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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

**JULY 19, 2021, MEETING**

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on July 19, 2021, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson  
Jason Bacchus, LMT  
Dana M. Blank, Public Member  
Amanda Corley, Public Member  
Katie Kiter, Public Member  
Amelia Lipovsky, LMT  
Irene Savoyat, LMT, Professional Member

**Members Absent:** Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member  
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member  
Jamel Randall, LMT, Professional Member  
Jodi Wiley, LMT, Vice Chairperson, Professional Member

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section  
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

### **ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Blank, seconded by Savoyat, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Blank, seconded by Bacchus, to approve the January 4, 2021, meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Conferee Training**

Smith presented a training titled "Conferee Training 2021."

### **FSMTB Meeting Update**

Stout presented a report provided by Wiley, who attended a Town Hall meeting held by FSMTB. The meeting addressed clinical versus apprenticeship programs offered in massage therapy schools and the possible problems with them. Michigan is not a state that recognizes apprenticeship programs. Discussion indicated that FSMTB's Matilda database provides discipline information on licensees.

### **Rules Discussion**

Marks stated that the rules were promulgated on April 1, 2021. She stated that there is new legislation, regarding reciprocity for Canadian licensees, that needed to be addressed in the rules.

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bacchus, Blank, Corley, Kiter, Lipovsky, Savoyat, Stout  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Chair Report**

Stout stated that there were legislative changes coming regarding 1) Misdemeanors unrelated to the practice of the profession are not necessarily grounds for loss of license and 2) Prostitution, now referred to as commercial sexual activity, is not being prosecuted in several counties within the state of Michigan.

### **Department Update**

Wysack reminded the board members to check their state email address regularly as it is the source of communication with the Department. She explained how to complete the travel voucher and the need to register with Sigma for reimbursement.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Krombeen with the American Massage Therapy Association – Michigan (AMTA), stated that he was looking forward to working on the rules with the Board. He stated that the AMTA was developing a product for implicit bias training.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

Prepared by:  
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July 21, 2021