

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

May 1, 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 May 1, 2023

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Michelle Lasley Karen Frazier, Vice Chair	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Administrator Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor Gabriel Dent, Board Administrator
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Cameron French Cheryl Turner	<u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
	<u>PUBLIC</u> Ashley Hernandez-FSMTB, Focus Salon, Katie Miller

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

MINUTES

Karen Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that the department was working on getting new staff and are currently fully staffed for the positions that the department has at this time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for March 2023 was reviewed. Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor stated that the board was currently caught up on payments for travel and per diem and stated she was available for any questions.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for April 2023 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Kentucky's FSMTB membership renewal invoice was sent over to Operations to be paid. Board Administrator Jessica Brown indicated that May's virtual membership event's topic is, The Uncomfortable Truth: Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Against Licensed Massage

Therapists and an email was forwarded to board members for possible interest in attending. Karen Frazier discussed that she would be compiling a rough draft of ideas and topics pertaining to: Temporary licensure exploration, Threshold level (Criminal) administrative approval, & externship policy review. It was discussed that there has been a request for Massage Therapist Outreach Advice. The board determined that they are not authorized to release that information and that anyone asking may be directed to requesting a mailing list. The board discussed the out of state COGS completion and how we have had the concerns of the process not being easily manageable/understandable. If the school is NCBTMB approved in their State then Kentucky should approve them as well. A motion was made by Karen Frazier to schedule a regulations meeting, Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS

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

It was discussed that if the Education Committee had any questions pertaining to The Kentucky Board of Vet Examiner's Veterinary Medicine Act, that Ann Boone or Denise Logsdon would be good resources for the education committee of the board to contact for questions.

Valerie Smothers reiterated that the CE Application was available online for applicants interested in getting approval for continuing education courses.

Jessica Brown gave a follow-up on the 2023 FSMTB Massage Board Executive Summit that was held in Denver Colorado for executive directors/administrators and staff of each state board.

ATTORNEY REPORT

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

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

March Inactive Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0):

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

March Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (14)

Approved: (12):

Deferred: (2):

Denied: (0)

March Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total: (1)

Approved (1):

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

March Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

March CEU Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daniel Leffel provided the complaints committee report and gave the following recommendations:

- 2023BMT00001- Hold in abeyance for application review, pending receipt of investigator report. Issue cease and desist for unlicensed practice.
- Cases T.J.L., A.R.B., X.- Refer to Attorney General's Office H.W. for investigation.
- 2021BMT00010-Dismis
- 2022BMT00009 & 10- Refer for investigation.
- 2022BMT00002-Offer an agreed order mandating additional continuing education requirements.

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

Michelle Lasley 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 regularly scheduled meeting will be June 5, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Michelle Lasley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, carried.

VS/jlb