

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

**April 3, 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 April 3, 2023

<p><b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b> Valerie Smothers, Chair Nathan Thacker, Secretary Michelle Lasley Karen Frazier, Vice Chair</p>	<p><b><u>DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF</u></b> Kristen Lawson, Commissioner Jessica Brown, Board Administrator Courtney Cook, Operations Section Supervisor Aleena Russell, Board Administrator Stephanie Hilson, Board Administrator</p>
<p><b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u></b> Cameron French Cheryl Turner</p>	<p><b><u>PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET STAFF</u></b> Daniel Leffel, Legal Advisor</p> <p><b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> Ann Boone, Deana Logsdon, Brandy Madding, Joseph Baise, Ronald Melvin, LHAA classroom</p>

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Valerie Smothers called the board meeting to order at 1:12 PM.

**MINUTES**

Michelle Lasley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023, meeting. Karen Frazier seconded. The motion carried.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Kristen Lawson indicated that there was no information she had to give but was available for any questions.

**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**

Vice Chair Karen Frazier stated she attended the FSMTB virtual event on March 8, 2023 that focused on the value of the MBLEX. She stated that there was approximately twenty-four attendees and they discussed lobbying for states to create their own qualifying tests. 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. Board chair Valerie Smothers asked if any board member would be interested in attending. Karen Frazier indicated interest in attending. Karen Frazier made a motion for Karen Frazier to attend virtually, seconded by Michelle Lasley. The motion carried. Board Chair Valerie Smothers discussed the question of "What constitutes proper training allowed for device training". A motion was made by Karen Frazier to assign this topic to the Education Committee, seconded by Nathan Thacker. The motion seconded.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

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

The Kentucky Board of Vet Examiner's Veterinary Medicine Act questions for the board was discussed and it was stated that Midway College was the only institution that offers the program in the state. It was stated that Ann Boone would be a good resource for the education committee of the board to contact for questions. Valerie Smothers made a motion for Karen Frazier and Michelle Lasley to collaborate with their schedules to create a date for a special called education committee meeting, seconded by Karen Frazier. The motion carried.

No discussion was made on the FSMTB CE Registry Partnership.

FSMTB will be having their 2023 Massage Board Executive Summit April 27-28, 2023 in Denver Colorado for executive directors/administrators and staff of each state board. Jessica Brown stated that board investigator Chip Nowlin and herself would be attending.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

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

### **APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Applications for March 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: (17)**

**Approved:** (10):

**Deferred:** (7):

**Denied:** (0)

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

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

**March Certificate of Good Standing Renewal Applications Total: (0)**

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

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

**Approved: (0)**

Karen Frazier 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- Refer to investigation.
- A.C.P.- Refer to Attorney General's Office H.W.
- P. K. Complaint- No additional information received- Dismiss
- G.S. Complaint- Tabled for next month.
- 2022BMT00009 & 10- Tabled for next month- Awaiting additional information.
- 2021BMT00001 & 02- Surrender of License- Dismiss

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

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

Michelle Lasley moved to enter closed session at 1:38 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. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

Karen Frazier moved to return from closed session at 1:58 PM. Valerie Smothers seconded. The motion carried.

**VOTE ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Valerie Smothers made a motion to approve items discussed in closed session (J.B. & R.M.), 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. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 1, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board, Karen Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 PM. Michelle Lasley seconded the motion, carried.

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