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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

July 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 July 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 9:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Elise Wheelock, Public Member

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Steve Sundeen 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 PREVAILED

Discussion held.

MOTION by Bartholomew, seconded by Johnson, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement.

Roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bartholomew, Kristin Brooks, Johnson, Keisha Brooks
 Nays: None
 Recused: York

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

HPRC Annual Report

MacIntosh introduced himself and shared that he is temporarily taking over for Dena Marks who retired last month. MacIntosh introduced Sundeen who is training currently and will be taking over permanently once training is complete. MacIntosh gave an overview of the HPRC Annual Report and let the board know it was on Egress for them to view.

Chair Report

Keisha Brooks shared that she felt that there were chain of command issues for following through with regulating non-licensed individuals. Brooks shared that these individuals were advertising their services on social media and practicing massage with no license. Brooks felt there was a disconnect in regulating this type of activity between law enforcement and LARA. Brooks would like to know the correct process that should be followed.

MacIntosh shared that the board does not have authority over unlicensed individuals. MacIntosh shared that if someone is aware of an unlicensed person engaging in unlicensed activities, they should make a complaint with LARA, an investigation will be completed, and if it is found that those types of things are going on, a Cease-and-Desist Order will be issued. If the Cease-and-Desist Order is violated, that individual will be referred over to the Department of Attorney General. The Department of Attorney General will follow up with the circuit court to pursue a remedy. MacIntosh shared that this procedure is explained in the Michigan Public Health Code under MCL 333.16233.

York shared that she felt that the correct procedures for handling unlicensed individuals should be shared more publicly.

Keisha Brooks presented the board with a board member resolution honoring AnneMarie Hazzard-Pryor who has recently resigned from the board.

Department Update

MacIntosh shared that once Sundeen becomes more familiar with his new position, he will hold a rules committee work group meeting.

MacIntosh reminded board members to check their state e-mail at least once a week.

Brown shared this will be her last meeting since she is retiring at the end of July.

Smith reminded board members to sign their expense vouchers so payments may be processed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Polly Simon is a licensed Massage Therapist, and she felt that there was a lack of proper and effective enforcement when it comes to unlicensed people practicing massage therapy in the state of Michigan. Simon was concerned that the profession of massage therapy is not being taken seriously for unlicensed practice like the other health professions. Simon was frustrated since she felt she was not being heard by the bureau and not getting her questions answered about unlicensed practice.

Mike Krombeen from American Massage Therapy Association - MI thanked the board for their discussion about unlicensed individuals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 6, 2025, 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 Johnson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: January 12, 2026

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