

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY -

Friday April 8, 2022 - Open Board Meeting – TIME: 10:00am

PLACE:

Louisiana State Archives
3851 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Call to Order

Roll Call P=Present A=Absent

Members:

Kathie Lea: Chairperson	P
Casey Little: Treasurer	P
Jim Steele: Chief Investigating Officer	A
Rosemary Wilkinson: Secretary	P
Karla Swacker	P
Donna Green	P
Sheri Morris: Attorney	P
James Raines: Attorney	P
Mary Sue Stages: CPA	A
Tricia Thibaut, Executive Director	P
Aubry Leiva: Executive Assistant	P

Business:

1. Hearings²

A Shambala Massage Therapy, LLC E4619

1. Li Ma

Mr. McDow motioned for a continuance of this hearing, in order to seek out legal counsel. Mr. Raines objected to this motion. The status of the licenses in questions were clarified by Mr. Raines and Ms. Morris as suspended until a hearing is completed and ruled on. Mr. Raines withdrew his objection. The board granted the motion for continuance to move the case to June 10, 2022. This hearing will serve as notice and acceptance of the next hearing date of June 10, 2022. Ms. Ma and Mr. McDow requested that the location of the June 10, 2022 meeting be sent to their updated address.

Kathie Lea motioned for a 5 minute Recess, seconded by Casey Little

Board returned from recess

B. Yanqun Rao E8487

1. Lotus Massage E3544
2. Wonderful Land Therapy E3922
3. B & B Spa E474
4. Blue Olive Spa E3890
5. All Natural Spa E4298
6. Ting Ting Spa E4314

7. Flower Spa E4598
8. Spa Massage E3962
9. Oriental Foot Massage E3845

Motion to Recess by Kathie Lea Love
Board returned from recess

Rosemary Wilkerson Motioned to accept findings of fact 1-98, seconded by Casey Little.
Motion carried unanimously.

C. Chongmei Wei LA9608

Motion for continued suspension for Chongmei Wei until criminal case is settled by
Karla Swacker, second by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously

2. Approve Minutes from March 24, 2022 Board Meeting

Motion by Karla Swacker to approve minutes from March 24, 2022 board meeting.
Seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously

3. Treasurer Report

A. No updated financials from CPA.

B. Proposed policy change in regards to lapsed licenses.

Motion to waive educational and MBLEX time requirements for therapists
with lapsed licenses, with new application, licensing fee, registration fee and sliding
scale fine based on time elapsed since license lapsing of \$100 2-5 years, \$300 for 5-10,
and \$500 for over 10 years by Casey Little, seconded by Donna Green.

Motion withdrawn by Casey Little

C. Fee Increases

4. Executive Director Report

A. Update on renewals completed

A. Office Staff Hire

Request approval to hire third permanent, full time office staff member
by Executive Director. Motion by Casey Little to approve hiring third
office staff member at up to \$30,000 yearly salary, seconded by Donna
Green. Motion carried unanimously

B. Modality Clarification

1. Kristen Dufour, LPN

This is outside of our scope of practice, Executive Director to
respond.

5. Board Chairperson Report

A. Introduction of Christine Hooper, Program Manager, Legislative & Regulatory
Affairs, AMTA

B. Municipal Ordinances: Denham Springs, East Baton Rouge

C. Public Information-Coordination with the Louisiana Municipal Association

D. Legislative Auditors Recommendations Discussion

E. Current Legislation

- F. FSMTB Meeting for ED's
- G. Tentative Board Meeting Date for May

Adjournment

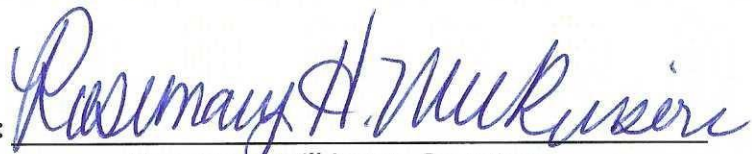
Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:09 by Karla Swacker and seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously

¹Public Comment Policy –Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per agenda item with the Board's discretion to allow more time if needed.

²The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy reserves the right to enter into Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with LA R.S. 42:16, 42:17, and La. C.E. art. 506.

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Approved by:



Rosemary Wilkinson, Secretary