

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MASSAGE THERAPY  
BOARD MEETING  
February 24, 2014**

A regular meeting for the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Massage Therapy was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions, located at 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY, February 24, 2014.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Eric Byrd, LMT  
Laurie Bond Horsford, Citizen-at-Large  
Denise Logsdon, LMT, Chair  
Cheryl Turner, ND, LMT, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tom Hansen, LMT  
Christie Robinson, Citizen-at-Large  
Katherine Warner, LMT, Vice Chair

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF**,  
Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
Michael West, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS**

Cyndi Thornburg Schnell, AMTA-KY L&L Chair

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Logsdon, Chair, called the regular business meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Byrd made a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2014 with amendments. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Ms. Turner made a motion to accept the financial statement as submitted. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to accept the licensure status report. Ms. Horsford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. West reported that he had filed the regulations and that the comment period would be during the month of March. The rest of his report would be given during the Complaint Committee report.

**REPORT FROM O&P**

The report from Gordon Slone, Executive Director of Occupations, was in the packet for review.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Logsdon reported that she still intended to complete the letter of thanks, on behalf of the board, to Ms. Theresa Crisler, for all of her hard work in laying the foundation for the Policies and Procedures Manual.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence from Kentucky Higher Assistance Authority (KHEAA) was reviewed. They had notified the Board that licensee Tanisha Roussos was currently in default on the repayment obligation under a financial assistance program administered by KHEAA. Following discussion by the Board, and clarification of the process by Mr. West, Ms. Turner made a motion that a letter be sent to Ms. Roussos stating that the Board

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was giving her 60-days from the date of receipt of the letter from the Board to enter into an agreement of repayment with KHEAA and provide proof to the Board. The letter was to further state that failure to do so may affect her ability to be renewed. Ms. Horsford seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Byrd, stating that he had a conflict of interest in the matter, recused himself from the room at 10:22 a.m. Mr. Byrd did not participate in the discussion or subsequent vote and returned to the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Email correspondence from Kris Lane was reviewed. Ms. Lane was asking if an LMT who is also a chiropractic assistant could perform duties that were not allowed as an LMT – but acceptable as a chiropractic assistant. Ms. Turner made a motion that Ms. Logsdon reply to Ms. Lane’s email informing her that while the KBLMT does not regulate insurance in any way, the Board does support the right of an LMT to hold dual roles as a medical or chiropractic assistant to provide services for the same reimbursement given when other staff members function in those roles. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Information from Rick Rosen with some model continuing education regulations for state massage therapy boards was distributed for informational purposes only.

Information from Gordon Slone, Executive Director of the Office of Occupations and Professions, was reviewed. The administrative fee being charged to the Board will be increasing by \$8,000 for a total of \$117,000 per year. While the Board will agree to accept the increased administrative fees they wished to go on record that they are not pleased with a 9.8% increase.

Ms. Logsdon asked the board to be thinking about whether there was a need for the Board to have a retreat this year. All members were asked to provide the following input at the March 31, 2014 board meeting: (1) Is there a need for a retreat?; (2) If so would one day in Frankfort followed by a board meeting be sufficient?; and, (3) What topics need to be addressed?

Ms. Logsdon presented information from the Coalition of National Massage Therapy Organizations with regard to the publication of the Entry-Level Analysis Project. Ms. Logsdon stated that she felt it was very important for boards to understand which project which researched and is advising a core curriculum for massage therapy schools. This may be an educational piece the board would want to emphasize and work with schools to help them utilize the resources.

**COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Byrd made the following recommendations and report on behalf of the Complaint Committee:

- 2011-05 – Ongoing
- 2012-01 – Ongoing
- 2013-01 – Ongoing
- 2013-03 – Ongoing
- 2013-08 – Preliminary determination of denial based upon lack of transcript, lack of test scores, and working without a license
- 2013-11 – Ongoing
- 2013-14 – Ongoing
- 2013-15 – Recommend issuance of an investigative subpoena
- 2013-19 – Ongoing
- 2013-20 – Recommend dismissal and advise them to remove “Thai Body Work” from their offerings unless a Licensed Massage Therapist was added to their staff and would be performing this service
- 2013-21 – Ongoing
- 2013-23 – Recommend issuance of an investigative subpoena

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2014-01-A – Referred to investigator  
2014-01-B – Referred to investigator  
2014-01-C – Referred to investigator  
2014-01-D – Referred to investigator  
2014-02 – Referred to investigator  
2014-03 – Referred to investigator  
2014-04 – Referred to investigator and notify Board of Nursing, AMTA and NCBTMB

Ms. Horsford made a motion to accept the recommendation of the complaint committee. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Application Committee met on February 19, 2014 at the Office of Occupations and Professions 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort Kentucky. Mr. Hansen and Ms. Horsford were present. Mr. West assisted the committee with two applicant interviews. On behalf of the Application Committee and Education Committee Ms. Horsford made the following recommendation:

**Renewals (49)**

**Approved (39):** *Michael Abbott, Tami Adkins, Jason Appling, Corwyn Blackwell, Melissa Crites, Shannon Davidson, Tamara Dearing, Deborah Dykes, Ruth Edlin, Teresa Foley, Jamie Gerhard, Kenneth Hatfield, Anne Hodges, Kristina Holmes, April Holmgren-Smith, Megan Huff, Valarie Jackson, Brenda Johnson, Ray Johnson, Sonja Joiner, Amanda Kiley, Yoon Hyung Kim, Stacey Klingsmith, Cynthia Marshall, Krista Matheny, Amanda Mattingly, Beatrice McGuirk, Angela Miller, Robert Mobley, Aimee Parham, Shannon Runke, Naomi Sutherland, Lindsey Thomas, Deborah Wade, Mary Alice Walter, Shuyi Wang, Summer Wilson, Tammy Worthington, Julia Yates*

**Approved Pending (10):** *Alayna Bennett, Bebe Bower, Michelle Carnes, Amy Dunzweiler, Jordan Fields, Hong Yang Li, Jia Hao Liang, Lucy Morgan, Heather Rogers, Lei Chen Yun*

**Endorsements (7)**

**Approved (3):** *Donna Ashcraft, Mary Corwin, Laura Murphy*

**Deferred (3):** *Peter Cunningham, Mireya Lescaille, Julie Thacker*

**Preliminary Determination of Denial (1):** *Mingzue Jim*

**Initial Applications (28)**

**Approved (25):** *Kim Allen, Angela Arnett, Jessie Bertrand, Emily Bihl, Heather Binnie, Christa Bolton, Laura Cessna, Julie Chi, Ashley Combs, Christopher Dresing, Amy Gardner, Lindsay Hall, Eric Hayes, Jason Kennedy, Hannah Lee, Page Fiola, Marcus Poer, Whitney Shahin, Richard Thomas, Burgandi Turner, Dawn Waddell, Victoria Walter, Erica Maryman, Gannon O'Dea*

**Approved Pending (2):** *Jason Reeder, Beth Yeager*

**Deferred (1):** *Erica McKenzie*

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Renewal of a Certificate of Good Standing for a Massage Therapy Training Program:**

Daymar College – Bellevue Campus – Approved  
Daymar College – Paducah – Deferred  
Daymar College – Owensboro – Deferred  
Daymar College – Louisville – Deferred  
Gateway Community and Technical College - Deferred

Ms. Turner made a motion to accept the recommendation of the application committee. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Ms. Turner made a motion that all board members in attendance be reimbursed travel and per diem for attending the meeting and retreat. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Application Committee is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2014. The March board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 31, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. The Complaint Committee meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business brought before the Board Ms. Turner made a motion the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 A.M. Ms. Horsford seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved March 31, 2014