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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

April 7, 2025 MEETING

UNAPPROVED 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.

Elections

Marks ran the elections for the chairperson.

MOTION by Kristin Brooks, seconded by Johnson, to re-elect Keisha Brooks, as the chairperson.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

MOTION by Johnson, seconded by Wheelock, to elect Kristin Brooks, as the vice-chairperson.

MOTION by Kristin Brooks, seconded by Keisha Brooks, to elect Jessica York, as the Vice-Chairperson.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Committee Assignments

Keisha Brooks made the following assignments.

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Kristin Brooks-Public Chairperson
Bartholomew- Professional
Johnson- Professional
Wheelock- Public
York- Professional Alt.

Board Review Panel

Keisha Brooks
Hazard-Pryor
York

Rules

Bartholomew
Johnson
York

Master Resolution

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 20th 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:

Prepared by:
Kimberly Smith, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

April 9, 2025