



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
OCTOBER 5, 2015 MEETING**

***APPROVED MINUTES***

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on October 5, 2015, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Terese Hunter, Vice-Chairperson, Public Member, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

***Members Present:*** Terese Hunter, Vice-Chairperson, Public Member  
Charlie Franklin, LMT  
Donald Bowman, MT  
Katie Kiter, Public Member  
Nicole Lennox, LMT  
Beth Miazga, LMT  
J.T. Stout, MT

***Members Absent:*** Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson  
Tiffany Gennety, LMT  
Jill Murphy, Public Member  
Teresa Rivard, Public Member

***Staff Present:*** Amy Schneider, Secretary, Board and Committees Section  
Michael Siracuse, Policy Analyst, Board and Committees Section  
Forrest Pasanski, Regulation Section Manager  
Krista Sheroski, Analyst, Enforcement Division

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

***MOTION*** by Stout, seconded by Miazga, to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION* by Kiter, seconded by Stout, to approve the July 6, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

## REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

### Joshua J. Fields, CMT – Proposal for Decision

*MOTION* by Stout, seconded by Miazga, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny licensure in the matter of Joshua J. Fields, CMT.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Franklin, Bowman, Kiter, Lennox,  
Miazga, Stout, Hunter

MOTION PREVAILED

### Jennifer Mae Zemaitis – Proposal for Decision

*MOTION* by Stout, seconded by Bowman, to accept the Proposal for Decision and accept in part and reject in part in the matter of Jennifer Mae Zemaitis.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bowman, Stout,  
Nays: Franklin, Kiter, Lennox, Miazga, Hunter

MOTION FAILED

*MOTION* by Bowman, seconded by Franklin, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny licensure in the matter of Jennifer Mae Zemaitis.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Franklin, Bowman, Kiter, Lennox,  
Miazga, Hunter  
Nays: Stout

MOTION PREVAILED

**Stephanie Jo Alberts – Proposal for Decision/Intent to Deny**

*MOTION* by Bowman, seconded by Lennox, to accept the Proposal for Decision/Intent to Deny and deny licensure in the matter of Stephanie Jo Alberts.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Franklin, Bowman, Kiter, Lennox,  
Miazga, Stout, Hunter

MOTION PREVAILED

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**HPRC Appointment**

Siracuse informed the Board that a representative is needed for the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) to represent the Board of Massage Therapy. Any interested and eligible individual may send their letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Michael Siracuse at SiracuseM@michigan.gov. Current Board members cannot serve on the HPRC.

**Request for approval by applicant Holmes**

*MOTION* by Stout, seconded by Lennox, to approve the applicant's request for waiver of GED requirement of licensure.

Discussion was held.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

**Department Update**

**Administrative Rulemaking Process**

Siracuse distributed a hand-out entitled "Administrative Rules Process in a Nutshell." He provided an overview of same.

Siracuse informed that the Administrative Rules will be returned to the Rules Committee for further review as one rule needs clarification.

Stout thanked Siracuse for his assistance with the Administrative Rules.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine McKay stated the importance of receiving "official transcripts" from training programs and should be enforced.

Kristina Ekern inquired about the definition of continuing education professional development.

Deanna Oliver commented that for her RN program, she was required to prove education requirements and suggested this should apply to the profession of massage therapy.

Kathleen Jacob would like to see a board approved and practicing continuing education provider to practice in the state of Michigan.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

## ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION* by Bowman, seconded by Kiter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

*Tiffany Gannett - CHAIR*

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*signed for Terese Hunter*

Terese Hunter, Vice-Chairperson

Date Minutes Signed

Prepared by:  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

October 5, 2015