

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –
Meeting Minutes
March 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 9:42 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>A</u>
Rosemary Wilkinson:	<u>P</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>A</u>

Reading of Mission Statement by Chairperson

Public Comment¹

No Public Comment Given

Business:

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2026 Meeting
Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Donna Green
Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Executive Director Report
The Executive director updated the board on the status of the new board website, status of the yearly renewal process and office harassment policy circulated to licensees.
- 3) Treasurer Report
 - a) Request for Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters
Karla Swacker motioned to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
Rosemary Wilkinson motioned to return to regular session. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b) Budget Approval
The Treasurer presented the proposed SFY 2026/2027 budget in Mary Sue Stages' absence.

Motion to approve the SFY 2026/2027 budget by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer gave an update on the LAMP balance.

4) Sheri Morris

a) Rules Approval

Discussion regarding possible amendments to the following

3. Chapter 13: Examination

11. Chapter 37: Continuing Education

Motion to accept the proposed rules changes from the November 10, 2025 meeting and the amendments from this meeting and to authorize staff to make clerical changes and submit to the legislative fiscal office by Karla Swacker, Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Chairperson Report

The Chairperson gave an update on the status of the proposed Massage Therapy Compact (IMpact).

6) Officer Elections

a) Chairperson

Donna Green motioned to re-nominate the current officer. Seconded by Karla Swacker. Kathie Lea accepted the nomination. Kathie Lea was unopposed in election.

b) Vice Chair

Karla Swacker nominated Rosemary Wilkinson to the position of Vice Chair. Seconded by Donna Green. Rosemary Wilkinson accepted the nomination. Rosemary Wilkinson is unopposed in election.

c) Treasurer

Rosemary Wilkinson motioned to re-nominate the current officer. Seconded by Donna Green. Karla Swacker accepted the nomination. Karla Swacker is unopposed in election.

d) Secretary

Donna Green motioned to nominate Karla Swacker as Secretary. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Karla Swacker is unopposed in election.

e) Complaint Investigation Officer

Karla Swacker motioned to re-nominate the current officer. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Memry Hodum is unopposed in election

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

Donna Green advised the board that she will resign from the board effective after the May 11, 2026 meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:07 pm by Karla Swacker and seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson.

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: _____


Karla Swacker, Secretary