

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

May 4, 2026

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 4, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

MINUTES

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6th, 2026, meeting. Jacob Walbourn seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson discussed that DPL is currently working with IT to gather information and provide forms to start the process of getting the system available to launch online applications. IT will then generate a draft to provide to DPL.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for April 2026 was reviewed. No discussion or questions presented.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for May 2026 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

An internal agency question was brought to the board regarding Acupressure and how it fits into the scope of practice for massage therapy. A motion was made by Nathan Thacker and seconded by Karen Frazier and carried by the board for Board Attorney Lilly Coiner to respond with the statement of, "Acupressure falls under the scope of massage therapy by statutes". An administrative supply request was made by Jessica Brown for a stamp that includes the board's name and mailing address. A motion was made by Nathan Thacker for the purchase by the board and seconded by Karen Frazier. Motion carried. Courtney Parker with Fiscal provided a copy of the budget scenario for the 2027 fiscal year to the board for review. The board had no recommendations of change at this time but the board was given additional time to review and respond to the board administrator with their responses.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Jessica Brown stated that the investigator services contract is currently posted on finances website. Board Administrator Jessica Brown provided a brief recap of the FSMTB Summit she attended in Rhode Island. It was also reminded that there were two upcoming DPL board member training for new members scheduled for May 5th & May 13th. Jessica Brown discussed that FSMTB's annual meeting would be coming up October 21st-23rd and that the board voted at the last meeting to send two representatives from the board. FSMTB will cover the cost for two members from the board to attend. Karen Frazier stated that Legal Counsel, Administrators, Directors and others that work with the board can attend. She questioned the previous discussion of a vote from the board for all members to attend. There was no motion or vote made at a previous meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT

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

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for May 2026 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Karen Frazier made the following recommendations:

May Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (12)

Approved: (12): Mary Alvey, Megan BeLiles, Tabitha Bundy, DeShonta Gentry, Emily Goff, David Klaphaak, Heather Mikel, Gina Pingley, Joshua Reed, Lauren Rust, Bridget Schrank, & Sharita Spangler

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

May Reinstatement Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1):

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

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: (0)

Approved: (0)

Probation: (0)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

May CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Lilly Coiner presented the complaints committee report:

- 2026BMT00002- Dismiss
- 2026BMT00008- Dismiss

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

REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no discussion.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

There was no business requiring closed session.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Jason Washburn 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.

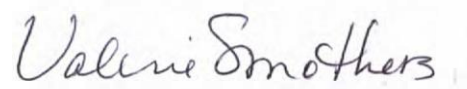
NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be June 1st, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Nathan Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 PM. James Carpenter seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB

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