

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES
April 20, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.
402 W Washington Street, Room W064
Indianapolis IN 46204

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM 10:03 A.M.**
Board members Present: Laurie Hardin, Elizabeth Cain, Jael Peirce, Tara Tonkins
Staff Present: Toby Snell, Ashlee Scott, Heidi Adair
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** Motion made by EC and seconded by JP to adopt the agenda motion carries 4-0-0
- III. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES** motion made by LH and seconded by JP to approve the minutes
Motion carries 4-0-0
- IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**
Report given by Ryan Eldridge

COURT REPORTER
Margie Addington

- V. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**
- 1. Joseph Weathers MT21706102**
Extension of Summary Suspension 2022 SBMT 0002
Mr Weathers does not appear
Ryan Eldridge appears on behalf of the state
State request extension on summary suspension
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to extend the summary suspension.
Motion carries 4-0-0
- 2. Alyssa Stillions MT21405100**
Petition to Withdraw Probation 2021 SBMT 0008
Ms Stillions appears
Request to be removed from probation and feels that she has met all requirements of the probation terms
Ms Stillions has no closing statement
These proceedings are now concluded
Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to approve the withdrawal of probation
Motion carries 4-0-0

3. Sara Cozort MT21003805

Administrative Complaint 2023 SBMT 0002

Ryan Eldridge appears on behalf of the state.

Respondent does not appear.

State makes opening statement.

State requests a Notice of Proposed Default for failure to appear.

These proceedings are now concluded.

Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to issue the NOPD.

Motion carries 4-0-0

4. Melissa Rachels MT20902511

Administrative Complaint 2023 SBMT 0001

Ryan Eldridge appears on behalf of the state.

Respondent does not appear.

State asks if they could go ahead and take the witness statement since she is here today.

Board approves.

Witness is sworn in

State makes opening statement and request to amend the administrative complaint on page 3 number 18 from December 7, 2022, to reflect October 7, 2022

Board votes and approves the amendment in the administrative complaint.

state requests NOPD be issued.

motion made by JP and seconded by EC to issue a NOPD.

Motion carries 4-0-0

State now calls witness for testimony.

.She has been seeing the respondent for migraines and started mumbling about a second patient and saying something about a pattern on her back. Witness didn't know what she was talking about. She then started saying something about hitting a dog, but it didn't work, and patient started freaking out a little bit. She said hurt people hurt people and I wanted to snap your neck because I am so angry. Witness then got up and told her the session needs to stop and insisted that she knew this lady, but she has never met her before.

When she left her personality completely changes as she was leaving. The witness did contact her employer and he said he was very aware of her issues and knew she was on probation and ultimately ended up letting her go. The witness now does not feel safe to ever visit another massage therapist and it was very traumatizing. The witness states her health is suffering from this now that she cannot go see a chiropractor or massage therapist.

No questions from the board for the witness at this time

These proceedings are now concluded.

5. Hannah Flynn MT21104100

Order to Show Cause 2021 SBMT 0002

Ms Flynn does not appear.

Received notice that the respondent was having transportation issues and could not make it

These proceedings are now concluded.

Motion made by JP and seconded to TT to continue to the next meeting.

Motion carries 4-0-0

6. Kari Everhart (Long) MT21204522

Order to Show Cause 2012 SBMT 0021

Christian Baldwin and Ryan Eldridge appears on behalf of the state.

Ms Everhart appears.

Ms Everhart makes opening statement.

She is here for failure to submit reports as she thought she emailed IPLA for withdrawal of probation and the email did not go thru.

State makes opening statement.

She requested a letter from Dr Gordon Chiro and thought the letter was sent. IPLA has no record of it. She thought she was waiting on a response from the board. States that Chris Doll was supposed to submit an email to IPLA but after searching there is not one.

State questions respondent

Corrects her last name is now Long not Love.

Works for Massage Envy in Terre Haute

Have you kept the board up to date and she thought it was

She thought her employer was submitting documentation.

She thought the last report was submitted this past month.

She thought the report from Gordon Chiropractic was submitted.

She will make sure she complies with any board orders in the future as this is her life.

State calls Toby Snell as witness

Respondent has no question of the witness.

Respondent states she thought everything had been submitted and was not aware and would like the opportunity to try again to submit what is required. She no longer uses drugs and has been on the straight and narrow.

State makes closing statement.

State recommends the board suspend license for one year.

These proceedings are now concluded.

Motion made by JP and seconded by LH to continue the terms of the probation that were in place at the October 2022 meeting

Motion carries 4-0-0

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

1. Carla Smith-Reinstatement PHONE

Carla appears by phone.

Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to reinstate the license after completing 34.5 hours of CE.

Motion carries 4-0-0

2. Shynetta Brown Applying by Necessity of Licensure (per IC 25-21.8-4-6)

Shynetta Brown appears.

Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to approve the license.

Motion carries 4-0-0

3. **Dawn Clary** - Applying by Necessity of Licensure (per IC 25-21.8-4-6)
Dawn appeared but had to leave. Board still reviews documents that are submitted.
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to approve the license.
Motion carries 4-0-0
4. **Jane Lisa Foster-Bless**- Applying by Necessity of Licensure (per IC 25-21.8-4-6)
Jane does not appear.
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to deny the license.
Motion carries 4-0-0
5. **Cashmere Brown** Positive Response Initial Application
Cashmere appears.
Pulled over on Mother's Day, May 2022 and had a THC pen that she forgot she had, and the vehicle smelled like marijuana. Was placed on a diversion agreement and then taken off and was given the option to settle out with court fees and no probation.
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC approve the license.
Motion carries 4-0-0
6. **Reneesha Fowler** Positive Response Initial Application
Reneesha appears.
Arrested in 2019 for resisting arrest at a bar for getting involved in an altercation. She was blamed for the start of the fight, and she was then arrested and did a year of unsupervised probation.
Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to approve the license.
Motion carries 4-0-0
7. **Amanda Flick** Reinstatement
Amanda appears.
Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to reinstate after completing 40 hours of CE.
Motion carries 4-0-0
8. **Angela Walton** Reinstatement
Angela appears.
Motion made by JP and seconded by LH to reinstate after providing 10 hours of CE with 2 being in ethics.
Motion carries 4-0-0
9. **Sara Delgado** – Reinstatement
Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to reinstate after providing insurance and completing 10 hours of CE with 2 hours in ethics.
Motion carries 4-0-0
10. **Laura Jackson**-Reinstatement
Tabled to the next meeting.

11. Donna Klewer- Reinstatement

Donna appears.

Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to reinstate after submitting 10 hours of CE with 2 in ethics

Motion carries 4-0-0

12. Jennifer Hartmann-Reinstatement

Jennifer appears.

Motion made by JP and seconded by EC to approve the reinstatement after completing 2 hours of CE in ethics. Already received the 10 hours of the remaining required hours of CE.

Motion carries 4-0-0

VII. INCOMPLETE RENEWALS

1. Elizabeth Strack
2. Kathleen O'Shea
3. Marjorie Squires
4. Rhonda Hoff
5. Carolyn Sue Grayson
6. Carol Brisentine
7. Scott McCain
8. Rachel Snell
9. Wing Kwan
10. Suzanne Williams
11. Jane Cochran
12. Carol Hoffman
13. Carole Jensen
14. Elizabeth Lovins
15. Andrea Williams
16. Kathy Perry
17. Yanjun Chen
18. Yen Yen Handojo
19. Charles Collins
20. Abby Lidester
21. Shannon Simpson
22. Julie Park
23. Tami Ciesielski
24. Laura Altaffer
25. Stephanie Smith
26. Erin Eoff
27. Sheila White
28. Kellie Wagoner
29. Angela Klein
30. Brogan Eppley
31. Nicole Rosinski
32. Xin Luan

33. Elizabeth Kindler
34. Steven Spalding
35. Stephany West
36. Pierre Couvillion
37. Amanda Gray
38. Tina Siler
39. Christian Polen
40. Kyle Conroy
41. Erin Amos
42. Brittany Adams
43. Julia Hiller
44. Stephanie Riley
45. Tammy Edgerton
46. Traci Miller

Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to deny the renewal of 1-46 of the incomplete renewals.

Motion carries 4-0-0

IX. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. FSMTB Summary of Membership Services

Jael will go to the conference in September.

Elizabeth will be going to the conference in October.

2. Board Chair, Vice Chair and Liaison

Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to appoint Jael as chair,

Motion carries 4-0-0

Motion made by LH and seconded by JP to appoint Elizabeth as vice chair.

Motion carries 4-0-0

Motion made by LH and seconded by EC to appoint Jael as liaison.

Motion carries 4-0-0

3. Rules Sub Committee and Delegate Board Member

Motion made EC and seconded by LH appoint Jael as the board delegate for the rule's subcommittee.

Motion carries 4-0-0

X. ADJOURNMENT 1:47 P.M.



Laurie Hardin, Board Chair

Next Scheduled Meeting:
July 20, 2023