

Meeting Minutes
South Carolina Massage Therapy Board Meeting
February 6, 2025, 09:30 a.m. in Pee Dee Conference Room
110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Janet Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:34am

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the S.C. Board of Massage Therapy, 110 Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

a. Rules of the Meeting

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Ms. Gloria Lee Smith made a motion to approve the Massage Board Agenda. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board members and staff introduced themselves

Welcome & Introduction of New Board Members:

Board Members Present:

Janet Shaw-Chair
Gloria Lee Smith-Vice Chair
Bailey B. Maddox
Alicia Roberts
Nina Spinelli

SCLLR Staff Present:

Matalie Mickens, Board Executive
Shamone Breazeale, Administrative Assistant
Mary League, Advice Counsel
Alexis Bell, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Robert Dean, Office of Investigations
Jennifer Stillwell, Office of Investigations
Byron Ray, Investigator
Torri Smith, Investigator

Present:

Elizabeth Holt, Court Reporter
Debra B. Gallup
Karyn Kilmartin

Approval of Excused Absences:

There were no excused absences

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion: To approve the Board meeting minutes from May 3, 2024. The motion was made by Gloria Lee Smith seconded by Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.

Motion: To approve the Task Force meeting minutes with date corrections from September 23, 2024. The motion made by Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.

Motion: To approve Task Force meeting minutes from October 11, 2024

Motion: To approve the Board meeting minutes from November 1, 2024. The motion was made by Nina Spinelli and seconded by Gloria Lee Smith. The motion passed.

Motion: To approve the Task Force meeting minutes from November 21, 2024 and January 10, 2025. Motion was made by Bailey Maddox and seconded by Gloria Lee Smith. The motion passed.

Chairperson's Remarks: Janet Shaw

Ms. Shaw expressed her gratitude to and welcomed the Board members and everyone attending.

Staff Reports:

Board Executive Report-Matalie Mickens-

Ms. Mickens provided a spread sheet that included of the number of licensees by license type and also the total number of licenses issued for the year of 2022 to the year of 2025. Ms. Mickens reported the number of hours South Carolina Massage Therapy School programs are offering.

Financial report: \$837,454.39

Inspection and Citation Report-Jennifer Stillwell, Chief Inspector-

Ms. Stillwell reported that there have been 143 inspections completed since January of 2025 and 25 pending inspections. The year of 2024 1,364 inspections were performed

Motion: To approve the inspection and citation report. The motion was made by Ms. Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Ms. Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Report-Robert Dean, Chief Investigator

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Mr. Dean reported that 12 complains have been received since January 1, 2025 to January 29, 2025. There are 5 active investigations; 4 have been closed.

Investing Review Conference (IRC) Report-Robert Dean, Lead Investigator-

Mr. Dean reported that there are currently 2 formal complaints.

Motion: To approve the IRC Report. The motion was made by Ms. Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Ms. Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report-Alexis Bell, Esq- ODC Report

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As of January 31, 2025, there are 2 open cases, 1 case pending hearings and 1 case pending closure and 3 cases have been closed since October 28, 2024.

Application Hearing

Karyn Ann Kilmartin No National Exam

Ms. Kilmartin was sworn in and testified. Ms. Kilmartin answered questions from the Board.

Motion: To go into Executive session to seek legal advice in this matter. Motion was made by Ms. Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Ms. Nina Spinelli. The motion passed

Executive Session

Motion: To come out of Executive Session. Motion was made by Ms. Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Ms. Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.

Out of Executive Session

Motion: To approve application for licensure, accepting the New York state licensing exam as a Board-approved examination. Motion was made by Ms. Spinelli and seconded by Ms. Roberts. The motion passed.

Discussion

a. Student Compensation

Ms. Mickens made the Board aware of calls staff have been receiving regarding students receiving compensation. She asked if tips were considered compensation. The Board responded by stating that tips, gifts, gratuity, trades and anything of value would be considered compensation and not allowed prior to licensure.

b. Thai Yoga Massage/Thai Yoga

Ms. Mickens made the Board aware of calls staff have been receiving regarding Thai Yoga Massage/Thai Yoga. She asked if Thai Yoga Massage/Thai Yoga is considered a massage modality. The Board responded by stating that Thai Yoga is not included in massage and should not be referenced with massage therapy.

Hearing Officer

Ms. Mickens advised the Board of the candidate recommended to serve as hearing officer. The candidate is Ms. Tiffany Strickland. Ms. Strickland has been licensed since June of 2022 with no disciplinary issues.

Motion: To approve Tiffany Strickland as a hearing officer. The motion was made by Ms. Gloria Lee Smith and seconded by Ms. Alicia Roberts. The motion passed.

Travel Approval

Ms. Mickens asked the Board to approve travel for FSMTB Executive Summit in Scottsdale, AZ. The conference will take place April 2-4, 2025.

Motion: To approve the travel of Ms. Mickens to the FSMTB Summit. Th motion was made by Ms. Bailey Maddox and seconded by Ms. Nina Spinelli.

Public Comments

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Gloria Smith. The motion was seconded by Nina Spinelli. The motion passed.