

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

**April 22, 2025**

A special meeting for the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Department of Professional Licensing, located in Frankfort, KY, and via TEAMS, on April 22, 2025

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Karen Frazier, Vice Chair James Carpenter	<b><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u></b> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner April Alsabrook, Admin. Section Supervisor Jessica Brown, Administrative Specialist Senior Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> Michelle Lasley	<b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Lilly Coiner, Legal Advisor <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Devin George, Susan Rose

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

**MINUTES**

Nathan Thacker made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2025, meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson had nothing to present at this time. Board chair, Valerie Smothers questioned how does the board go about getting board vacancy positions filled? Kristen indicated word of mouth. Kristen provided the link on the meeting. Nathan indicated he could spread the word at NKU and Karen had contacts through UK. Valerie Smothers asked about reimbursement for the Board Member Training. Kristen stated to turn in reimbursement documentation to Administrative Specialist Jessica Brown.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

The financial report for March 2025 was reviewed. Jenna Wells stated she was available for any questions.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Licensure Status Report for April 2025 was reviewed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Board Chair, Valerie Smothers indicated that the Federation of State Massage Board (FSMTB) Annual Meeting was coming up in October and that FSMTB would cover the cost of two members (the delegate and an alternate delegate) from each board to attend. Karen Frazier stated that her cost is already covered through FSMTB. Valerie stated she would like to see all members of the Kentucky board to be in attendance. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will be held in Kansas City on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>. Karen Frazier indicated she would create a cost projection to provide to the board at the May meeting for the rest of the board to attend. Karen Frazier made a motion for the board to cover the cost of the other board members to attend the FSMTB 2025 Annual Board Meeting. Nathan Thacker seconded the motion, motion carried.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

Karen Frazier indicated that she had been in correspondence with Michelle Shane of the Vet Board. They had indicated that the results were in from their survey to all their Vet Techs to gather their interest in the Veterinary Medicine Act. Karen stated she was trying to meet with Michelle Shane sometime next month.

No movement on the FAQ section for the board website.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Lilly Coiner indicated that there were some items that need discussion in closed session.

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Applications for April 2025 were reviewed. On behalf of the Applications Committee, Valerie Smothers made the following recommendations:

#### **April Initial and Endorsement Applications Total:** (18)

**Approved:** (14):

**Deferred:** (2):

**Denied:** (2)

#### **April Certificate of Good Standing Initial Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved** (0):

**Probation:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

#### **April Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total:** (1)

**Approved:** (1)

**Probation:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0):

**Denied:** (0)

**April CEU Applications Total:** (0)

**Approved:** (0)

**Deferred:** (0)

**Denied:** (0)

### **COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lilly Coiner indicated there was nothing to present at this time.

### **REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Valerie Smothers moved to enter closed session at 10:23 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. Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

Nathan Thacker moved to return from closed session at 10:46 AM. James Carpenter seconded. The motion carried.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers announced the board was returning from closed session at 10:46 AM.

### **VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Karen Frazier made a motion to accept items discussed in closed session, Nathan Thacker seconded. The motion carried.

### **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. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 5, 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, **Nathan** Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 AM. Karen Frazier seconded the motion, carried.

VS/JLB