

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025 - Open Board Meeting – TIME: 9:30am**

**PLACE:**

6222 Jones Creek Road  
Meeting Room 3  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

**Call to Order by Kathie Lea at 9:40 am**

**Roll Call P=Present A=Absent**

**Members:**

Kathie Lea: Chairperson	<u>P</u>
Toshii Cooper: Secretary	<u>P</u>
Karla Swacker: Treasurer	<u>P</u>
Donna Green: Vice Chair	<u>P</u>
Memry Hodum: CIO	<u>P</u>
Rosemary Wilkinson:	<u>P</u>
Amie Dudzinski	<u>A</u>
Sheri Morris: Attorney	<u>P</u>
James Raines: Attorney	<u>P</u>
Mary Sue Stages: CPA	<u>A</u>
Tricia Thibaut, Executive Director	<u>P</u>
Aubry Stagg: Executive Assistant	<u>P</u>
Chandra Wiley: Administrative Assistant	<u>P</u>

Reading of Mission Statement by Chairperson

***Public Comment<sup>1</sup>***

No Public Comment Given

**Business:**

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2024 Meeting  
Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Karla Swacker,  
Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Hearings
  - a) Lomi Massage, E5245  
Motion to revoke the license for Lomi Massage and to assess a \$2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker.  
Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.
  - b) Melvin Ursin, LA9454  
Motion to place this licensee on probation for one year, subject to review by the board staff, report to office all working locations and quarterly reports from employer, remove all ads, will only work at registered or licensed establishments, will not provide massage services out of their home or by mobile massage, provide proof of completing 4 total hours of Professionalism and Ethics Continuing education within the two year and \$500 fine and assess appropriate administrative and legal

costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Oriental Relax Massage, E3385 & E3553

Motion to revoke the licenses for both licenses of Oriental Relax Massage and to assess a \$2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Guangdong Bai, LA7795

Motion to revoke the license for Guangdong Bai and to assess a \$2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Beautiful Bar, E5221

Motion to revoke the license for Beautiful Bar and to assess a \$3,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

3) James Raines

a) Ping Sun

Motion to accept the Consent Agreement as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Officer Elections

a) Chairperson

Karla Swacker re-nominated the current officer. Kathie Lea accepted the nomination. Kathie Lea was unopposed in election.

b) Vice Chair

Karla Swacker re-nominated the current officer. Donna Green accepted the nomination. Donna Green is unopposed in election.

c) Treasurer

Karla Swacker motioned to re-nominate the current officer. Karla Swacker accepted the nomination. Karla Swacker is unopposed in election.

d) Secretary

Karla Swacker motioned to nominate Toshii Cooper as Secretary. Toshii Cooper accepted the nomination. Toshii Cooper is unopposed in election.

e) Complaint Investigation Officer

Karla Swacker motioned to re-nominate the current officer. Memry Hodum accepted the nomination. Memry Hodum is unopposed in election

f) Continuing Education Reviewer

Karla Swacker re-nominated the current officer. Donna Green accepted the nomination. Donna Green is unopposed in election.

Karla Swacker motioned to accept the election slate as offered. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Mary Sue Stages, CPA

Mary Sue Stages was absent from this meeting. No financial information was provided by the CPA.

6) Treasurer Report

a) Financials review

The treasurer has reviewed the financial reports, credit card and bank statements from October, November and December 2024, and found them to be in order.

b) LAMP

The treasurer gave an update on the LAMP balance.

7) Executive Director Report

a) OLRP - Occupational Licensing Review Program

Motion to join OLRP and to amend the budget to cover the costs by Karla Swacker.

Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Christy Romero, Non-standard CEU

Motion to approve the college transcript for 4 Continuing Education Credits for

Anatomy and Physiology by Rosemary Wilkinson. Seconded by Karla Swacker.

Motion carried unanimously.

c) Rules Meeting

The board has scheduled a meeting on March 17, 2025 at 9:30 am to discuss and approve rules changes to submit to OLRP.

The Executive Director advised the board of trainings that are due by the end of the fiscal year and notified the board that Amie Dudzinski has resigned her position with the board effective February 9, 2025.

8) Chairperson Report

The Chairperson gave an update on the "National Convening 2025: Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage" she attended January 14-15, 2025 in Arlington, VA.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:21 pm by Rosemary Wilkinson and seconded by Karla Swacker.**

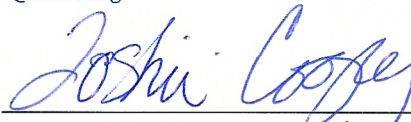
**Motion carried unanimously**

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

<sup>2</sup>The 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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Respectfully Submitted by:



Toshii Cooper, Secretary