

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
STATE BOARD FOR MASSAGE THERAPY
May 3, 2024

Public Locations: Albany, New York City, Rochester, Syracuse

Present: Michele Naumann Carlstrom, Chair (New York City)
Kyle Hierholzer, Vice Chair (Syracuse)
Kiersten Fisher (Rochester)
Chad Hunkins (Albany)
Dale Montelione-Grust (Albany)
Linda Toomey (Syracuse)
Amy E. Warcup (Rochester)

Staff:	Carolyn Ferrick	Professional Examination Unit
	Diane Martin	Board Staff
	Karen Shier	Board Staff
	Paul Thompson	Board Executive Secretary

Meeting Convened

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Board members and staff introduced themselves. The Executive Secretary reviewed the agenda and noted that comments and discussion are restricted to State Board members and Department staff.

Review of Board Minutes

The Board considered individually the draft minutes of the following previous meetings:

- October 13, 2023
- December 15, 2023
- March 1, 2024

The Board voted unanimously to approve the draft minutes as submitted. (Motion: Michelle Naumann Carlstrom; second: Chad Hunkins)

Executive Secretary's Report

- At its meeting on March 12, the Board of Regents appointed Dr. David Hamilton as Deputy Commissioner for the Office of the Professions. Mr. Thompson noted that Dr. Hamilton had served in multiple leadership positions in the Office and is deeply familiar with the work of the State boards.
- Kyle Farmer, Director of Examinations and Innovation at the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, is interested in meeting with the Board. The Board office will advise him of future meeting dates.

Conclusion of Public Session

Motion: To end the public session and enter executive session to discuss matters relating to the State Massage Therapy examination – Chad Hunkins; second: Kyle Hierholzer.

Vote: Unanimous approval (10:30 a.m.)

Executive Session (10:35 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.)

Discussion of matters relating to the New York State licensure examination.

Motion to conclude meeting: Dale Montelione-Grust; second: Amy Warcup. Unanimous approval (11:45 a.m.)

Next meeting: October 4, 2024