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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY JULY 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 July 8, 2024, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

JT Stout, LMT, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: JT Stout, LMT, Acting Chairperson

Keisha Brooks, LMT

Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member

Anne Hazzard, LMT

Elise Wheelock, Public Member Jessica York, LMT, LC, BCTMB

Members Absent: Jason Bacchus, LMT, Chairperson

Nicole Johnson, LMT, CBIS

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section

Dena Marks, JD, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician, Boards and Committees Section

ROLL CALL/COMMUNICATION POLICY AND PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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MOTION by Keisha Brooks, seconded by York, to approve the agenda, with the amendment to add Elections and Committee Assignments to New Business.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Keisha Brooks, seconded by York, to approve the July 8, 2024, meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petition for Reinstatement

Laina Lisa Tso, MT

MOTION by York, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to approve the Petition for Reinstatement.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Hazzard-Pryor, York

Nays: Keisha Brooks, Kristen Brooks, Wheelock, Stout

MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Keisha Brooks, seconded by Kristin Brooks, to deny the Petition for Reinstatement.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Keisha Brooks, Kristin Brooks, York, Wheelock, Stout

Nays: Hazzard-Pryor

MOTION PREVAILED

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Marks ran the election for chairperson.

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

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Keisha Brooks, Kristin Brooks, Hazzard-Pryor,

York, Wheelock, Stout

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Stout and Keisha Brooks made the following committee assignments.

<u>Disciplinary Subcommittee</u>
Kristin Brooks – Public Chairperson
Johnson – Professional
Stout – Professional
Wheelock, Public Member
York - Alternate

Board Review Panel Keisha Brooks Hazzard-Pryor York

Chair Report

Stout stated that the practice of massage therapy involves physically touching clients, but that massage therapists should also recognize that they are also touching the lives of those they serve.

Stout stated that the law must be enforced, and board should always be aware of who is impacted when it enforces the law.

Department Update

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Marks stated that the next New Board Member training would be held on August 21, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom. All members are welcome to attend.

Marlon Brown now Director of LARA

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 7, 2024, 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 Keisha Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: October 7, 2024

Prepared by: LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician Bureau of Professional Licensing

July 9, 2024