

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2026 - 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 9:39 am**

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

**Members:**

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| Kathie Lea: Chairperson                 | <u>P</u> |
| Toshii Cooper: Secretary                | <u>P</u> |
| Karla Swacker: Treasurer                | <u>A</u> |
| Donna Green: Vice Chair                 | <u>P</u> |
| Memry Hodum: CIO                        | <u>P</u> |
| Rosemary Wilkinson:                     | <u>P</u> |
| Sheri Morris: Attorney                  | <u>P</u> |
| James Raines: Attorney                  | <u>P</u> |
| Mary Sue Stages: CPA                    | <u>P</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>i</sup>**

No Public Comment Given

**Business:**

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2025 Meeting  
Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Toshii Cooper,  
Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Hearings
  - a) Liqing Zhang, LA8447  
Motion to deny the application for professional licensure based on the  
documentation submitted by Donna Green. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried  
unanimously.
  - b) Windy Spa, E5549  
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing to the next board meeting by Toshii  
Cooper. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
  - c) Yu Jia, LA10306 (owner windy spa)  
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing to the next board meeting by Toshii  
Cooper. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
  - ***I believe they are represented by tanner woods***
  - ***This is Gary Holloway, who emailed the advertisements via email to the office saying  
there was nothing offensive (see attached email)***

**d) Peaceful Spa, E5151**

Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender of Establishment License subject to the following terms: a public notice of voluntary surrender shall be placed on the board website, the owner will be ineligible for reinstatement of establishment license and ineligible to apply for a new establishment license for a period of five years, in the event the owner seeks licensure by the board after the five year period, a hearing shall be held by the board to afford the owner and opportunity to present evidence they are fit to hold an establishment license, after the hearing the board may deny or grant licensure and in the event of licensure the board may place any conditions or restrictions on the establishment license as it deems appropriate and a payment of \$500.00 by Donna Green. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

- ***Paid 500.00 file***
- ***Returned Establishment License***
- ***I think we just need the an agreement for Voluntary surrender signed by the Board***

**e) Johnathan N. Hebert, LA4108**

Motion to continue the scheduled hearing to the next board meeting and for the summary suspension order to remain in place by Toshii Cooper. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.

**f) Johnathan N Hebert , LMT Muscular Therapy LLC, E4108**

Motion to continue the scheduled hearing to the next board meeting and for the summary suspension order to remain in place by Toshii Cooper. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.

**3) James Raines**

**a) Jay Garrett**

Motion to accept the Consent Agreement as presented by Donna Green. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

**4) Mary Sue Stages, CPA**

**a) Budget Amendment**

Motion to accept the presented budget amendment with an additional \$35,000 to be added to the legal budget by Rosemary Wilkinson. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

**b) James Raines, Contract Amendment**

Motion to approve the presented, amended contract for James Raines's within established amended legal budget for the remainder of the fiscal year by Rosemary Wilkinson, Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.

**c) Financials**

The CPA presented the financials from September 2025 and January 2026 and the current year to date compared to budget. Motion by Donna Green to accept the financial report as presented. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

**5) Chairperson Report**

The chairperson presented proposed changes to the pending rules changes as it relates to the Continuing Education Requirements.

Motion to remove the proposed one hour of continuing education dedicated to law or ethics by Toshii Cooper. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.



Motion to not remove the proposed minimum six hours of live, in-person continuing education requirement by Donna Green. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Executive Director Report

The Executive director advised the board of proposed legislation regarding provisional licensure and updated the board on the status of the new board website and the online renewal process. The board members were provided with instructions to complete their yearly training and reporting requirements.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:35 pm by Toshii Cooper and seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson.**

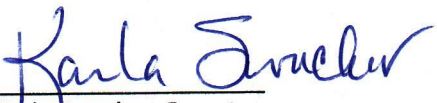
**Motion carried unanimously**

<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:

  
Karla Swacker, Secretary