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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**January 9, 2017**

**MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on January 9, 2017, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Tiffany Gennety, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Tiffany Gennety, LMT, Chairperson, Professional Member  
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member  
Katie Kiter, Public Member (arrived 9:37 a.m.)  
Nicole Lennox, LMT, Professional Member  
Beth Miazga, LMT, Professional Member  
JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member  
Lynn Wolf, LMT, Professional Member

**Members Absent:** Rachael Viitala, LMT, Professional Member

**Staff Present:** LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Patricia Leary, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Laury Brown, Analyst, Compliance Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Stout, seconded by Lennox, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Stout, seconded by Franklin, to approve the October 3, 2016 meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Leary ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Stout, to elect Lennox as Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Franklin, Kiter, Miazga, Stout, Wolf, Gennety  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Lennox

MOTION PREVAILED

Leary ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

MOTION by Lennox, seconded by Gennety to elect Stout, as Vice Chairperson.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Franklin, Kiter, Lennox, Miazga, Wolf, Gennety  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Stout

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

DSC: Kiter (Chair), Miazga, Stout, Gennety, Wolf  
Rules: Lennox, Stout, Wolf, Kiter

### **FSMTB Annual Meeting Update**

Lennox gave an overview from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. She discussed MTLDA (a new national Massage Therapy Licensing Database) and human trafficking. The annual report is available on the FSMTB website.

## **Rules**

Leary gave an update on the rules. The waiver for the 15 joint session days was not approved. As of January 3, 2017, the rules are again with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Leary explained the need to vote and open the rules again once this set goes through JCAR.

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Stout, to reopen the rules.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Human Trafficking**

Gennety reiterated to the Board the importance of being mindful and aware of human trafficking. Lennox weighed in on the discussion that took place at the FSMTB meeting.

## **Chair Report**

Gennety thanked the Board for giving her the experience of Chairperson. Gennety highly recommends attending the FSMTB annual meeting. She feels it was a great experience.

## **Department Update**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Krombeen representing the American Massage Therapy Association addressed the Board regarding the current rule set. He sees a possible conflict of interest regarding CE and had some other concerns with the current draft rules. He is working with the legislature regarding these issues. He also would like to see the process be more collaborative with the Board and the association.

Laura B. Embleton representing the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals addressed the Board on the need for the Board to work more collaboratively with all of the Massage Therapy associations. Embleton also weighed in on the human trafficking discussion.

Nancy Levitt representing the America Massage Therapy Association introduced herself to the Board. She informed the Board she is in favor of the need for more collaboration with the Board.

Sue Bibek, CEO of the Kalamazoo Institute of Massage Education, reiterated the need for more collaboration with the Board. She also informed the Board that her program includes a course on human trafficking.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 3, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Miazga, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on July 10, 2017.

Prepared by:

LeAnn Payne, Board Support

January 19, 2017