

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

November 6, 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 November 6, 2023

<p><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter Michelle Lasley Cheryl Turner</p> <p><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u> Cameron French</p>	<p><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Specialist Jenna Wells, Operations Lyndsay Sipple, Administrative Section Supervisor</p> <p><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor</p> <p><u>PUBLIC</u> Kelly Whisman, Tammy Conrad, Brooke Vaughn(Thentia), Micah Posey(Thentia), Robert Sandusky, Kevin Casteel, Mark Casteel, Lee Foley, Barry Walker, Ashley Hernandez(FSMTB)</p>
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CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

MINUTES

James Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2023, meeting. Michelle Lasley seconded. The motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Section Supervisor Lyndsay Sipple indicated that she had nothing to present at this time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT

The financial report for October 2023 was reviewed.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Licensure Status Report for November 2023 was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Chair Valerie Smothers asked if any board member had any questions pertaining to the In Touch with FSMTB emails. There were no questions or comments. Policymakers Interstate

Massage Compact information was presented for board review from the Defense-State Liaison Office(DSLO). The only state that has assigned the Impact agreement so far is Nevada. There are six other states currently that have introduced legislative compact section supervisor Lyndsay Sipple indicated that they have to have ten states and have an appointed delegate. She indicated that the LPC and OT boards are currently working with the Interstate Massage Compact and that it is a lengthy process. Board member James Carpenter indicated he would reach out to Eric Sherman for our region with additional questions. Micah Posey with Thentia gave a brief discussion and presented the board with additional information about their software platform. They indicated that they currently work with over 9 million active licensees and five different agencies currently in Kentucky. The 2024 Massage Therapy Board Meeting calendar dates were reviewed. A motion was made by Michelle Lasley to accept the 2024 schedule and seconded by Nathan Thacker, motion carried.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Karen Frazier indicated that she met with Michelle Shane and the Veterinary Board and that they will be having an information gathering meeting on November 13, 2023 and should have additional information for the board at the December meeting. Karen Frazier presented an example for the board for review from a Debra Florio for a PEMF training. The board indicated that they would like a Non-Compensation Agreement Form Example to be sent out to all schools that currently have a certificate of good standing and for new schools that are applying by the end of the year. Board Attorney Daniel Leffel will be creating a cover letter to send out with the example. Valerie Smothers discussed that the board is currently working on a KBLMT Policy & Procedure Manual to use as an ongoing resource document for onboarding of new board members. Daniel Leffel will review for finalization. Valerie Smothers made a motion to place James Carpenter on the Applications Committee, Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Daniel Leffel indicated he had nothing to present at this time.

APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

November Inactive Applications Total: (0)

Approved: (0):

Deferred: (0)

Denied: (0)

November Initial and Endorsement Applications Total: (27)

Approved: (24):

Deferred: (3):

Denied: (0)

November Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total: (2)

Approved (2): 1 Approved Probation

Deferred: (0):

Denied: (0)

November Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (3)

Approved: (2)

Deferred: (1):

Denied: (0)

November CEU Applications Total: (1)

Approved: (1)

Michelle Lasley 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 from the November 6, 2023 meeting and gave the following recommendations:

- 2023BMT00010- Send letter to individual, attending school & business reiterating the laws and regulations pertaining to what a massage therapy student can and can not do.

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

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Valerie Smothers moved to enter closed session at 2:23 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 3:02 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

James Carpenter made a motion to approve items discussed in closed session. Karen Frazier seconded; motion carried.

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

James Carpenter moved to enter back closed session at 3:05 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. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 3:10 PM. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

Nathan Thacker made a motion to approve items discussed in closed session. Karen Frazier

seconded; motion carried.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Cheryl Turner 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 December 4, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business brought before the Board, James Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 PM. Cheryl Turner seconded the motion, carried.

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