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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

**JULY 10, 2023 MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on July 10, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

JT Stout, LMT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** JT Stout, LMT, Chairperson  
Jason Bacchus, LMT, Vice Chairperson  
Dana M. Blank, Public Member (arrived 9:41 a.m.)  
Keisha Brooks, LMT  
Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member  
Jamel Randall, LMT (arrived 9:48 a.m.)  
Irene Savoyat, LMT

**Members Absent:** Frances E. McCullough, LMT

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist,  
Boards and Committees Section  
Kaye Thelen, Analyst, Licensing Division  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician,  
Boards and Committees Section

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

Stout initiated introductions of board members and department staff.



## **Chair Report**

Stout encouraged board members to observe the Disciplinary Subcommittee meeting to better understand the regulatory process including the distinction between serving as a conferee versus imposing sanctions.

Stout stated that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards had initiated litigation against Footy Rooty Development, Inc. d/b/a Footy Rooty Institute Houston for providing MBLEx examination answers to students. He stated that it affected 13 licensees in Michigan, and action had been taken by the state to void the licenses.

Stout stated that he will represent the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy at the 2023 Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly, being held in San Diego, California, from September 28 – 30, 2023.

## **Department Update**

MacIntosh reminded board members that meetings are now recorded and that board members should be mindful of microphones and remember to speak clearly.

MacIntosh stated that the next New Board Member training would be held on August 21, 2023, beginning at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

MacIntosh stated that Bryan Modelski had been named Deputy Director for the Bureau of Professional Licensing.

MacIntosh reminded board members to check their state email as it is the form of communication used with the department.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Krombeen with AMTA – MI, stated that they are continuously working on cleaning up local ordinances that are outdated and not enforceable.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Kristin Brooks, seconded by Savoyat, to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: January 8, 2024.

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

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