

MASSAGE THERAPY COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2026, 11:00 AM

* This meeting occurred via Teleconferencing, pursuant to KRS 61.826 with an in-person meeting space provided *

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Nathan Thacker Valerie Smothers, Alternate Jacob Walbourn <u>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Michelle Lasley	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Jessica Brown, Board Specialist <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Matthew Ellison, Legal Advisor <u>OTHER</u>

CALL TO ORDER

Nathan Thacker called the Complaints Committee meeting to order at 11:01 AM. Jacob Walbourn motioned to begin the Complaints Committee. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jacob Walbourn motioned to approve the July 2026 meeting minutes. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Jacob Walbourn moved to enter closed session at 11:02 AM, 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. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

Jacob Walbourn moved to return from closed session at 11:59 AM. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Jacob Walbourn motioned to present to the board the report as follows:

- 2023BMT00010- Closed as requirements of agreement have been met
- 2025BMT00001- Remains open/pending former licensee's submission of what is needed for reinstatement/reissuance of license
- 2026BMT00006 & 2026BMT00007- Remains open pending further activity in criminal case
- 2026BMT00013- remains open, awaiting investigator's report, staff to follow up on status
- 2026BMT00014- Close without further activity; website in question has been disabled, verified by staff.

- 2026BMT00015 & 2026BMT00016- Remains open pending further activity in criminal case
- 2026BMT00017- remains open pending confirmation of receiving payment of fine.
- Re Y.Z.- Recommendation to initiate board complaint against licensee and report concerns to law enforcement investigative agencies.

Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Kentucky Board of Massage Therapy Complaints Committee scheduled for October 5, 2026, at 11 AM EST.

ADJOURNMENT

Jacob Walbourn moved, and Valerie Smothers seconded to adjourn the meeting. Having all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

VS/JLB