

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

July 18, 2023

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 Zoom, on July 18, 2023

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Michelle Lasley Karen Frazier, Vice Chair Cheryl Turner	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Administrator Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor Lyndsay Sipple, Administrative Section Supervisor- Interim Jenna Wells, Operations
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Cameron French	<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
	<u>PUBLIC</u> Terry Pollard, Le, Sara B

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Michelle Lasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2023, meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that the department was working on getting new staff, an additional 3 more positions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for June 2023 was reviewed. Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor indicated she was available for any questions and introduced the new hire to her section, Jenna Wells, who is currently training on operations for the massage therapy board.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for July 2023 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The review of 201KAR42:070 and the application committee & board administrator application review process was tabled for the applications committee to review.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Valerie Smothers indicated that we would table any further discussion about the Ce Broker discussion.

Karen Frazier indicated that she is in the process of creating an advisory committee to collaborate with the Kentucky Vet Board and is still waiting on a few more individuals to receive their paperwork from. She will create a rough draft to propose to the board at the August board meeting date but will first send it to Daniel to review.

Valerie Smothers indicated that she had a physical therapist who is interested on creating classes/training material related to device training. Karen Frazier also indicated that she has reached out to several states including, Nevada, New York, & Florida to see what training material that they may have. The board is wanting to create some type of guidelines without interfering with other board's scope.

Temporary licensure exploration, threshold level (criminal) administrative approval, and externship policy review were determined that these were items for the applications committee and tabled for their review.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Daniel Leffel stated that he had nothing to present at this time.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Applications for July 2023 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

July Inactive Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0):

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

July Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (24)

Approved: (24):

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (0):

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

July Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (2)

Approved: (2)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

July CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daniel Leffel provided the complaints committee report from the July 18, 2023 meeting and gave the following recommendations:

- 2022BMT00009 & 10- Accept agreed order.
- L @ R.M.T- Refer to appropriate authorities, refer for board investigation pending coordination with appropriate authorities.
- J.W.-Refer for board investigation.
- 2023BMT00004-M.R.-Tabled to August meeting, awaiting response.
- 2023BMT00003- Cease and Desist Unlicensed Activity

Karen Frazier made a motion to accept the complaints committee report, Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

No closed session required.

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. Cheryl Turner seconded the motion, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 7, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Cheryl Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

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