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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

JANUARY 8, 2024 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on January 8, 2024, 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 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: JT Stout, LMT, Chairperson
Jason Bacchus, LMT, Vice Chairperson
Keisha Brooks, LMT
Nicole Johnson, LMT, CBIS
Jessica York, LMT, LC, BCTMB

Members Absent: Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member
Jamel Randall, LMT

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

ROLL CALL/COMMUNICATION POLICY AND PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bacchus, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Keisha Brooks, seconded by Bacchus, to approve the July 10, 2023, meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petition for Reinstatement

Kesia Sue Nero, MT

MOTION by Bacchus, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Bacchus, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement. Petitioner is placed on probation for one year with no violations of the Michigan Public Health Code.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Keisha Brooks, Johnson, York, Bacchus, Stout
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 Public Notice

Wysack stated that the board would be provided with an Amended 2024 Public Notice after the Disciplinary Subcommittee meeting is rescheduled. It will be uploaded to Egress.

Board Member Resolution Presentation

Stout presented resolutions to Dana Blank, Frances McCullough, LMT, and Irene Savoyat, LMT, honoring the time they served on the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy.

Stout presented a Resolution to Wysack, honoring her work with the Board of Massage Therapy and Bureau of Professional Licensing.

Conflict of Interest

Marks read through the Conflict of Interest for Boards, Commissions, Authorities, and Committees Policy and assisted the members with completion of the Disclosure of Interest form (C-46).

Master Resolution Review

Marks provided an overview of the current Board of Massage Therapy Master Resolution.

Elections

Marks ran the election for chairperson.

MOTION by Stout, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to elect Bacchus as the chairperson.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Keisha Brooks, Johnson, York, Bacchus, Stout
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Marks ran the election for vice chairperson.

MOTION by Bacchus, seconded by Johnson, to elect Stout as the vice chairperson.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Keisha Brooks, Johnson, York, Bacchus, Stout
 Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments

Stout and Bacchus made the following committee assignments.

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Kristin Brooks – Public Chairperson

Keisha Brooks – Professional

Johnson – Professional

Stout – Professional

Board Review Panel

Bacchus

York

HPRP Annual Report

Marks presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Chair Report

Stout stated that he attended the FSMTB 2023 Annual Meeting from September 28 – 30, 2023. He stated that it was very educational and there was a lot of discussion on human trafficking.

Stout stressed the importance of making attendance at the board meetings a priority.

Department Update

Marks stated that the next New Board Member training would be held on February 20, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

Wysack reminded board members to check their state email on a regular basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Krombeen with AMTA – MI, stated that the continuity with the board assists in the relationship with the AMTA – MI. He stated that the AMTA – MI continues to work on the exemptions in the massage legislation, specifically Asian body work.

Discussion was held on how to address possible board member conflict of interests and correspondence as a board member versus a licensee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held April 8, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by York, to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: 7/8/24

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

January 9, 2024