

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**STATE BOARD FOR MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Via Zoom Meeting**  
May 6, 2022

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

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

**Meeting Convened**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by AES Cottrell.

**Minutes**

Motion: To approve Minutes of the May 6, 2022 board meeting. Michele Naumann Carlstrom

Second: Kiersten Fisher

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: The Minutes of the May 6, 2022 meeting are approved as drafted.

**Acting Executive Secretary Announcements and Updates**

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Paula Anderson has resigned from her position in our Board office, and we wish her well. Please submit all travel vouchers and direct any related questions to Diane.

The NYCMTE (New York Council of Massage Therapy Educators) meets annually and invites the State Board for Massage Therapy Executive Secretary to attend. In preparation for this year's meeting, we requested the Council send us questions they would like addressed at the meeting. We received a 6-page letter which listed issues the Council has with multiple items, including the massage therapy scope of practice and the NYS exam. AES Cottrell will forward the letter to the Board. She will also send a response to the Council informing them of the role of the State Board Office and outlining the process that needs to occur to change the law defining the scope of practice. The State Board Office cannot make changes to a profession's scope of practice. When proposed legislation comes to the State Education Department, the Board Office serves in an advisory role and provides technical assistance regarding the proposed legislation to the Board of Regents.

The Governor's Executive Order 11.5 declaring a disaster emergency was extended to May 15, allowing today's meeting to be held online. The Governor has been extending this order on a regular basis, but we do not know if it will be extended again. Our next meeting may need to be in person.

The next Massage Therapy Board Meeting will be held on Friday, September 16; to be determined if meeting will be in-person or via Zoom.

AES Cottrell requested Board members to contact the office if they know of a physician who would be interested in serving on the Board.

### **Executive Session**

Motion: To end the public session and enter executive session to discuss the Job Analysis survey, the MBLEx examination, and the August 2022 NYS Massage Therapy examination. Michele Naumann Carlstrom

Second: Amy Warcup

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Job Analysis survey, the MBLEx examination, and the August 2022 NYS Massage Therapy examination.

### **Adjournment**

Motion: Amy Warcup

Second: Paul Pipia

Vote: Unanimous

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 noon.