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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

State Board of Massage Therapy
June 4, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair,
Professional Member
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Linda A. Chamberlain, MS, BSN, RN, CNDLTC, Secretary
of Health designee
Jessica Nelson, Office of Attorney General designee
Dana J. Douglas, LMT
Kathleen Hill, LMT
Jennifer A. Keth, LMT, CNC, Vice Chair
Imelda Alumbro Shade, LMT
Bryan Strawser, LMT

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Board Counsel
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Kelsey B. Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Julius Zeitlinger, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Paul Keller, Board Administrator
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Natalie Cook, Associate, McNeese-Winter Group
Jennifer Passenti, Ed.D., Center Director, Lake
Region Center, Lackawanna College
Christine Hooper, Manager, Legislative and Regulatory
Affairs, American Massage Therapy Association
Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution
Division
Vickiann Hicks, LMT, BCTMB, CCCA, Director of
Education/Owner at Massage Academy of the Poconos
Ashley Hernandez, MPA, Government Relations
Specialist, Federation of State Massage Therapy
Boards
Bryn Erace, Multi Unit Franchise Owner, Hand & Stone
Massage and Facial Spa

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ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Juliet Vance, LMT, Inspire Chiropractic & Wellness
Nina M. Kottcamp-Long, LMT, NCMT, Coordinator,
Massage Therapy Program/Holistic Health and
Wellness, Harrisburg Area Community College
Gordon Macaulay
Edward Portley Jr., LMT, Just This Side of Heaven
Massage & Continuing Education for Massage
Therapists
Mark
Heidi
Daniel Powers, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Massage Therapy

3 June 4, 2024

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations
9 and to receive advice of counsel on the matters upon
10 which the Board would later vote. The Board returned
11 to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Massage Therapy was held on Tuesday, June 4,
15 2024. Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair,
16 called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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18 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
19 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued
20 to participate were giving their consent to be
21 recorded.

22 Mr. Hinsey also noted the Board entered into
23 Executive Session with Board Counsel to have
24 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
25 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.]

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2 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

3 [Chair Porambo requested an introduction of Board
4 members and attendees. A quorum of Board members was
5 present.]

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7 Approval of minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting

8 CHAIR PORAMBO:

9 Approval of the minutes of the meeting
10 from April 2, 2024. Are there any
11 changes to the minutes? Hearing none.

12 I'd like to ask for a motion,
13 please?

14 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

15 So moved.

16 CHAIR PORAMBO:

17 Do we have a second?

18 MS. NELSON:

19 Second.

20 MR. KELLER:

21 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
22 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
23 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
24 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

25 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from

1 voting on the motion.]

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3 Regulatory Report

4 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel,
5 provided a Regulatory Status Report prior to the
6 meeting for the Board's review. He informed Board
7 members that he is drafting the final-form rulemaking
8 for 16A-726 regarding massage therapists in
9 cosmetology and esthetician salons.

10 Mr. Davis also noted simultaneously working on
11 the proposed rulemaking for 16A-728 regarding virtual
12 education. He mentioned that he is hoping to have
13 one of those regulations, if not both, on the August
14 agenda for a vote.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel

17 Proposed Adjudications and Orders

18 MR. HINSEY:

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Based on Executive Session

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deliberations, I believe the Board

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Chair would entertain a motion to adopt

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the Proposed Adjudication and Order in

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the matter of agenda item 4, Nicholas

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Marotta, Case No. 23-72-010369.

25 CHAIR PORAMBO:

1 Do we have a motion?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIR PORAMBO:

5 Second?

6 MS. NELSON:

7 Second.

8 MR. KELLER:

9 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

10 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,

11 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;

12 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

13 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
14 voting on the motion.]

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16 MR. HINSEY:

17 Based on Executive Session

18 deliberations, I believe the Board

19 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt

20 the Proposed Adjudication and

21 Substitute the Board's Order in the

22 matter at agenda item 5, Wei Tong, Case

23 No. 23-72-002255.

24 CHAIR PORAMBO:

25 Do we have a motion?

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 So moved.

3 MS. NELSON:

4 Second.

5 MR. KELLER:

6 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
7 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
8 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
9 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

10 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
11 voting on the motion.]

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13 Report of Board Counsel

14 Motions to Deem Facts Admitted

15 MR. HINSEY:

16 Based on Executive Session
17 deliberations, I believe the Board
18 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
19 the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted and
20 Enter Default and direct Board Counsel
21 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
22 accordance with the discussion in
23 Executive Session for the matter at
24 agenda item 6, Wakeem Hall, Case No.
25 20-72-009493.

1 CHAIR PORAMBO:

2 May I have a motion, please?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MS. NELSON:

6 Second.

7 MR. KELLER:

8 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

9 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
10 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;

11 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

12 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
13 voting on the motion.]

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15 MR. HINSEY:

16 Based on a filing by the Commonwealth
17 this morning, the matter at agenda item
18 7, Joseph Nezovich, Case No. 22-72-
19 011280, is tabled.

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21 Report of Board Counsel

22 Citation Appeal

23 MR. HINSEY:

24 Based on Executive Session

25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a Motion to
2 Dismiss the Citation Appeal at agenda
3 item 8, Rachel Bires, Case No. 21-72-
4 005246.

5 CHAIR PORAMBO:

6 Do I have a motion?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 MS. NELSON:

10 Second.

11 MR. KELLER:

12 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
13 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
14 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
15 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

16 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel

20 Application Review

21 MR. HINSEY:

22 Based on Executive Session
23 deliberations, I believe the Board
24 Chair would entertain a Motion to
25 Rescind the Vote on February 13, 2024,

1 and grant the Application for Licensure
2 as a Massage Therapist at agenda item
3 9, Patrina Martin, Case No. 24-72-
4 002665.

5 CHAIR PORAMBO:

6 Do I have a motion?

7 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

8 So moved.

9 MS. NELSON:

10 Second.

11 MR. KELLER:

12 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
13 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
14 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
15 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

16 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

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19 MR. HINSEY:

20 Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a Motion to
23 Rescind the Vote on April 2, 2024, and
24 and grant the Application for Licensure
25 as a Massage Therapist at agenda item

1 10, Nancy Tieu.

2 CHAIR PORAMBO:

3 Do I have a motion?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 CHAIR PORAMBO:

7 Do we have a second?

8 MS. NELSON:

9 Second.

10 MR. KELLER:

11 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

12 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,

13 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;

14 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 MR. HINSEY:

19 Based on Executive Session

20 deliberations, I believe the Board

21 Chair would entertain a Motion to

22 Approve the Application and place the

23 license on probation for a period of no

24 less than 3 years at agenda item 11,

25 Taylor Welsh.

1 CHAIR PORAMBO:

2 Do I have a motion?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MS. NELSON:

6 Second.

7 MR. KELLER:

8 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

9 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
10 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;

11 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

12 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
13 voting on the motion.]

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15 Report of Board Prosecutor

16 [Julius Zeitlinger, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
17 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-72-
18 018435.]

19 MR. HINSEY:

20 Jessica Nelson is recused from the
21 discussion and vote on agenda item 12.

22 Based on the presentation of the
23 prosecution division, does any Board
24 member wish to reenter Executive
25 Session for deliberations on any of

1 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
2 members that e-licensure was enabled in the
3 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) on May 31 to
4 allow licensees to print their own license.

5 Acting Commissioner Claggett mentioned that the
6 license will have a quick response (QR) code that can
7 link with the PALS website to verify the status of
8 their license. He noted licenses will continue to be
9 printed as they are issued, and there will be no fee
10 for printing their own license.]

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12 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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14 Report of Board Administrator

15 Applications

16 MR. HINSEY:

17 Based on Executive Session
18 deliberations, I believe the Board
19 Chair would entertain a motion to
20 provisionally deny the Application for
21 Licensure as a Massage Therapist at
22 agenda item 13, Danielle Galaskewicz.

23 CHAIR PORAMBO:

24 Do I have a motion?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MS. NELSON:

3 Second.

4 MR. KELLER:

5 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

6 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,

7 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;

8 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

9 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
10 voting on the motion.]

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12 MR. HINSEY:

13 Based on Executive Session

14 deliberations, I believe the Board

15 Chair would entertain a motion to

16 provisionally deny the Application for

17 Licensure as a Massage Therapist at

18 agenda item 14, Bridget Langley.

19 CHAIR PORAMBO:

20 Do I have a motion?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MS. NELSON:

24 Second.

25 MR. KELLER:

1 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
2 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
3 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
4 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.
5 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
6 voting on the motion.]

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8 MR. HINSEY:

9 Based on Executive Session
10 deliberations, I believe the Board
11 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
12 the Applications for Licensure as a
13 Massage Therapist at agenda item 15,
14 Gordon Macaulay; agenda item 16,
15 Patrick Magee; item 17, Eric Miller;
16 agenda item 18, Joseph Ortiz; and
17 agenda item 19, Marqueta Aiken.

18 CHAIR PORAMBO:

19 Do I have a motion?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MS. NELSON:

23 Second.

24 MR. KELLER:

25 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;

1 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
2 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
3 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

4 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
5 voting on the motion.]

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7 Miscellaneous - House Bill 2178 of 2024 - Training on
8 Implicit Bias and Cultural Competence

9 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed Board
10 members that House Bill 2178 is proposed legislation
11 requiring applicants complete training regarding
12 implicit bias and cultural competence in accordance
13 with the continuing education requirements of health-
14 related boards.

15 Mr. Hinsey stated the bill defines cultural
16 competence as the ability to understand, communicate,
17 and effectively interact with people of different
18 races, ethnicities, and cultures related to health
19 and the delivery of health care. He noted House Bill
20 2178 was referred to the House Professional Licensure
21 Committee in April.

22 Nina M. Kottcamp-Long, LMT, NCMT, Coordinator,
23 Massage Therapy Program/Holistic Health and Wellness,
24 Harrisburg Area Community College, asked whether this
25 will be treated like Act 31, where training would be

1 electronically filed with the state.

2 Mr. Hinsey explain that the methods would have to
3 be done by regulation, so there would be a regulatory
4 process set up as to how the training and
5 certification would occur. He further explained that
6 House Bill 2178 touches on all health-related boards
7 and then adds that the processes are to be determined
8 by regulation in accordance with current board
9 regulations.

10 Ashley Hernandez, MPA, Government Relations
11 Specialist, Federation of State Massage Therapy
12 Boards, informed Board members that FSMTB is
13 currently in the process of finalizing their implicit
14 bias course, and it meets all the requirements of
15 House Bill 2178. She mentioned that it will be
16 available for massage therapists soon if the bill
17 passes.]

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19 Miscellaneous - 2023 Annual Report

20 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided the
21 Board with the 2023 State Board of Massage Therapy
22 Annual Report for the Board's information.]

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24 Miscellaneous - 2025 Proposed Board Meeting

25 Dates - Vote

1 [Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair, noted
2 the proposed 2025 Board meeting dates are February
3 18, April 1, June 24, August 11, September 23, and
4 December 3.]

5 CHAIR PORAMBO:

6 We need a vote on these. Could I have
7 a motion?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. NELSON:

11 Second.

12 MR. KELLER:

13 Porambo, aye; Claggett, aye;
14 Chamberlain, aye; Nelson, aye; Keth,
15 aye; Strawser, aye; Douglas, aye;
16 Alumbro Shade, aye; Hill, abstain.

17 [The motion carried. Kathleen Hill abstained from
18 voting on the motion.]

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20 Next Meeting Dates

21 [Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair, noted
22 the next scheduled meeting date is August 13, 2024.
23 She also noted the remaining 2024 meeting dates are
24 September 24 and December 3.

25 Chair Porambo asked Kathleen Hill to introduce

1 herself, and Ms. Hill provided a brief summary of her
2 professional background.

3 Chair Porambo welcomed Ms. Hill to the State
4 Board of Massage Therapy.]

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6 Adjournment

7 CHAIR PORAMBO:

8 Motion to adjourn.

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 So moved.

11 MS. NELSON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR PORAMBO:

14 Thank you.

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16 [There being no further business, the State Board of
17 Massage Therapy Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Massage Therapy Meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Massage Therapy Meeting.



Daniel Powers,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
REFERENCE INDEX

June 4, 2024

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10:30	Return to Open Session
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10:32	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Regulatory Report
10:35	Report of Board Counsel
10:45	Report of Board Prosecutor
10:48	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:49	Report of Board Administrator
10:52	Miscellaneous
10:55	Next Meeting Dates
10:56	Adjournment

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