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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

### **OCTOBER 7, 2019 MEETING APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on October 7, 2019, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Terese Hunter, Public Member, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Terese Hunter, Public Member, Chairperson  
Tiffany Gennety, LMT, Professional Member, Vice Chairperson  
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member  
Katie Kiter, Public Member (arrived 9:40 a.m.)  
Tina Latham-Enix, LMT, Professional Member  
Beth Miazga, LMT, Professional Member  
JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member  
Jodi Wiley, LMT, Professional Member  
Lynn Wolf, LMT, Professional Member

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Brian DeBano, Director, Licensing Division  
Laury Brown, Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dena Marks, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

#### **ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Wiley, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Gennety, to approve the April 1, 2019 meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

### **MiPLUS DISCUSSION**

DeBano introduced himself to the Board. He informed the Board that the Department will be switching to a new licensing platform called MiPLUS. The new platform will process license applications and update the online license verification system. DeBano provided an overview of MiPLUS and discussed what to expect during and after the transition.

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2020 Public Notice**

Hunter presented the 2020 Public Notice.

### **FSMTB Reports**

Wiley attended the FSMTB Annual Meeting from October 3 – 5, 2019. FSMTB gave a presentation regarding exam security and integrity that talked about fraudulent testing and measures used to prevent that from happening. FSMTB indicated that there is a correlation between taking the exam and human trafficking. They encouraged licensees to develop a relationship with local law enforcement to combat this issue. Additionally, FSMTB initiated a soft launch of their continuing education tracker.

## **Chair Report**

Hunter mentioned that the Board has recently lost two public members. She asked Board Members to contact eligible candidates and encourage them to apply.

## **Department Update**

Wysack explained that state email addresses have been assigned and that they will be used for all future communication with the Department. The addresses are not used at this time for Egress, but she will notify the Board when that changes.

Wysack stated that she uploaded a folder in Egress, entitled Department Resources, and gave a brief overview of the content.

Marks gave a brief overview of the Nondisclosure of Confidential Personal Information Acknowledgement form regarding Egress. She asked that the form be signed and returned to the Department.

Marks announced that the next Board Member Training is being held in February 2020 and that an invitation will be sent out in January. Wiley added that the training was very good and encouraged others to attend.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Krombeen with the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) announced that November 6, 2019 is Legislative Day at the Capital. He indicated that in 2020, a goal of the AMTA is to work with local municipalities on human trafficking and ordinances for massage therapy establishments. They will also be working on legislation to address individuals not regulated by massage therapy licensure, such as Asian Body Works.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Franklin, to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on January 6, 2020.

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