

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES
July 20, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.
402 W Washington Street, Room W064
Indianapolis IN 46204

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 10:02 A.M.**
Board Members Present: Jael Peirce, Laurie Hardin, Tera Tonkins, Elizabeth Cain
Staff Present: Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Leif Johnson
COURT REPORTER Margie Addington
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to adopt the agenda
Motion carries 4-0-0
- III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** Motion made by LH and seconded by TT to approve the minutes
Motion carries 4-0-0
- IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
Report given by Amy Osborne
Information given on Human Trafficking and Sex Trafficking
- V. PUBLIC HEARING FOR RULES**
Public hearing held.
Open to the public for comments
No comments from the public
These proceedings are now concluded.
Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to approve the rules
Motion carries 4-0-0
- VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES**
- 1. Laura Jackson** Reinstatement
Laura appears
Would like to have her license reinstated
She has been working as a massage therapist since 2017 failed to renew her license
The board is taking into consideration the new law that went into effect requiring licensure in January 2023
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to reinstate the license after completing 10 hours of CE with 2 hours in ethics
Motion carries 4-0-0
- 2. Sandi Kay Schaefer** Reinstatement
Sandi appears
Would like to have her license reinstated
She has been homeschooling her daughter since 2017
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to reinstate after completing 10 hours of CE with 2 Hours in ethics and can accept CE within the last two months

Motion carries 4-0-0

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

1. Aaron Sizemore MT21706074

Petition for Summary Suspension 2023 SBMT 0007
Regan Perrodin appears on behalf of the State
Aaron appears without counsel
State makes opening statement
Aaron does not make an opening statement
State present's its case
Criminal charges were filed in Vanderburgh County
Charged to counts of battery
State presents Exhibit C and respondent does not object
Exhibit C admitted
State calls Lauren Judd as witness from the Attorney Generals Office
State presents Exhibit A and respondent does not object
Exhibit A admitted
State calls Lauren Judd as witness from the Attorney Generals Office
State presents Exhibit B and respondent does not object
Exhibit B admitted
State has no further questions for the witness
Respondent has no questions for the witness
State calls witness J. McDermott to testify
Respondent has no questions for the witness
Board member Hardin asks questions
State rests
Respondent would like to submit exhibits 1 and 2
State reviews exhibit 1 and 2 and objects to its admittance.
Board allows Exhibit 1 and 2 to be admitted
Respondent states he was not aware that it was not a hearing
Board member Peirce questions respondent
Board member Hardin questions respondent
Board member Tonkins questions respondent
State would like to call for rebuttal Ms McDermott
Board member Hardin asks questions
Board member Cain asks questions
State makes closing statements
Respondent makes closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to suspend license for 90 days
Motion carries 4-0-0

2. Joseph Weathers MT21706102

Extension of Summary Suspension 2022 SBMT 0002
Gavin Hunter appears on behalf of the state
Joseph does not appear
State makes opening statement and requests to extend the Summary suspension.
State calls Natalie Christy as witness

State would like to submit Exhibit A
So moved,
State makes closing statement
State has nothing further with this witness
Board has no questions for the witness
State makes closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to extend the summary suspension
Motion carries 4-0-0

3. Timothy Lang MT21304855

Administrative Complaint 2023 SBMT
RE: Proposed Settlement Agreement
A.J. Holbrook appears on behalf of the state
Timothy does not appear
State discusses the proposed settlement agreement
Board member Hardin asks questions
State makes closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by JP and seconded by LH to deny the proposed settlement agreement
Motion carries 4-0-0

4. Jane Lisa Foster-Bless

Appeal on Denial 2023 SBMT 0003
Lisa appears
She has provided the board with all required documents and appealed within the time frame
Would like to obtain her license under the statute to apply by necessity
Board member Hardin asks questions
Board member Peirce asks questions
Lisa makes closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to approve the license for issuance
Motion carries 4-0-0

5. Lorie Ann Price-Staggs MT20903178

Appeal on Denial 2023 SBMT 0006
Lisa appears
She has provided the board with all required documents and appealed within the time frame
Would like to obtain her license under the statute to apply by necessity
Board member Hardin asks questions
Board member Peirce asks questions
Board confirms her CE that was completed of 18 hours
Lisa makes closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
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Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to approve the reinstatement
Motion carries 4-0-0

6. Hannah Flynn MT21104100

Order to Show Cause 2021 SBMT 0002

Hannah appears without counsel

Board asks questions as to why she has not complied with her probation terms

Hannah has stated that she has been thru a lot and has been in rehab and taking random drug screens.

Board member Hardin asks questions

Board member Peirce asks questions

Ms Flynn makes closing statement

These proceedings are now concluded

Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to modify the current probation terms

Motion carries 4-0-0

7. Linda Wang Non-Licensed

Motion to Cease and Desist 2023 SBMT 0004

Jeremy Weddle appears on behalf of the state

Linda Wang does not appear

State makes opening statement and request to board to issue a notice of proposed default

These proceedings are now concluded

Motion made by JP and seconded by LH to issue a notice of proposed default

Motion carries 4-0-0

8. Sara Cozort MT21003805

Default Hearing 2023 SBMT 0002

Regan Perrodin appears on behalf of the state

Ms Cozort appears without counsel

State makes opening statement

Respondent makes opening statement

State would like to have a further date set for the administrative complaint since the respondent notified in a timely manner for the Default Hearing.

These proceedings are now concluded

Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to set for hearing.

Motion carries 4-0-0

9. Melissa Rachels MT20902511

Default Hearing 2023 SBMT 0001 **CONTINUED**

10. Melissa Rachels MT20902511

Petition to Withdraw Probation 2021 SBMT 0004

Melissa does not appear

These proceedings are now concluded

JP decides to table to the next meeting

VIII. INCOMPLETE RENEWALS

1. Brooke Rohlfig
2. Baojian Xiang
3. Yanfang Pan
4. Lucas Woody
5. Huibin Yan
6. Michael Calhoun
7. Judy Malschick
8. Roy Phillips
9. April Wilkinson
10. Fuyan Rong
11. Danna Silva
12. Heather Hakes
13. Brenda Smith
14. Shelley Temple
15. Trinda Wagner
16. Sheila Hieber
17. Jane Hughey
18. Shufen Yu
19. Amanda Ragan
20. Jill Schaefer
21. Whitney Kingsley
22. Jonna Slade
23. Krista Kilgren
24. Jessica Funcheon
25. Joyce Detrich
26. Rahel Groebler
27. Elizabeth Ley
28. Tina Bowyer
29. Teresa Croussore
30. Grace Fultz
31. Keenan King
32. Carol Osman
33. Shirlene Emrick
34. Nancy Holbrook
35. Michelle Quigley White
36. Teresa Pabon
37. Haixia Ni
38. Colleen Eakins
39. John Elder
40. Cheryl Lawson
41. Ann Fouts
42. Stephanie Bancroft
43. Jacinda Johnson
44. Sherry Robinson
45. Lixia Liu

Motion made by JP and seconded EC to deny renewals for numbers #1-#45
Motion carries 4-0-0

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER AND COURSE

1. FMT Basic- Kinesiology Taping

Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to approve the CE Course
Motion carries 4-0-0

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Kari Everhart modification of probation time frame
2. New law that went into effect in January 2023 requiring licensure and ones that were not licensed but practicing before that date
3. Reinstatements CE

X. ADJOURNMENT 2:16

Jael Peirce, Board Chair

**Next Scheduled Meeting:
October 26, 2023**