

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

**March 4, 2024**

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 4, 2024

<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 Jessica Brown, Board Specialist Jenna Wells, Operations Lyndsay Sipple, Admin. Section Supervisor <b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> Cameron French	<b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, Susan Rose, Patty Glen, Mary Bietz, Ashley Hernandez (FSMTB)

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

**MINUTES**

Nathan Thacker made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2024, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that she had nothing to present at this time.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for February 2024 was reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for March 2024 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers asked for the board members to review the DPL, OLS & DPJ Investigator contracts. Michelle Lasley made a motion to accept the DPJ Investigator and DPL contract, Karen Frazier seconded. Motion carried. Nathan Thacker made a motion to accept the OLS contract, Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried. The March In Touch with FSMTB information was also available for board review and previously sent to board members.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Valerie Smothers reiterated that all board meetings will be conducted through TEAMS and no longer through ZOOM. Karen Frazier indicated that her and board chair Valerie Smothers had a joint meeting with Ms. Shane and other representatives from the Veterinary Board. It was suggested that the board hold an open forum to give licensees and individuals the opportunity to voice opinions and concerns about licensure verbiage and if there is a framework from other practices that could be used. This meeting needs to be scheduled before April 25<sup>th</sup>, which is the next scheduled meeting with the Veterinary Board. Karen indicated that she would create an open-ended email for responses and have Michelle Shane with the Veterinary Board and Daniel review the document before distribution. Karen also reiterated that the Allied Health Network that the Veterinary Board is using is just a framework. Michelle Lasley made a motion for Karen Frazier to create the email and for Jessica Brown to distribute it & to create a doodle poll to create a special called meeting for the board to further discuss the responses, Karen Frazier seconded. Motion carried. There is no additional information on the Interstate Massage Compact, although Karen Frazier indicated that she has reached out to PTA faculty at Ivy Tech. There has not been any additional information for the Continuing Education Approval Application Form for a PEMF training from Debra Florio. No one had any additional information to add to the KBLMT Policy & Procedure Manual at this time. Board Chair Valerie Smothers asked for the board members to review the manual before the next meeting so that a final living document can be finalized. Jessica Brown indicated that her and Lyndsay Sipple had looked back at the uploaded documents back as far as 2015 to compile a list of previous board members. Lyndsay Sipple indicated that DPL could check with the Governor's Office within Board's & Commission's to see if they have a list of all previous board members. Lyndsay indicated that the board may want to create a document to start a record for the history of all board members. Valerie Smothers questioned if there was anything else that needed to be discussed. Karen Frazier made a motion for the board to send Jessica Brown to Washington DC for the FSMTB Annual Meeting October 3-5, 2024, to be the voting delegate for the board. James Carpenter seconded the motion and the motion carried. Karen Frazier indicated that FSMTB pays for the expenses of travel for the voting delegate. Karen Frazier also made a motion to send Attorney, Daniel Leffel as the Board's legal representation to Washington, DC in October for the annual FSMTB meeting, depending on expenses. James Carpenter seconded; the motion carried. Karen Frazier indicated that she would investigate the estimated expenses to report back to the board.

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Daniel Leffel indicated he had reached out to the Nursing Board to get their requirements for scope of practice and information on requirements for their continuing education, as there has been a lot of questions and concerns arising. The nursing board is working with their legal team to try and compile something.

## **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Applications for March 2024 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

**March Inactive Applications Total:** (0)

Approved: (0):  
Deferred: (0)  
Denied: (0)

**March Initial and Endorsement Applications Total:** (16)

Approved: (11):  
Deferred: (3):  
Denied: (2)

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

Approved (0):  
Deferred: (0):  
Denied: (0)

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

Approved: (0)  
Deferred: (0):  
Denied: (0)

**March CEU Applications Total:** (1)

Approved: (0)  
Deferred: (1)  
Denied: (0)

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

**COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel provided the complaints committee report from the March 4, 2024, meeting and gave the following recommendations:

- 2023BMT00010- Compiling letter for additional information and clarification.
- 2024BMT00001- Refer for Investigation.
- 2024BMT00002 & 03- Hold for April's meeting.
- R.P.- Hold for April's meeting.
- M. B.- Board Initiated Complaint

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

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

There was no closed session required.

**TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

James Carpenter 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 April 1, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

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