LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2024 - 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 9:41 am
Roll Call P=Present A=Absent
Members:

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

Reading of Mission Statement by Chairperson

Public Comment[1]

No Public Comment Given

Business:

1) Approval of Meeting Minutes
   a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 23,2024 Meeting
      Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Toshii Cooper, Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
2) Hearings
   a) Cuigia Tian
      Motion to deny the application for professional licensure by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.
3) James Raines
   a) Qiong Wang
      Motion to accept consent agreement as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
   b) Christy Grant, LA9620
      Motion to accept consent agreement as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
   c) Arrid Hansel, LA1928
      Kathie Lea is recused from this matter.

Motion to accept consent agreement as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Jade Spa
Motion to accept consent agreement as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Mary Sue Stages, CPA
   a) Financials

Mary Sue Stages was absent from this meeting. No financial provided.

5) Treasurer Report
   a) Financials review

Treasurer has reviewed the financial reports, credit card and bank statements from August 2024, and found them to be in order.

6) Chairperson Report
   a) Changes in Professional and Occupational Standards
   b) Human Trafficking Seminar
      Motion to allow the chairperson to attend "National Convening 2025: Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage" January 14-15, 2024 in Arlington, VA by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Executive Director Report
   a) Alex LeGaux, LA9468 – Non Standard CEU Request
      Motion to accept Mr. LeGaux's college transcript for 24 Continuing Education Units by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Donna Green opposed. Motion Carries.
   b) Lapsed vs. Reciprocity
      Lapsed licensees who meet the requirements for licensure via Reciprocity shall apply using the reciprocity application and shall not apply for reinstatement of their lapsed license.
   c) Tentative December Meeting
      The December 9, 2024 meeting will take place at the Jones Creek Library.
   d) 2025 Meeting Dates
      The board will schedule the meeting dates for 2025 on December 9, 2024.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:16 pm by Karla Swacker and seconded by Toshii Cooper. 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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Respectfully Submitted by: Toshii Cooper

Toshii Cooper, Secretary