

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

March 17, 2023

Public Locations: Albany, Rochester, Syracuse

Present: Michele Naumann Carlstrom, Chair (nonpublic location)
Kyle Hierholzer, Vice Chair (Syracuse)
Kiersten Fisher (Rochester)
Dale Montelione-Grust (Albany)
Linda Toomey (Syracuse)
Amy E. Warcup (Rochester)

Staff:

Carolyn Ferrick	Professional Examination Unit
Kate Letzelter	Board Staff
Diane Martin	Board Staff
Paul Thompson	Board Executive Secretary
Mary Wilson	Professional Examination Unit

Meeting Convened

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

- September 16, 2022 (Motion – Amy Warcup; second – Michele Naumann Carlstrom; approved)
- November 18, 2022 (Motion – Kiersten Fisher; second – Amy Warcup; approved)

Announcements and Updates

- Dr. Pipia completed his term in December 2022; Mr. Thompson noted Dr. Pipia is the President-Elect of the Medical Society of the State of New York. Many thanks to Dr. Pipia for his service.
- The Department is proposing appointment of a new Board member at the April Regents meeting. With Dr. Pipia's departure, the Board needs a physician member. Mr. Thompson encouraged members to reach out to their contacts.
- The Governor's budget proposal includes a provision that would move regulation of the health professions to the Department of Health.
- In February, the Board of Regents held a public hearing on a proposed resolution to allow remote participation in Board meetings under extraordinary circumstances.

Discussion of Practice Inquiries

- The Board office received an inquiry about the use of kinesio tape. Board members cautioned about representing such as a cure. Mr. Thompson will research further to determine if any guidance should be made to address this tool, if relevant to the profession's scope of practice.
- Board members considered an inquiry related to "assisted stretching." Mr. Thompson will consult with colleagues in other professions to which this practice may also pertain.

Licensing Examination

Motion: To end the public session and enter executive session to discuss matters relating to the State Massage Therapy examination. (Dale Montelione-Grust)

Second: Kiersten Fisher

Vote: Unanimous approval

Executive Session (10:45 a.m.)**Adjournment**

Motion: Dale Montelione-Grust

Second: Amy Warcup

Vote: Unanimous approval

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled for May 12, 2023.