. 1(h), Section 2. (2), Section 3 (1), & Section 3(c)

A poll will be generated for a possible special regulations committee meeting for the end of April.

### **BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Nathan Thacker moved to enter closed session at 1:10 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. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 1:40 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 1:40 PM.

### **VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Nathan Thacker made a motion to accept items discussed in closed session, Michelle Lasley 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. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be April 7, 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB