

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
STATE BOARD FOR MASSAGE THERAPY**

Via Zoom Meeting

December 10, 2021

Present: Kyle Hierholzer
Dale Montelione-Grust, Chair
Michele Naumann Carlstrom, Vice-Chair
Paul Pipia
Linda Toomey
Amy E. Warcup

Absent: Kiersten Fisher

Staff: Dolores Cottrell Acting Executive Secretary
Carolyn Ferrick Professional Examination Unit
Mary Wilson Professional Examination Unit
Diane Martin Board Staff
Kathleen Letzelter Board Staff

Guest: Mary O'Reilly Director of Examinations, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards

Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by AES Cottrell.

Minutes

Motion: To approve Minutes of the October 1, 2021 board meeting. Dale Montelione-Grust

Second: Amy Warcup

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: The Minutes of the October 1, 2021 meeting are approved as drafted.

Acting Executive Secretary Announcements and Updates

In compliance with NYS Open Meetings law, Board Meeting items will be posted on the NYSED website.

Interviews for the Executive Secretary for the State Boards for Massage Therapy, Psychology, Applied Behavior Analysis and Clinical Laboratory Technology position will take place during the first few months of 2022.

Job Analysis Survey

A Massage Therapy Job Analysis Survey was sent to 20,908 NYS licensed massage therapists in mid-October. Carolyn Ferrick reported the response has been good: 1,060 individuals responded to 95% of the survey and the continuing education questions. Each of these respondents will receive 2 continuing education credits. The results of the survey will allow NYSED to modify the licensing exam in order to stay current with the evolving practice of massage therapy. The Board Office and Professional Examination

Unit have not had an opportunity to review the data; therefore, the results will be discussed at future Board meetings.

MBLEx Exam

AES Cottrell welcomed and thanked Mary O'Reilly for attending today's meeting. Ms. O'Reilly noted it may be possible for the FSMTB to add a module to the MBLEx for New York State Massage Therapy licensure applicants to cover areas like Asian bodywork and NYS Laws, Rules and Regulations that are not typically covered on their exam. Individuals taking the MBLEx must have attended a state-approved massage therapy program; however, there is no requirement regarding the number of education hours an individual must have. Kyle Hierholzer and Michele Naumann Carlstrom volunteered to observe one of the next FSMTB Education Committee meetings. Ms. O'Reilly will send meeting dates to AES Cottrell.

Executive Session

Motion: To end the public session and enter executive session to discuss the August 2021 examination appeals and the January 2022 examination. Dale Montelione-Grust

Second: Linda Toomey

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the August 2021 examination appeals and the January 2022 examination.

Next meeting Friday, March 4, 2022; to be determined if meeting will be in-person or via Zoom.

Adjournment

Motion: Kyle Hierholzer

Second: Michele Naumann Carlstrom

Vote: Unanimous

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:58 a.m.