

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
ILLINOIS MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD

**Open Minutes**

Illinois Massage Therapy Licensing Board

Date: May 6, 2024  
Convened: 10:03 am  
Adjourned: 12:09 pm  
Location: Springfield/Chicago/WEBEX

Members Present: Michael Hovi, Chair  
Lurana Bain, Member  
Elizabeth Gonzalez, Member  
Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Member  
Sandy Saldano, Member  
Sharon Wong, Member

Member(s) Absent: Kendall Alexander, Public Member

Staff Present: Amy Fisher, DPR Board Liaison  
Tafari Mahou, DPR General Counsel

Guests Present: Patty Glenn, FSMTB Director of Education  
Maureen Mulhall, Government Consultant

Open Session: The Meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.  
Roll Call: The Board Members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

**I. Board Member Announcements/Comments** Mr. Hovi welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had announcements or comments.

**II. Guest Announcements/Comments** Patty Glenn from FSMTB provided an update regarding the Interstate massage Compact. If IL participates in the compact, applicants will apply for an interstate license. Licensees would always need a home state license. It is up to the IL Legislature to decide if IL participates. 7 States are required to make the compact, NV is currently the only State currently in agreement to join. There are potential fiscal impacts to the Agency and the Massage Therapy Board taking a position is the first step towards joining the compact.

**III. Review of Minutes** The Board reviewed the open and closed minutes of the November 6, 2023, meeting. Motion was made, seconded (Bain/Saldano) to accept the open and closed meeting minutes. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

**IV. Ongoing Business** No Old Business

**V. New Business** Motion was made, seconded (Hovi/Bain) to move to closed session. Moved to closed session at 10:48am

**Moved into Closed Session:** The Board reviewed 3 deliberations and made recommendations.

Motion made, seconded (O'Shaughnessy/Bain) to move end closed session and move to Open Session. The Board Chair adjourned the Closed Session and moved the meeting back into Open Session at 11:32 am.

**Moved back into Open Session:** Motion was made, seconded (Saldano/O'Shaughnessy) to accept the recommendations made on the deliberations in closed session. Motion passed with a quorum of members.

Maureen Mulhall joined the meeting to provide comments regarding pending Legislation. SB 2660 was in its second reading in the House at the time of the meeting. This Bill would allow a chaperone order while a case is pending. The licensed therapist would be allowed to continue to work but only if a chaperone was present. If the license therapist isn't willing to have a chaperone, their license will be suspended pending the outcome of the charges.

**VI. Additional Guest Announcements**

HB5135 Would amend the Massage Licensing Act beginning 1-1-26 and require 1 additional hour of CE to identify skin growths and abnormalities. CE Sponsors would be required to present classes to meet this CE requirement.

The last 3 weeks of the Legislative Session will be focused on the budget which may include expanding the service tax, including on massages.

**VII. Chairperson Time**

Mr. Hovi asked for clarification of the role of the Massage Therapy Licensing Board. The role is to make recommendations to the Department regarding the Rules and Act governing the profession and recommendations for disciplinary actions. The Board may discuss the profession outside of the meeting if a quorum of the quorum isn't present.

**VIII. Board Liaison Time**

Ms. Fisher reminded the Board the next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Motion made/Seconded (Bain/Gonzalez) to keep closed meeting minutes closed.

Motion made/Seconded (Gonzalez/Wong) to authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board for the deliberations and/or applications discussed during closed session.

FSMTB – Executive Summit – will be held in Washington, DC October 3-5, 2024. Saldano and Gonzalez will attend to represent the IL Board. Board Liaison, Amy Fisher, will provide details regarding State travel requirements.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion made/Seconded (Gonzalez/Saldano) to adjourn meeting.

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:09 pm.