

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

**November 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 November 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> 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>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b>	<b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, James White, Raleigh Smith

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

**MINUTES**

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9 & 23, 2024, meetings. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson was absent but, April Alsabrook could relay any questions to the Commissioner that the board may have but, had nothing to present at this time. The Board had no questions for DPL.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for October & November 2024 were reviewed.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for November 2024 was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrative Specialist, Jessica Brown presented the proposed KBMT 2025 meeting dates to the board for review. Those dates are January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, & December 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Karen Frazier to accept the proposed dates and seconded by Nathan Thacker. Motion carried. Board Chair Valerie Smothers will be attending a conference co-hosted by FSMTB in January.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Karen Frazier indicated that there was a meeting on October 23 with Michelle and the Veterinary Board and there is movement with Allied Health and a legacy pathway.

Previous board member recognition is continuing.

No movement on the FAQ section for the board website.

No movement on the submission of the ORI to KSP.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

No information to report.

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

#### **November Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (33)**

**Approved: (31):**

**Deferred: (2):**

**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)**

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

## **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel presented the complaints committee report.

- 2024-07: dismiss, refer to OAG
- 2024-08: agreed order
- 2024-09: refer for investigation
- Louisville matters: counsel to contact complainant
- Berea matter: cease and desist letter
- M.4.Y.: send complaint to licensee
- Cold Springs matter: refer to OAG
- E.A.: cease and desist letter, refer to Chiro Bd
- H.W.: reissue cease and desist letter by email & certified mail

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

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

James Carpenter moved to enter closed session at 1:32 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. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 1:48 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 1:48 PM.

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

Karen Frazier made a motion to accept items discussed in closed session, Nathan Thacker 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. James Carpenter seconded the motion, carried.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 2, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:58 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

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