

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

January 8, 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 Zoom, on January 8, 2024

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley	<u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Specialist Jenna Wells, Operations Lyndsay Sipple, Admin. Section Supervisor <u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Cameron French	<u>PUBLIC</u> Ann Boone, Sara, LHAA classroom, Lola Michelin(NBCAAM), Susan Rose, David Vincent, Brooklyn Gaines, Christine Hooper

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

James Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2024, meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that she had submitted information for House Bill 77 for the board's review.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for December 2023 was reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for January 2024 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chair Valerie Smothers discussed recognizing previous board members by purchasing them a gift. A motion was made by Karen Frazier and seconded by Nathan Thacker to research gift ideas for retiring and passed board members and to have DPL research to find a list of

names of all previous board members and to see if they were previously recognized. Motion carried. Valerie Smothers went over the current committee members and indicated that Nathan Thacker was interested in assisting on a committee. Karen Frazier made a motion to nominate Nathan Thacker to the Complaint's Committee, Nathan Thacker seconded, motion carried. The January In Touch with FSMTB information was also available for board review and previously sent to board members.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that she has been in contact with Ms. Shane and that the Veterinary Board's last meeting was cancelled and is now rescheduled for February 15, 2024. Valeri Smothers indicated that Murray State is looking into offering a program. Valerie Smothers also indicated that Chris Freeland is on board as a legislative representative from the House of Representatives. Jessica Brown indicated that the Non-Compensation Agreement was sent out to all current schools and stated that a few institutions had reached out questioning when this form needed to be utilized and she indicated immediately. She also indicated that others thanked the board for sending it out, as it was very helpful. House Bill 77 and the IMpact Agreement was discussed and how this may affect the board monetarily and staffing requirements. It was discussed that AMTA currently does not support the Impact Agreement as written but, ABMP does support it. Currently Nevada has legislation enacted and seven other states have legislation pending, including Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Nebraska, & New York. Valerie Smothers indicated that we had received a Continuing Education Application this month for a device and PEMF training. Karen Frazier indicated that Debra Florio indicated she was interested in in submitting a Continuing Education Approval Application Form for a PEMF training as well. Karen Frazier indicated that she did not have any additional information to add to the KBLMT Policy & Procedure Manual at this time.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Daniel Leffel indicated he only had the Impact Compact Agreement that had already been discussed and had nothing else to present at this time.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

January Inactive Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0):

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

January Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (19)

Approved: (19):

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

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

Approved (1):
Deferred: (0):
Denied: (0)

December Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0)
Deferred: (0):
Denied: (0)

December CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

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

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Daniel Leffel provided the complaints committee report from the January 8, 2024 meeting and gave the following recommendations:

- 2023BMT00003- Agreed order for continuing education and fines.
- 2023BMT00007- Follow up with investigators.
- 2023BMT00008- Cease & Desist.
- 2023BMT00009- Agreed order for continuing education and fines.

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

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Karen Frazier moved to enter closed session at 1:18 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. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 1:51 PM. James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

James Carpenter 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 February 5, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

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