

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

TIME: 10:31 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

State Board of Massage Therapy
December 3, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair,
Professional Member
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau
of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Linda A. Chamberlain, MS, BSN, RN, CNDLTC, Secretary
of Health designee
Jessica Nelson, Office of Attorney General designee
Dana J. Douglas, LMT
Kathleen Hill, LMT
Jennifer A. Keth, LMT, CNC, Vice Chair
Imelda Alumbro Shade, LMT
Bryan Strawser, LMT

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Assisting Board Counsel and
Regulatory Counsel
Michael Merten, Esquire, Board Counsel
J. Karl Geschwindt, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
Liaison
Ronald W. Jackson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Riley Baker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Paul Keller, Board Administrator
Thomas Leech II, Administrative Officer 2
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy
Chief Counsel, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State
Stephanie Dunkerley, Legal Analyst, Office of General
Counsel
Jennifer Jumper, Fiscal Management Specialist 2,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Tamie Laudenslager, Fiscal Management Specialist,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Amanda Richards, Fiscal Supervisor, Bureau of Finance
and Procurement, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

Marcedes Newby, Fiscal Management Specialist 1,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Nina M. Kottcamp-Long, LMT, NCMT, Coordinator,
Massage Therapy Program/Holistic Health and
Wellness, Harrisburg Area Community College
Natalie Cook, Associate, McNees-Winter Group
Edward Portley Jr., LMT, Just This Side of Heaven
Massage & Continuing Education for Massage
Therapists
Taylor Koch, Fiscal Management Specialist 3,
Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
State
Camille Baughman, MA, BSed, LMT, American Massage
Therapy Association Pennsylvania Chapter,
Government Relations
Jennifer Passenti, Ed.D., Center Director, Lake
Region Center, Lackawanna College
Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Committee
Twyla Jones, Manager, Online Programs Section,
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Bryn Erace, Multi Unit Franchise Owner, Hand & Stone
Massage and Facial Spa
Mai Lin Petrine, JD, Director Of Legal and Regulatory
Affairs, Federation of State Massage Therapy
Boards
Donna Schriver, Lackawanna College
Laura Puryear, Director of Government Relations,
Professional Assist Corporation
Ian Thomas, LMT, The Roots of Health
Carrie
M.M.
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, and Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Assisting Board Counsel and Regulatory Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive advice of counsel on the matters upon which the Board would later vote. The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Massage Therapy was held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

[Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Assisting Board Counsel and Regulatory Counsel, noted the meeting was being recorded, and those who continued to participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

Mr. Davis also noted the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of conducting

1 quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive advice of
2 counsel on the matters upon which the Board will
3 later vote.]

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5 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

6 [Chair Porambo requested an introduction of Board
7 members and attendees. A quorum of Board members was
8 present.]

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10 Approval of minutes of the September 24, 2024 meeting

11 CHAIR PORAMBO:

12 I'd like to continue on with approval
13 of the minutes. Has everyone read the
14 minutes? Are there any changes?
15 Hearing none.

16 I'll need a motion to accept the
17 minutes of September 24, 2024.

18 MS. HILL:

19 I make the motion.

20 MR. STRAWSER:

21 I'll second the motion.

22 MR. KELLER:

23 Claggett, abstain; Chamberlain, accept;
24 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye; Dana
25 Douglas, yes; Hill, accept; Strawser,

1 aye; Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Arion Claggett abstained from
3 voting on the motion.]

4 ***

5 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Procurement

6 Annual Budget Presentation

7 [Jennifer Jumper, Fiscal Management Specialist,
8 Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
9 State, presented the Annual Financial Report. She
10 referred to the license population over the last
11 seven years and the breakdown of license population
12 by class for the prior two biennial periods. She
13 reported an increase of 45 licensees.

14 Ms. Jumper addressed licensure renewal fees,
15 noting the Board renews licenses in January of odd
16 years and will have a renewal starting January 2025.
17 She reported the last Board-approved fee increase was
18 in 2023, noting it was an incremental with a 16%
19 increase in January 2027, 3% increase in January
20 2029, and 3% increase in January 2031.

21 Ms. Jumper addressed biennial revenue from each
22 revenue source. She again noted licenses renew in
23 January of odd years and why revenue for FY22-23 is
24 much higher than FY23-24. She reported on the total
25 biennial revenue with 95% of revenue from license

1 renewals and applications.

2 Ms. Jumper referred to Board expenses, noting
3 costs include timesheet-based charges, direct
4 charges, and licensee population. She referred to
5 FY24-25 and proposed FY25-26 budget numbers, noting a
6 projected increase in expenses.

7 Ms. Jumper reported three major items contributed
8 to the increase, including the modernization of the
9 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS), the legal
10 offices move from Penn Center to Thea Drive, and the
11 new information technology (IT) system for the legal
12 team.

13 Chair Porambo requested information regarding the
14 increase in hearing expenses.

15 Ms. Jumper explained that the increase is from
16 the many cases involving sexual allegations.

17 Ms. Jumper addressed expenses and revenue, noting
18 expenses are exceeding revenue in the first two
19 biennial periods, but revenue starts to exceed
20 expenses in FY26-27 and FY27-28, which coincides with
21 the fee increase. She did not recommend any further
22 fee increases for the Board.]

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24 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulatory Status
25 Report

1 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Assisting Board Counsel
2 and Regulatory Counsel, provided a Status of
3 Regulations Report prior to the meeting for the
4 Board's review. He informed Board members that the
5 Governor's Policy Office approved 16A-726 regarding
6 massage therapists in cosmetology or esthetician
7 salons on October 23, 2024, and was delivered to the
8 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and
9 standing committees on November 4, 2024.

10 Mr. Davis noted IRRC will be holding a public
11 meeting on their website on December 5, 2024, and he
12 will be attending to field questions from IRRC on
13 that regulation. He also noted that it will be sent
14 to the Attorney General for final legal review and
15 then published within the first two months of 2025.

16 Mr. Davis informed Board members that he was
17 working with the Office of General Counsel to
18 finalize the rulemaking package for 16A-728 regarding
19 massage therapy virtual education, which would allow
20 some virtual supervision in regard to initial
21 education, i.e., distance education. He noted they
22 do not currently allow distance education but may
23 change if the regulation passes.

24 Mr. Davis noted the Policy Office indicated on
25 November 18, 2024, that it was not inclined to

1 approve the proposed \$112 Professional Licensure
2 Augmentation Account (PLAA) reimbursement fee. He
3 explained that the Board has a PLAA that is shared
4 between all of the boards. He also explained that
5 the Board needed initial funds when it started that
6 were taken from the shared account, and the Board has
7 been running in the red for some time, owing the
8 account roughly \$3 million at this point.

9 Mr. Davis stated that fee would almost have to
10 double in order to start making a dent in that
11 repayment, noting the Policy Office recognized that
12 is not feasible, and fees will increase about 16%,
13 followed by 3% and 3%. He also noted that it is
14 moving forward without the additional \$112 that the
15 Board discussed prior to this meeting.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 Proposed Adjudications and Orders

19 MR. DAVIS:

20 Number 4 on the Board's agenda is the
21 Proposed Adjudication and Order of
22 Haitham Ameen. This was discussed in
23 Executive Session. We have a Proposed
24 Adjudication and Order from the hearing
25 examiner in this one. The Board

1 reviewed that, and I do have a proposed
2 motion.

3 Based on the Board's discussions in
4 Executive Session, I believe the Chair
5 would entertain a motion to adopt as
6 Final the Proposed Adjudication and
7 substitute the Board's Order increasing
8 the civil penalty to \$1,000 in the
9 following matter: Commonwealth BPOA v.
10 Haitham Ameen, Case No. 22-72-014414.

11 CHAIR PORAMBO:

12 May I have a motion?

13 MS. HILL:

14 I make a motion.

15 MR. STRAWSER:

16 I'll second it.

17 MR. KELLER:

18 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

19 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;

20 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

21 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MR. DAVIS:

25 Moving on to number 5, Hui Zhao. I

1 will note that Board member Jessica
2 Nelson recused herself from this
3 matter. Again, this was discussed in
4 Executive Session. This is a Proposed
5 Order from the hearing examiner, and I
6 do have a proposed motion.

7 Based on the Board's discussions in
8 Executive Session, I believe the Chair
9 would entertain a motion to adopt the
10 Adjudication and substitute the Board's
11 Order increasing the civil penalty to
12 \$5,000 in the following matter:

13 Commonwealth BPOA v. Hui Zhao, LMT,
14 Case No. 23-72-009020.

15 CHAIR PORAMBO:

16 May I have a motion?

17 MS. HILL:

18 I make a motion.

19 CHAIR PORAMBO:

20 Second?

21 MR. STRAWSER:

22 I'll second it.

23 MR. KELLER:

24 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

25 Nelson, recuse; Alumbro Shade, aye;

1 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
2 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Jessica Nelson recused herself
4 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

5 ***

6 Report of Board Prosecutor

7 [Liliana G. Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
8 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 22-72-
9 017997, Case No. 23-72-013706, Case No. 24-72-008806,
10 and Case Nos. 24-72-008718 & 24-72-004401.]

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12 [William A. Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution
13 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.
14 23-72-010416.]

15 ***

16 MR. DAVIS:

17 Now that we heard from the prosecution
18 with regard to agenda items 6 through
19 10, I will note the Board discussed
20 these items in Executive Session
21 earlier today; however, now that we've
22 heard from prosecution, do any Board
23 members want to reenter Executive
24 Session based upon what prosecution has
25 set forth? Seeing nothing.

1 I do have proposed motions with
2 regard to each one of these. Going
3 back to number 6, based on the Board's
4 discussions in Executive Session, I
5 believe the Chair would accept a motion
6 to approve the Consent Agreement in the
7 following matter: Case No. 22-72-
8 017997. I note that Jessica Nelson is
9 recused in this matter.

10 CHAIR PORAMBO:

11 May I have a motion, please?

12 MS. HILL:

13 I make a motion.

14 MR. STRAWSER:

15 I'll second it.

16 MR. KELLER:

17 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
18 Nelson, recuse; Alumbro Shade, aye;
19 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
20 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Jessica Nelson recused herself
22 from deliberations and voting on the motion. That is
23 Commonwealth BPOA v. Tiana M. Lawson, LMT.]

24 ***

25 MR. DAVIS:

1 Moving to number 7 on the Board's
2 agenda. Based on the Board's
3 discussions in Executive Session, I
4 believe the Chair would accept a motion
5 to approve the Consent Agreement in the
6 following matter: Case No. 23-72-
7 013706.

8 CHAIR PORAMBO:

9 May I have a motion?

10 MS. HILL:

11 I make a motion.

12 MR. STRAWSER:

13 I'll second it.

14 MR. KELLER:

15 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
16 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
17 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
18 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously. That is
20 Commonwealth BPOA v. Amy Deshannon Aprin, LMT.]

21 ***

22 MR. DAVIS:

23 Moving to number 8 on the Board's
24 agenda. Based on the Board's
25 discussions in Executive Session, I

1 believe the Chair would accept a motion
2 to approve the Consent Agreement in the
3 following matter: Case Nos. 24-72-
4 008718 & 24-72-004401.

5 CHAIR PORAMBO:

6 May I have a motion?

7 MS. HILL:

8 I make a motion.

9 MR. STRAWSER:

10 I'll second it.

11 MR. KELLER:

12 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

13 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;

14 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

15 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously. That is
17 Commonwealth BPOA v. Tao Zeng, LMT, and Star Hands On
18 Therapy, LLC d/b/a Bridgeport Massage Therapy.]

19 ***

20 MR. DAVIS:

21 Moving to number 9 on the Board's
22 agenda. Based on the Board's
23 discussions in Executive Session, I
24 believe the Chair would accept a motion
25 to approve the Consent Agreement in the

1 following matter: Case No. 24-72-
2 008806.

3 CHAIR PORAMBO:

4 May I have a motion?

5 MS. HILL:

6 I make a motion.

7 MR. STRAWSER:

8 I'll second it.

9 MR. KELLER:

10 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
11 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
12 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
13 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously. That is
15 Commonwealth BPOA v. Zhimin Feng, LMT.]

16 ***

17 MR. DAVIS:

18 Number 10 on the Board's agenda. I
19 will note that Board member Jessica
20 Nelson recused. Based on the Board's
21 discussions in Executive Session, I
22 believe the Chair would accept a motion
23 to approve the Consent Agreement in the
24 following matter: Case No. 23-72-
25 010416.

1 CHAIR PORAMBO:

2 May I have a motion?

3 MS. HILL:

4 I make a motion.

5 MR. STRAWSER:

6 I'll second it.

7 MR. KELLER:

8 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

9 Nelson, recuse; Alumbro Shade, aye;

10 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

11 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

12 [The motion carried. Jessica Nelson recused herself
13 from deliberations and voting on the motion. That is
14 Commonwealth BPOA v. Clemitta RT Deseignoria, LMT.]

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16 Report of Acting Commissioner

17 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
18 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
19 members that System Automation has been selected as
20 their licensure replacement vendor and are on
21 schedule to have the new system in place in late
22 2025.

23 Nina M. Kottcamp-Long, LMT, NCMT, Coordinator,
24 Massage Therapy Program/Holistic Health and Wellness,
25 Harrisburg Area Community College, noted having two

1 Act 31 classes and receiving phone calls from people
2 renewing their license that their Act 31 is not in
3 the system.

4 Mr. Keller explained that Act 31 does not link to
5 a renewal or an application instantaneously and links
6 overnight between one business day to the next. He
7 further explained that the automated response, when
8 they submit the application, goes out instantly based
9 off of what appears as submitted, where Act 31 is
10 always going to be behind the first discrepancy. He
11 noted that it will not link if there is any
12 conflicting information on the application.]

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14 Report of Board Administrator

15 Applications

16 MR. DAVIS:

17 Number 11 on the Board's agenda, Fabian
18 Beltran Application. In regard to the
19 Application for Licensure as a Massage
20 Therapist of Fabian Beltran, based on
21 the Board's discussions in Executive
22 Session, I believe the Chair would
23 accept a motion provisionally denying
24 the Application.

25 CHAIR PORAMBO:

1 May I have a motion?

2 MS. HILL:

3 I make a motion.

4 MR. STRAWSER:

5 I'll second it.

6 MR. KELLER:

7 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

8 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;

9 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

10 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 ***

13 MR. DAVIS:

14 Number 12, the Application of Rebecca
15 Bloomer. In regard to the Application
16 for Licensure as a Massage Therapist of
17 Rebecca Bloomer, based on the Board's
18 discussions in Executive Session, I
19 believe the Chair would accept a motion
20 provisionally denying the Application.

21 CHAIR PORAMBO:

22 May I have a motion?

23 MS. HILL:

24 I make a motion.

25 CHAIR PORAMBO:

1 Second?

2 MR. STRAWSER:

3 I'll second it.

4 MR. KELLER:

5 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

6 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;

7 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

8 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MR. DAVIS:

12 Number 13, the Application of Montsho
13 Garman. This will be tabled for this
14 meeting.

15 ***

16 CE Waiver Requests

17 MR. DAVIS:

18 Number 14. We have three Waiver
19 Requests related to CE on the agenda.
20 The first is Lee Cannon.

21 Based on the Board's discussions in
22 Executive Session, I believe the Chair
23 would entertain a motion to ratify the
24 Chair's decision to allow Leah Cannon,
25 LMT, to complete 24 hours of required

1 CE online or via home study for the
2 February 2023 through January 2025
3 biennial period.

4 CHAIR PORAMBO:

5 May I have a motion?

6 MS. HILL:

7 I make a motion.

8 MR. STRAWSER:

9 I'll second it.

10 MR. KELLER:

11 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
12 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
13 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
14 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16 ***

17 MR. DAVIS:

18 The second Waiver Request is from Donna
19 Larkin. That is being tabled, and the
20 Board administrator will be contacting
21 the licensee.

22 ***

23 MR. DAVIS:

24 The third is Kelly Sklodowski. Based
25 on the Board's discussions in Executive

1 Session, I believe the Chair would
2 entertain a motion to approve the
3 Waiver of Kelly Sklodowski, LMT, which
4 will allow the licensee to complete 24
5 hours of required CE online or via home
6 study for the February 2023 through
7 January 2025 biennial period.

8 CHAIR PORAMBO:

9 May I have a motion?

10 MS. HILL:

11 I make a motion.

12 MR. STRAWSER:

13 I'll second it.

14 MR. KELLER:

15 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
16 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
17 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
18 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Miscellaneous - Continuing Education Regulatory
22 Language Discussion

23 [Bryan Strawser, LMT, expressed concern with
24 regulations being confusing and not having enough
25 information. He referred to continuing education

1 approved courses and noted there was no language with
2 regard to cupping. He mentioned there may be other
3 matters that might have been missed in the
4 regulations, and the language should be clearer.

5 Mr. Strawser also expressed concern regarding the
6 24 continuing education units (CEUs) for the biennial
7 renewal period. He did not see anywhere where it
8 says that is worth 2 CEs toward the total under child
9 abuse reporting as massage therapists need to be
10 mandated reporters.

11 Mr. Davis stated it could be incorporated if
12 there is not clarification as to the child abuse
13 reporting. CBD is not counting toward 24.

14 Mr. Davis believed that it currently states
15 anything else essentially directly related to the
16 practice of massage therapy as far as the continuing
17 education approved courses. He noted that to be open
18 to interpretation but believed it is intentional
19 because the Board cannot define the practice of
20 massage therapy.

21 Mr. Davis explained that it is defined via the
22 statute, and the Board can interpret it to a certain
23 degree as if cupping were handled or if someone took
24 a cupping CE, were audited, and then discovered
25 cupping was part of their package. He noted the

1 Board could decide whether or not accept the CE.

2 Mr. Strawser informed Board members that he would
3 be reviewing the regulations to see if there are any
4 other ambiguities in general.

5 Mr. Davis mentioned that the Board is required to
6 continuously update the regulations to address any
7 issues. He noted Mr. Strawser could present any
8 findings to the Board at the next meeting for open
9 discussion. He also noted that the Board could
10 schedule a special session of the Regulatory
11 Committee.

12 Mr. ~~Kelly~~ Keller referred to reiki treatment and
13 prior Board discussion as to whether or not it is
14 part of the practice. He asked whether Mr. Strawser
15 would like to investigate that also.

16 Mr. Strawser found it interesting that the
17 definite dialogue in the regulations state that
18 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) cannot be counted
19 but then there is no talk of child abuse, which is
20 counted toward their 24 CEs.

21 Mr. ~~Kelly~~ Keller stated there is a notice in the
22 announcements on the Board's website that covers Act
23 30 explaining that it is a requirement for all
24 health-related professions. He further explained
25 that the announcement is put out across all boards

1 before the regulations, because regulations normally
2 take 18 to 24 months. He noted the language is out
3 there but is not in the regulations at this time.

4 Mr. ~~Kelly~~ Keller read a comment from Twyla Jones,
5 Manager, Online Programs Section, Pennsylvania
6 Department of Environmental Protection, noting the
7 regulations make sense to her, and she never found
8 herself struggling to understand what is or the
9 spirit of what is written.

10 Mr. Davis mentioned that there are child abuse
11 regulations in the works for the Board, along with
12 all of the medical-related boards, noting about half
13 of them have been completed. He explained that the
14 Board's regulation is written but has to be updated
15 slightly before delivered. He offered to look into
16 whether it specifically discusses the CE issue.

17 Mr. Strawser again offered to go through the
18 regulations and welcomed feedback on any gray areas
19 that need updated or revised.

20 Chair Porambo asked whether the Board could see
21 what they have gone through over the last four or
22 five years with respect to regulations and the
23 changes that are coming before it is actually
24 written.

25 Mr. Davis offered to provide the annex for each

1 of the Board's active regulations at the next
2 meeting.

3 Mr. ~~Kelly~~ Keller noted links from FSMTB and Linda
4 Chamberlain linking the Department of State link for
5 Act 31 in the chat channel for anyone who would like
6 to access it. He noted that anyone can read the
7 standard language for Act 31 across all boards that
8 are mandated reporters on any board websites under
9 announcements.]

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11 Miscellaneous - Election of Officers and Committee
12 Members

13 MR. DAVIS:

14 For the position of Chairperson, I will
15 open the floor for nominations.

16 CHAIR PORAMBO:

17 I'd like to nominate Bryan Strawser.

18 MR. DAVIS:

19 Bryan, I ask, do you consent to the
20 nomination?

21 MR. STRAWSER:

22 I do.

23 MR. DAVIS:

24 Bryan has been nominated. Are there
25 any further nominations? With that,

1 hearing there are no other nominations,
2 the nominations for Chairperson are
3 closed.

4 Being that Board member Bryan
5 Strawser is the only candidate for
6 position of Board Chair, he can be
7 elected by acclamation. Let's have a
8 roll call vote.

9 MR. KELLER:

10 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
11 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
12 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Keth, aye;
13 Porambo, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MR. DAVIS:

17 I will open the floor for nominations
18 for the position of Vice Chair.

19 CHAIR PORAMBO:

20 I'd like to nominate Jennifer Keth.

21 MR. DAVIS:

22 Jennifer Keth, do you consent to the
23 nomination?

24 MS. KETH:

25 I do.

1 MR. DAVIS:

2 Jennifer Keth has been nominated. Are
3 there any further nominations for the
4 position of Vice Chairperson? Hearing
5 none. The nominations are now closed.

6 Being that Jennifer Keth is the
7 only candidate for the position of
8 Board Vice Chairperson, she can also be
9 elected by acclamation. Let's have a
10 roll call vote.

11 MR. KELLER:

12 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
13 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
14 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
15 Porambo, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17 ***

18 Miscellaneous - FSMTB Annual Meeting Follow-up

19 [Jennifer A. Keth, LMT, CNC, Vice Chair, addressed
20 her attendance at the Federation of State Massage
21 Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting in Washington,
22 D.C. She stated keynote speaker, Corey Ciocchetti,
23 encouraged the audience to chase the important things
24 in life, and they received his book called *Inspire*
25 *Integrity*.

1 Ms. Keth noted human trafficking was a topic
2 throughout the two days with discussions concerning
3 tools to combat it. She mentioned that FSMTB's
4 toolkit is now available on their website. She also
5 noted members are invited to attend the 2025 Human
6 Trafficking Meeting in D.C. in January.

7 Ms. Keth addressed discussion concerning the
8 compact, noting Associated Bodywork & Massage
9 Professionals (ABMP) and American Massage Therapy
10 Association (AMTA) were no longer using funds to
11 oppose the compact. She reported Ohio and Nevada
12 have passed legislation to join, although they do not
13 have the seven members for it to become active.

14 Ms. Keth mentioned that there are still many
15 concerns about the compact, including scope of
16 practice, and how to find massage therapists who are
17 not practicing correctly or licensed and who pays if
18 there is an issue.

19 Ms. Keth addressed board meeting do's and don'ts,
20 noting they need to stimulate their boards to have
21 interstate and intercommunity communications to allow
22 people to attend meetings. She stated legislators
23 also need to know that the State Board of Massage
24 Therapy is their resource concerning massage therapy.
25 She noted they encouraged everyone to know their

1 mission statement.

2 Ms. Keth addressed a legislative and government
3 law session emphasizing the importance of Board
4 members using pa.gov for any communications and not
5 personal devices, because they will have access to
6 everything on personal devices should there be a
7 subpoena on an issue.

8 Ms. Keth noted discussion concerning the role of
9 chairs and executive directors. She also noted Cal
10 Cates and Kerry Jordan spoke on implicit bias and
11 neurobiology, along with ideas of how to interrupt
12 that and an example of implicit bias. She also
13 received a booklist and offered to share that with
14 everyone.

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16 Miscellaneous - Approval for Board member to attend
17 FSMTB National Convening Conference - January
18 14-15, 2025 - Arlington, VA

19 CHAIR PORAMBO:

20 We need approval for Jennifer Keth to
21 attend the FSMTB National Convening
22 Conference January 14-15, 2025, in
23 Arlington, VA.

24 I'll need a motion.

25 MS. HILL:

1 I'll make a motion.

2 MR. STRAWSER:

3 I'll second it.

4 MR. KELLER:

5 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;

6 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;

7 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;

8 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Chair

12 [Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair,
13 thanked everyone and expressed her confidence in
14 their new Chair and Vice Chair.]

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16 Miscellaneous - 2026 Proposed Board Meeting Dates

17 [Paul Keller, Board Administrator, noted the proposed
18 2026 Board meeting dates are February 10, March 31,
19 July 16, August 11, September 2, and December 1.]

20 CHAIR PORAMBO:

21 We need a motion to approve these.

22 MS. HILL:

23 I make a motion.

24 MR. STRAWSER:

25 I'll second it.

1 MR. KELLER:

2 Claggett, aye; Chamberlain, aye;
3 Nelson, aye; Alumbro Shade, aye;
4 Douglas, aye; Hill, aye; Strawser, aye;
5 Keth, aye; Porambo, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Next Meeting Dates

9 [Nancy M. Porambo, MS, LMT, CNMT, NCTMB, Chair, noted
10 the next scheduled Board meeting is February 18,
11 2025. She also noted the remaining 2025 meeting
12 dates are April 1, June 24, August 11, September 23,
13 and December 3.]

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15 Public Comment

16 [Nina M. Kottcamp-Long, LMT, NCMT, Coordinator,
17 Massage Therapy Program/Holistic Health and Wellness,
18 Harrisburg Area Community College, addressed the
19 decrease in licensure and offered to collaborate with
20 other educators to help people get back into the
21 profession who may not have worked since the pandemic
22 or believe it is too expensive.

23 Ms. Kottcamp-Long mentioned having some local
24 employers who would sponsor her to put together a Con
25 Ed if she could reach out to see if any past

1 membership licensed massage therapists would
2 reconsider being active again if they have sponsors
3 to make that happen. She asked whether there was a
4 way to contact people who used to be in good standing
5 but dropped off and have never returned to the
6 industry.

7 Mr. Keller addressed requirements for
8 reactivation, noting they have to show current
9 competency before reactivation, which is no older
10 than two years from the date they reactivate, one
11 biennial period with the understanding that they will
12 be put back in the system at normal schedule.

13 Mr. Keller noted any continuing education (CE)
14 used for reactivation cannot be reused for the
15 renewal that they are currently in, where they are
16 only showing that they are caught up to current
17 competency, not moving forward.

18 Ms. Kottcamp-Long confirmed that she would have
19 to do the 24 to get active and another 24 for the
20 January renewal.

21 Mr. Keller stated because they were currently in
22 renewals that it would automatically roll to 2027.
23 He noted that if someone did it a month ago that it
24 would have to be renewed. He noted it is 24 to
25 reactivate and then 24 to move forward.

1 MS. HILL:

2 I make a motion.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR PORAMBO:

6 Thank you.

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8 [There being no further business, the State Board of
9 Massage Therapy Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.]

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12 CERTIFICATE

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14 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
15 minutes of the State Board of Massage Therapy
16 Meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my
17 supervision, and that the minutes accurately
18 summarize the substance of the State Board of Massage
19 Therapy Meeting.

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Erin Badstuebner,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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10:30	Return to Open Session
10:31	Official Call to Order
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10:36	Appointment - Annual Budget Presentation
10:44	Regulatory Report
10:48	Report of Board Counsel
10:50	Report of Board Prosecutor
11:03	Report of Acting Commissioner
11:08	Report of Board Administrator
11:12	Miscellaneous
11:33	Report of Board Chair
11:36	Miscellaneous (cont.)
11:39	Public Comment
11:46	Adjournment