

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

November 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 November 3, 2025

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Michelle Lasley James Carpenter Jason Washburn Jacob Walbourn <u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jeff Bardroff, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor <u>PUBLIC</u> Seth Dinkel (FSMTB), Patty Glenn (FSMTB), Elise Baine, Ann Boone
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CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29th, 2025, meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson stated that the department has two supervisor positions currently posted and are hoping that with Personnel, they will have those positions filled by December.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial reports for September and October 2025 were reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for November 2025 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chair, Valerie Smothers introduced our two new board members, Jacob Walbourn and Jason Washburn. Jacob Walbourn is filling a citizen-at-large position on the board. He worked as General Counsel for DPL, prior to moving into the private sector with a non-profit organization. Jason Washburn is filling a therapist position on the board. He has been a licensed massage therapist for fifteen years and an occupational therapist for 6-8 years. Jason works at Lexington Healing Arts as an instructor.

Patty Glen with FSMTB gave a presentation to the board on the Interstate Compact and was available for questions. The Compact originated as the gold standard for military families. Nevada and Ohio were the first two states to join the Compact. Montana, Arkansas and Virginia have now joined and there is current legislature in North Carolina, Georgia and Illinois. The Compact is designed for portability and is in addition to one's initial license in a given state. A survey that was conducted by FSMTB indicated that 98% of the profession supports a compact. The licensee would be subject to the laws and regulations of the state that they are licensed in and conducting massages.

A list of 2026 calendar dates were presented to the board for review. The board meets the first Monday of the month, unless it falls on a holiday and then it would fall to the next Monday. They are as follows: January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th. A motion was made by Jacob Walbourn to accept the 2026 calendar dates as presented. Motion seconded by Karen Frazier and motion carried.

The board reviewed a request from Louisville Department of Health & Public Wellness to add verbiage to the board's application that would remind licensees that they are responsible for contacting their local jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all applicable local regulations. It was discussed if this verbiage could be added to the website and later on the application. Jacob Walbourn questioned if this would require regulation changes and the answer is, yes.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that there was a meeting on October 31st with the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners and there is a forward motion with the Veterinary Medicine Act.. They are Scheduled to meet again on November 21st to review their last version and if no changes, then will be given to KBLMT to review. This will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the December KBLMT board meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT

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

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

November Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (12)

Approved: (8): Joshua Beckey, Brittany Boyle, Jana Dunlap, Amanda Kraft, April Leigh, Melissa Miller, Stacey Rapier, & Tiffany Stack

Deferred: (4):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (0):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

November Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

November CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

Michele Lasley made a motion to accept the applications committee report, James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

- Issue informal settlement offer for 2024BMT00008.
- Resend complaint to 2025BMT00001.
- In Re YM, dismiss for lack of corroborating evidence.
- In Re HFS, dismiss for lack of corroborating evidence.

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

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jessica Brown indicated that there was nothing to present at this time. Karen Frazier requested a shared document of the regulations be sent out to the committee.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

N/A

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

N/A

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

N/A

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all Board members that attended the Board meeting and committee meetings. Jacob Walbourn seconded the motion, carried.

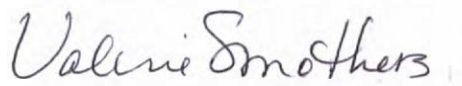
NEXT MEETING

The next special called meeting will be December 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 PM. Karen Frazer seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie Smothers". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.