STATEMENT OF RECUSAL

In accordance with Section 8-13-700(B), I hereby abstain from all votes, deliberations and other action on the following matter(s):

Consideration of asynchronous/hybrid learning

REASONS FOR RECUSAL:

Business relationship with one of the requesting schools

	8-1-25
Adam C. Broxton ⁽	Date

MINUTES

South Carolina Board of Massage Therapy Meeting

9:30 a.m., August 1, 2025 Synergy Business Park 110 Centerview Drive Kingstree Building Columbia, SC 29210 Midlands Conference Room

1. Meeting Called to Order

Janet Shaw, Chairperson called the meeting of the South Carolina Massage Therapy Board to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum noted as present.

Board Members Present:

Janet Shaw- Chairperson Gloria Lee Smith- Vice Chairperson Adam Broxton Alicia Roberts Bailey Maddox Nina Spinelli

SCDLLR Staff Present:

Matalie Mickens - Board Executive Mary League, Esq.-OAC April Howe-OIE Inspections Byron Ray-OIE Alexis Bell,Esq.-ODC Tori Smith-OIE Tyler Livezey-Communications Renee Young-OIE Tori Smith-OIE

Members of the Public:

Tina Behles - Court Reporter
Ende' Clark- SC Commission on Higher Education
Cassidy Rodrigues
Chris Roets
Samantha Bunn
Tim Kulp-Esquire
Debra Gallup
Samantha Nelson- Southeastern Health and Wellness Institute
Jolee Gudmundson
April Schneider- Southeastern Health and Wellness Institute
Dana Ball- Carolina School of Bodywork

A. Public Notice

Ms. Shaw announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Massage Therapy office, 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.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Shaw called for a motion to approve the agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made the motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Introduction of Commission Members

The Board members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Excused Absences

All present

5. Approval of Minutes from the May 3, 2025 meeting

The Board members reviewed the minutes. Ms. Shaw called for a motion.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the May 3, 2025 minutes. Ms. Maddox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. Chairperson's Remarks – Janet Shaw

Ms. Shaw had no remarks.

7. Staff Reports

A. Board Executive Report-Matalie Mickens

8. Ms. Mickens presented the reports of the licensee totals.Ms. Mickens informed the Board that the cash balance on May 31, 2025 was \$608,873.06.

A. <u>Inspection and Citation Report – (OIE Inspector) April Howe</u>

Ms. Howe presented the Inspection Report as information only. The Citation Report was presented for approval.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the citation report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberts, which carried unanimously.

- **B.** Office of Investigation and Enforcement (OIE) Report (OIE Investigator) Renee Young Ms. Young presented the OIE report as information only.
- **C.** Office of Investigation and Enforcement (IRC) Report (OIE Investigator) Renee Young Ms. Young presented the IRC report for approval.

MOTION: Ms. Maddox made a motion to approve the IRC report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smith, which carried unanimously.

D. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC) – Alexis Bell, Esq.

Ms. Bell presented the ODC Report as information only. Ms. Bell advised there are 6 open cases, 4 of which are pending a disciplinary hearing or agreement. Since July 25, 2025, ODC has closed 15 cases prior to the previous Board meeting. There are no appeals pending. The Board accepted this report as information.

9. Disciplinary Hearing

Case # 2024-93 [CLOSED]

Adam Braxton recused himself due to a personal and professional relationship with Respondent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Motion to exit executive session; motion carried. No votes were taken in executive session.

<u>MOTION</u>: Motion that violation proven and to issue a private reprimand and impose further conditions known to Respondent and the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Spinelli made a motion to exit closed session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Roberts, which carried unanimously.

10. Consideration of Asynchronous/ Hybrid Learning

After discussion of distance learning, the Board continued further discussion for a special called meeting to allow time for additional review of materials and for stakeholder input to be provided.

11. Approval of 2026 Board Meeting Dates

February 5, 2026

May 28, 2026

August 7 2026

November 18, 2026

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the 2026 Board Meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maddox, which carried unanimously.

12. Public Comments

The Massage Therapy Association inquired when the regulations will be drafted for notice.

13. Adjournment

Ms. Shaw called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Spinelli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The **August 1, 2025** meeting of the South Carolina Board of Massage Therapy adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held **November 5, 2025**.