LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 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 9:33 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:	P
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 October 14,2024 Meeting
      Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Rosemary Wilkinson, Seconded by Karla Swacker. Motion carried unanimously.
2) **Hearings**
   a) Yang Yang Massage, E5152
      Motion to revoke the license for Yang Yang Massage and to assess a $2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
   b) Noble Massage
      Motion to revoke the license for Noble Massage and to assess a $2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
   c) Weizhen Tan, LA8286
      Motion to revoke the license for Weizhen Tan and to assess a $1,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Le Le Massage, E5283
Motion to revoke the license for Le Le Massage and to assess a $2,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Long Ke Health, LA5142
Motion to revoke the license for Weizhen Tan and to assess a $1,000 fine and appropriate administrative and legal costs for proceedings by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

f) Haize LLC
Motion to deny the application for Establishment licensure by Toshii Cooper. Seconded by Karla Swacker. Motion carried unanimously.

g) Pik Yuk Li
Motion to deny the application for professional licensure by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.

h) Rong Rong Xiao
Motion to deny the application for professional licensure by Memry Hodum. Seconded by Karla Swacker. Motion carried unanimously.

3) James Raines
   a) Opie Menge, LA9398
   Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Professional License as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
   b) Yanchun Sun, LA9318
   Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Professional License as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Executive Director Report
   a) TECAR – Capacitive Resistive Electric Transference
   The board advised that TECAR is not within the scope of practice of Massage Therapists in Louisiana.
   b) OLRP - Occupational Licensing Review Program
   Motion to defer a decision of joining OLRP until the next scheduled board meeting by Donna Green. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
   c) 2025 Meeting Dates
   The Meeting dates for the board meetings in 2025 are February 10, May 12, August 11, and October 13 with tentative meeting dates of November 10 and December 8 to be held at the board's request.

5) **Mary Sue Stages, CPA**
   Mary Sue Stages was absent from this meeting. No financial information was provided by the CPA.
   a) Financials
   b) Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Audit
   c) Budget Approval SFY 2025/2026

6) **Treasurer Report**
The Treasurer gave a report on the results from the Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Audit in Mary Sue Stages' absence.
The Treasurer presented the proposed SFY 2025/2026 budget in Mary Sue Stages' absence.

Motion to approve the SFY 2025/2026 budget by Toshii Cooper. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.

a) Financials review

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

b) LAMP

The treasurer gave an update on the LAMP balance.

7) **Chairperson Report**

The Chairperson gave an update on the Federation Meting she attended in October and of the "National Convening 2025: Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage" she will attend January 14-15, 2024 in Arlington, VA

The Chairperson discussed licensure requirements for the Welcome Home Act, versus the Board's requirements for licensure. Chairperson moved to direct legal and Board staff to clarify licensing under the Welcome Home Act. Without objections the motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:07 pm by Karla Swacker and seconded by Memry Hodum. 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