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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

JANUARY 4, 2021 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on January 4, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to MCL 15.263 and MCL 15.263a.

CALL TO ORDER

JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson

Attended remotely from the city of Lansing, Ingham County,
Michigan

Jason Bacchus, LMT

Attended remotely from the city of Alpena, Alpena County,
Michigan

Dana M. Blank, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan

Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Okemos, Ingham County,
Michigan

Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member (arrived 9:37 a.m.,
left 10:00 a.m., returned 10:05 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of Southfield, Oakland County,
Michigan

Terese Hunter, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Grosse Isle, Wayne County,
Michigan

Katie Kiter, Public Member

Attended remotely from the city of Dewitt, Clinton County,
Michigan

Amelia Lipovsky, LMT

Attended remotely from the city of White Lake, Oakland County,
Michigan

Jamel Randall, LMT, Professional Member (arrived 9:40 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of Southgate, Wayne County,
Michigan

Irene Savoyat, LMT, Professional Member

Attended remotely from the city of Lansing, Ingham County,
Michigan

Jodi Wiley, LMT, Professional Member (left 9:57 a.m.)

Attended remotely from the city of Williamston, Ingham County,
Michigan

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bacchus, Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter,
Lipovsky, Randall, Savoyat, Wiley, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Franklin, seconded by Wiley, to approve the October 5, 2020 meeting
minutes, as presented.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bacchus, Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter,
Lipovsky, Randall, Savoyat, Wiley, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Rules

Randall
Savoyat
Wiley

Rules Discussion

Marks stated that no public comments were received from the public hearing held on September 17, 2020. She explained the next steps of the rule promulgation process.

Chair Report

Stout stated that there are currently 9,573 licensed massage therapists in the state. He asked the Board to imagine the volume of clients that they serve and that it is the Board's duty to protect the public.

Department Update

Marks stated that there would be another Board Member training on February 17, 2021. It is split into two days to separate the health and occupational professions to provide training specific to each code.

Wysack reminded the board members to check their state email address regularly as it is the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address is used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Krombeen with the American Massage Therapy Association – Michigan, welcomed the new Board members. He asked for the names of the Rules Committee. Wysack stated that the Rules Committee members were Randall, Savoyat, and Wiley.

Laura Embleton, the Government Relations Director for the Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals, stated that she noticed a difference in the way the Board runs now, from when it did years ago.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 5, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bacchus, Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter,
Lipovsky, Randall, Savoyat, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on July 19, 2021.

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

January 4, 2021