

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

May 5, 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 May 5, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Nathan Thacker, Secretary	<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor <u>PUBLIC</u> Jada Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:19 PM.

MINUTES

Michelle Lasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22nd 2025, meeting. James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson had nothing to present at this time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for April 2025 was reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for May 2025 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that she met with Michelle Shane with the Veterinary Board last week. Results from their survey to all their Vet Techs to gather their interest in the Veterinary Medicine Act were in and there was a positive consensus. They are ready to move forward with but, are not looking for any additional input from the public or licensees at this time.

Karen Frazier indicated that she did not have the fee projection for the board's attendance for the Annual FSMTB Meeting October 5-7, 2025, in Kansas City, MO, but anticipated should have it by 4 p.m. today to provide for review. Valerie Smothers indicated that she would like for the board's administrative specialist to attend the Annual FSMTB Meeting this year as well. James Carpenter made a motion for the board's administrative specialist to attend the Annual FSMTB Meeting October 5-7, 2025, in Kansas City, MO. Motion seconded by Michelle Lasley, motion carried.

No movement on the FAQ section for the board website. Need to finalize.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Lilly Coiner indicated that all items would be discussed in closed session.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

May Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (15)

Approved: (10):

Deferred: (4):

Denied: (1)

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

Approved (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

May Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (0)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (1):

Denied: (0)

May CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

J.P.- Refer for investigation.

2024BMT00009 – Refer for investigation.

D.V. – Send second notice letter.

S.C.- Refer for investigation

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Frazier presented the regulations committee report. The regulations committee met on April 30, 2025. They are working on going line-by-line and still going through.

Items discussed:

Language for apprenticeship added to the regulations. Also require and add verbiage to the 'Return To Active' application to include the up to date passport photo.

- 201 KAR 42:070 Section 1 (4) Make it mandatory if coming from another state, for the other state to be a licensed state. (6) Verbiage to include core education/college credit hours.
- 201 KAR 42:080- Certificate of Good Standings- Section 3 (1)b. MBLEx score report percentage. Tiered for pass rates.

A poll will be generated for a possible special regulations committee meeting for Mid to late June.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Valerie Smothers moved to enter closed session at 1:29 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 1:54 PM. James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 1:54 PM.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Karen Frazier made a motion to accept items discussed in closed session, Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

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. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM. James Carpenter seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB