

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

Open Session: November 4, 2025

Call to order *at* 10:04 a.m. by Mike Hovi.

Roll call:

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

Absent:

Staff:

Greg Largent
Ann Erickson
Chloe Compton

Guests:

Maureen Mulhall
Emmanuel Bistas
Mara McGhee

Elizabeth Gonzalez attending virtually pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Public Announcements & Comments

Emmanuel Bistas has 3 topics of discussion for the Board:

- Massage Compact - has the Board taken a position on ImPact?
 - The Board has not taken a position on ImPact. Maureen Mulhall points out that compact legislation does not generally get much support in the General Assembly.
- Client confidentiality – The Act does not specifically address client confidentiality.
 - HIPPA would not apply because this is not a healthcare profession. It is something to look into after addressing the Sunset.
- Licensure endorsement – are endorsement applicants able to use CE if their training was in a state with fewer hour requirements than Illinois?
 - Current Rules require 600 hours of supervised training to qualify for a license.

Board Announcements & Comments

Public Member, Kendall Alexander, has resigned from the Board. Two seats on the Board are vacant, including the public member. Posting vacancies on social media platforms will be explored. Sharon Wong and Greg Largent attended the 2025 FSMTB Annual Meeting. Sharon provided the Board with a brief summary of the meeting.

Approval of Open Minutes

MOTION by Lurana Bain and a SECOND by Sharon Wong to approve the Open Minutes from the

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August 5, 2025 Massage Licensing Board meeting.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Chairman Notes

The new requirement for Abnormal Skin Growth education will affect new applicants beginning 1/1/26 and license renewals beginning 12/31/26.

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 - 2/3/26 5/5/26
- Travel Vouchers need submitted within 30 days.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025.

MOTION by Lurana Bain and a SECOND by Sandy Saldano 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 10:49 a.m.

Chair Mike Hovi adjourns the Closed Meeting at 12:20 p.m. The meeting returns to Open Session at 12:20 p.m.

Items Reviewed

- 12 License Application(s)
- 0 CE Waiver Request(s)
- 0 Deliberation(s)

Greg Largent announces the recommendations made in Closed Session:

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- Applicants Iryna Fesenko and Serhii Havrylchenko have been approved to sit for the MBLEx.
- Applicants Fatemeh Allahdadi, Myroslav Starunchak, Nasyrkan Kerimkulov, and Tafadzwa Dhlakama have been denied approval to sit for the MBLEx.
- Applicant Angeline Aubuchon has been approved for licensure.
- Applicant Holistic Face Lift Academy has been approved for licensure as a CE Sponsor.
- Applicant Joliet Area Community Hospice Corp. has been denied for licensure as a CE Sponsor.
- Applicants Daniel Cassin, Daniella Hernandez, and Steven Sustman will be granted a license as a Massage Therapist after completing 100 hours of hands-on supervised training at an approved program.

Approve Recommendations

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

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

MOTION by Sandra Saldano and a SECOND by Lurana Bain to approve the Closed Minutes from the August 5, 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 Elizabeth Gonzalez and a SECOND by Sharon Wong to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor. The motion is approved and the meeting is adjourned at 12:26 p.m.