

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Illinois Massage Licensing Board

Open Session: August 5, 2025

Call to order *at* 10:01 a.m. by Mike Hovi.

Roll call:

Michael Hovi, Chair
Lurana Bain, Vice-Chair
Kendall Alexander, Member
Elizabeth Gonzalez, Member
Sandra Saldano, Member
Sharon Kay Wong, Member

Absent:

Kendall Alexander, Member

Staff:

Greg Largent
Gwendolyn Payton
Ann Erickson
Chloe Compton

Guests:

Maureen Mulhall
Mitzi Pearson
Jennifer Briggie
Crissy Holmes
Hannah Beasley
Lisa Wharton

Public Announcements & Comments

Maureen Mulhall discussed legislative happenings pertinent to massage from the past legislative session. She noted that she is not hearing negative feedback about the new CORE application system. She further advised that the AMTA had submitted suggestions for the upcoming sunset of the Massage Therapy Act.

Board Announcements & Comments

None

Approval of Open Minutes

MOTION by Elizabeth Gonzalez and a SECOND by Sandra Saldano to approve the Open Minutes from the May 6, 2025 Massage Licensing Board meeting.

All in Favor? 5 Opposed? 0 Abstained? 0 The motion is approved.

Old Business

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None

New Business

None

Chairman Notes

Mike Hovi noted that this is a 7 person board with a vacancy and a public member who has been unable to attend recently. He believed there was an individual who had submitted an application to be appointed but he has heard of no developments. Greg noted that he does some recruitment when the opportunity arises but the entire body can also participate in recruitment. If members know of anyone who may be interested in sitting on this Board then direct them to reach out to Greg.

Liaison Notes

- My email is in the chat. Email me if you wish to return to hear the announcements of the Closed Session.
- Remaining FY26 meeting schedule - 11/4/25 2/3/26 5/5/26
- Travel Vouchers need submitted within 30 days.
- Sharon and Greg will be attending the FSMTB Annual Meeting in Kansa City in October.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2025.

MOTION by Lurana Bain and a SECOND by Sharon Wong to enter into CLOSED SESSION, pursuant to Section 2(c)(4), 2(c)(15) and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

The MOTION is approved and the session is closed at 10:23 a.m.

Chair Mike Hovi adjourns the Closed Meeting at 12:19 p.m. The meeting returns to Open Session at 12:24 p.m.

Items Reviewed

- 3 License Application(s)
- 0 CE Waiver Request(s)
- 1 Deliberation(s)

Greg Largent announces the recommendations made in Closed Session:

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- Applicant Hannah Beasley will be granted a license as a Massage Therapist after completing 100 hours of hands-on supervised training at an approved program.
- Decision on the applications of Serhii Havrylchenko and Tafadzwa Dhlakama are deferred pending submission of additional supporting documentation.
- In the matter of licensee Willie L Smith, and case 2023-04958, it is recommended the license be suspended indefinitely for a period of at least one year.

Approve Recommendations

MOTION by Sharon Wong and a SECOND by Sandra Saldano to approve the recommendations made in Closed Session.

All in Favor? 5 Opposed? Abstained? The MOTION is approved.

MOTION by Elizabeth Gonzalez and a SECOND by Lurana Bain to approve the Closed Minutes from the May 6, 2025 Closed Session and keep the Closed Minutes closed pursuant to Section 2.06(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

All in Favor? 5 Opposed? Abstained? The MOTION is approved.

ADJOURN MEETING

MOTION by Lurana Bain and a SECOND by Sharon Wong to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor. The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned at 12:31 p.m.