

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –
Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 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 9:38 am

Roll Call P=Present A=Absent

Members:

Kathie Lea: Chairperson	P
Rosemary Wilkinson: Vice Chair	P
Karla Swacker: Treasurer / Secretary	P
Memry Hodum: CIO	P
Toshii Cooper:	P
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	A

Reading of Mission Statement by Chairperson

Public Comment

No Public Comment Given

Business:

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2026 Meeting
Motion to approve presented minutes as submitted made by Donna Green,
Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Hearings
 - a) Kelly McCay
Rosemary Wilkinson motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the hearing.
Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
Rosemary Wilkinson motioned to return to regular session. Seconded by Karla Swacker. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion to deny the application for professional licensure based on the documentation submitted by Rosemary Wilkinson. Seconded by Karla Swacker.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) James Raines
 - a) Windy Spa, E5549
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing and summary suspension to the next board meeting Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.

- b) Yu Jia, LA10306
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing and summary suspension to the next board meeting Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Jinbao Zhu, LA5603
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing and summary suspension to the next board meeting Rosemary Wilkinson. Seconded by Karla Swacker. Motion carried unanimously.
- d) Peaceful Spa, E5151
Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.
- e) Li Yuan Teng, LA10365
Motion to continue the scheduled hearing and summary suspension to the next board meeting Karla Swacker. Seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. Motion carried unanimously.
- f) Fulong Ma / Chinese Massage Clinic , LA 5923, E5583
Motion to accept the Consent Agreements as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously
- g) Johnathan Hebert, LA 1058
Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
- h) Johnathan N Hebert, Muscular Therapy E4108
Motion to accept the Voluntary Surrender as presented by Karla Swacker. Seconded by Toshii Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Executive Director Report
The Executive Director updated the board that all renewal applications have been processed and mailed to the licensees. The Executive Director also provided updated license statistics and a reminder of yearly training requirements due by June 15.
 - a) Check Signature Approvals
The Executive director requested approval for a single signature to pay \$5,200 to InLumon monthly for website costs. Motion to allow the executive director to sign the invoices to InLumon monthly by Rosemary Wilkinson. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Treasurer Report
 - a) Financials
The treasurer has reviewed and presented the financial reports, credit card and bank statements from February and March 2026, and found them to be in order.
- 6) Mary Sue Stages, CPA
 - a) Financials
Mary Sue Stages was absent from this meeting. No financial information was provided by the CPA.
- 7) Chairperson Report
The Chairperson gave an update on the status of the proposed Massage Therapy Compact (IMPact).
- 8) Contract Renewals / Rate / Budget
Karla Swacker motioned to enter into executive session to discuss the contracts for approval. Seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Karla Swacker motioned to return to regular session. Seconded by Memry Hodum.
Motion carried unanimously

a) Sheri Morris

Karla Swacker motioned to terminate the current contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich effective May 10, 2026 due to the closure of the Baton Rouge office. The motion was seconded by Toshii Cooper.

Karla Swacker motioned to approve the proposed contract not to exceed \$60,000 beginning May 11, 2026 and to adjust the change in attorney's fees in the contract to reflect the new state rate as recommended by the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. No members opposed

b) James Raines

Karla Swacker motioned to approve the proposed contract not to exceed \$100,000 beginning May 11, 2026 and to adjust the change in attorney's fees in the contract to reflect the new state rate as recommended by the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Wilkinson. No members opposed

c) Advanced Investigative Technologies

Karla Swacker motioned to approve the proposed contract not to exceed \$40,000 a year beginning July 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Memry Hodum. No members opposed

d) Mary Sue Stages

Karla Swacker motioned to approve the proposed contract not to exceed \$12,000 a year beginning July 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Toshii Cooper. No members opposed

Adjournment

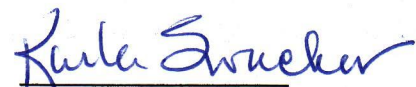
Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:49 pm by Karla Swacker and seconded by Memry Hodum. Motion carried unanimously

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:


Karla Swacker, Secretary