

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

**September 9, 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 September 9, 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 April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor 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> Louvina Chaudoin, Joy Tussey, Wes Gilliam, RJ Smith, Joseph Edmonds

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**MINUTES**

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, meeting with amending to correct the verbiage from Education Committee to Applications Committee. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson had nothing to present at this time. The Board had no questions for DPL.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for August 2024 was reviewed. The board has asked if there would be any upcoming major expenditures and the only one noted by Board Specialist, Jessica Brown was for the expense for Legal to attend the FSMTB Annual Meeting in October.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for September 2024 was reviewed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers reiterated that the FSMTB School MBLEX Report comes one complimentary for each school but from FSMTB but, the second report is no longer free. There is now a \$50 charge and the responsibility of the school to obtain the copy (Not the Board Specialist) and submit to the board with the correct time frame associated with their Certificate of Good Standing.

The board reviewed documents submitted from the Department of Veteran Affairs and their proposal of a federal register for massage therapists. The board discussed preparing a response and how this would affect our current regulations. Board Attorney, Daniel Leffel indicated that the regulations committee would need to have a special called meeting to discuss regulation changes. A full regulations committee will need to be reestablished and committee members voted upon at this time we still have Michelle Lasley and the Board Chair, Valerie Smothers will be on the committee. Karen Frazier made a motion to have a special called meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapists before the September 30<sup>th</sup> date. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The FSMTB call for nominations of the 4-5 open seats has closed. The policy Committee recommendations from FMTB for the call for resolutions & bylaws was presented to the board for review. The new nomination lists should be posted by FSMTB shortly for review and will be discussed at the special called board meeting before the September 30<sup>th</sup> date. Items for FSMTB voting delegate for the annual meeting will also be discussed at this meeting.

## **ONGOING BUSINESS**

There is no movement regarding the Veterinary Medicine Act at this time.

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

**August Initial and Endorsement Applications Total:** (39)

**Approved:** (33):

**Deferred:** (6):

**Denied:** (0)

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

**Approved (0):**

**Probation: (0)**

**Deferred: (0):**

**Denied: (0)**

**August Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (2)**

**Approved: (1)**

**Probation: (0)**

**Deferred: (1):**

**Denied: (0)**

**August CEU Applications Total: (0)**

**Approved: (0)**

**Deferred: (0)**

**Denied: (0)**

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

**COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Daniel Leffel presented the complaints committee report.

- 2024-05: dismiss
- L.X.: effect service on proprietor
- A.M.: effect service on proprietor
- J.M.: send notification letter with board-initiated complaint
- E.S.: send notice letter
- S.L.: dismiss

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

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

James Carpenter moved to enter closed session at 1:39 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 3:20 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 3:20 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**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 7, 2024.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 PM. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

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