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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

**April 7, 2025 MEETING**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on April 7, 2025, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Keisha Brooks, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Keisha Brooks, LMT, Chairperson  
Becca Bartholomew, LMT  
Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member  
Nicole Johnson, LMT, CBIS  
Elise Wheelock, Public Member  
Jessica York, LMT, LC, BCTMB

**Members Absent:** Anne Hazzard-Pryor, LMT

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

#### **ROLL CALL/COMMUNICATION POLICY AND PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Kristin Brooks, to approve the agenda.





Marks presented the board with an updated Master Resolution

MOTION by Wheelock, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to approve the updated Master Resolution.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bartholomew, Kristin Brooks, Johnson, Wheelock, York,  
Keisha Brooks  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Board Member Resolution**

Keisha Brooks presented the board with board member resolutions honoring Jason Bacchus and John Stout who recently whose terms have ended.

### **Rules Discussion**

MOTION by York, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bartholomew, Kristin Brooks, Johnson, Wheelock, York,  
Keisha Brooks  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **HPRC Annual Report**

Marks presented the 2023-2024 HPRC Annual Report to the board.

### **Conflict-of-Interest Form and Credentials Verification Form**

Marks went over the Conflict-of-Interest Form and Credentials Verification Form with the board.

### **Chair Report**

Keisha Brooks said the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual FSMTB Meeting will be held October 5-7. Brooks stated she would like to attend but also asked if anyone else would like to go as well. Brooks encouraged her fellow board members to take CE's regarding Human trafficking and urged them to be vigilant. Brooks reminded the board and the public that they can reach out to their legislature for changes they would like to see with the Massage Therapy Rules.

### **Department Update**

Smith reminded the board to sign their Parking Affidavits and Expense Vouchers before leaving.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Krombean from American Massage Therapy Association - MI asked if there was a process in place to send feedback to law makers from the board on changes they would like to see to statute regarding the profession. Krombean wanted to make the board aware that some schools are experiencing issues relating to not receiving NBLEX pass/fail results back and are unable to become licensed. Krombean shared Human trafficking continues to be an issue and that AMTA-MI is working with different municipalities to combat this problem.

Kathy Skubik, Executive Director of Irene's Myomassology Institute shared the importance of Human trafficking and how large of an issue it has become. Skubik feels that amendments need to be made to the law regarding exemptions, so individuals are not able to "hide" behind Asian bodywork and run illegal Massage Parlors. Skubik felt it was very important for all to attend the FSMTB Annual Meeting and it is crucial for their voices to be heard.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 17, 2025, 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 Kristin Brooks, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: July 7, 2025.

Prepared by:  
Kimberly Smith, Board Support Technician  
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April 9, 2025