

ALABAMA Massage Therapy Licensing Board

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

RSA Plaza Suite 350

Montgomery, Alabama

March 19, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

The following members were present: Jessica White, LMT, Chair; Ali Araiinejad, LMT; Anastasia Morris, LMT; Daynette Ranger, LMT; Kristen Gillis, Attorney at Law and Executive Officer Peggy Benson. Members absent were Tom Henderson, Jr., LMT, Vice-Chair; Noel Boone, LMT; Laura Cooper, LMT and Amy Long, DNP, FNP-C, Consumer.

Staff members attending the meeting were: Honor Ingels, Administrative Director – Chief Policy/Communications Officer; Patrick Samuelson, Senior Assistant General Counsel; Joyce Jeter, MSN, RN, Director of Practice, CE, and Licensure; Brad Jones, IT System Specialist Senior; Tonya Smith, Executive Secretary/Recorder; Pamela Smith, DNP, MSN, RN, Administrative Director of Education Programs; Tara Armistead, Attorney III; Clifton (Chip) Lollar, Chief Special Investigator; Klisha Potts, Paralegal; Nicole Sewell, State IT Trainee; Maxine Hollis, Chief Financial Officer; and Jennifer Herman, Investigator.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum of five Board members was present on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

C. Oath of Office

On March 19, 2025, Ali Araiinejad read the Oath of Office. A written “Oath of Office” was provided to him for signature.

D. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act and Active Electronic Recording in Compliance with ACT 2024-361

Prior notice of the meeting was posted on the Secretary of State’s website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

E. Review of Full Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

None

2. REORDERING, MODIFICATION, OR ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

II.A. February 27, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

III.A. Board Action Follow-up

VI.A.1. Executive Officer Report None

VI.A.2. FYI

VI.B.1. General Counsel Report

VII.A. Education Report

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board adopt the Consent Agenda. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. REORDERING, MODIFICATIONS, ADDITIONS, OR ADOPTION OF FULL AGENDA

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board adopt the Full Agenda as amended. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. February 27, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes of February 27, 2025, Board meeting was accepted on the Consent Agenda.

III. OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP

A. Board Action Follow-up

None

IV. BOARD PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATIONS/REVIEW

None

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Reports

Ms. Hollis shared the Revenue and Expenditure Summary, Revenues, and the Expenditure Budget Comparison as of February 28, 2025.

VI. REPORTS

A. Executive Officer

1. Report

None

2. FYI

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the National Convening Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage Notes from conference on January 14-15, 2025, to each Board member.

3. REAFFIRM ABN LEGAL INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT

Ms. Benson reported that in June 2024, the Board assumed management of the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board (AMTLB). Since that time, the Board has provided legal assistance for AMTLB on an as-needed basis for consent orders and discipline case management. The Board will continue to provide such services for the duration of the ABN's retention of management of the AMTLB. Board staff recommends adoption of an interagency agreement to ensure that the ABN is able to recoup funds expended for these purposes during the period of temporary management.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve ABN-AMTLB interagency agreement for limited legal services. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

4. REVIEW AMTLB SUNSET REPORT

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the AMTLB Sunset Report to each Board member to review.

5. REVIEW AMTLB SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the AMTLB Social Media Plan to each Board member to review.

6. REAFFIRM EO SPENDING LIMITS

Ms. Benson reported that there are no spending guidelines available or this board for the Executive Officer to follow with expenditures.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the Executive Officer spending parameter guideline to assist with workflow and processes going forward. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. APPROVE STAARS VOUCHER SIGNATURE

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the STAARS Voucher Signature to each Board member to be reviewed and approved.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the STAARS Voucher Signature. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

8. APPROVE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the authorized signatures to each Board member to be reviewed and approved.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve authorized signatures to sign financial transactions (vouchers, forms, etc.) for the Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. REVIEW APPROVED LETTERHEAD

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the AMTLB approved letterhead to each Board member to be reviewed.

10. REAFFIRM EMERGENCY OPS PLAN

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the Emergency OPS Plan to each Board member to be reviewed and approved.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Guideline. Ms. Range seconded. Motion carried without objection.

11. REVIEW LICENSING CERTIFICATE TEMPLATE

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the Licensing Certificate Template to each Board member to be reviewed.

12. REVIEW AMTLB STATE SEAL

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the AMTLB State Seal to each Board member to be reviewed.

13. REVIEW SUNSET SIGNIFICANT ISSUES ACTION PLAN

Ms. Benson presented a copy of the Sunset Significant Issues Action Plan to each Board member to be reviewed.

B. Executive Committee

1. None

C. Legal Division

1. General Counsel/Deputy Attorney General Reports

A written report on activities on the Legal Division, the number of open disciplinary cases, and the number of cases on appeal or subject to litigation was accepted, as information, on the Consent Agenda.

2. Investigations Report

A written report on active investigations as of March 14, 2025, was accepted, as information, on the Consent Agenda.

VII. AMTLB EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A. Education Report

A written report on massage education was accepted, as information, on the Consent Agenda.

B. Program Termination Report if indicated.

None

VIII. POLICY

A. FINAL CERTIFICATION ALABAMA MASSAGE THERAPY LICENSING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE CODE §532-X-3-.09.

Mr. Ingels reported that the Board staff proposes revision of the subject sections of the AMTLB Administrative Code to delay implementation of the statutory requirement for LMT's to register to establishments from January 1, 2025, until July 1, 2025. An emergency rule delaying implementation is in place pending effectiveness of the final rule.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Ranger moved that the Board approve, as final certification, revision to Alabama Massage Therapy Licensing Board Administrative Code 532-X-3-.09. Ms. Gillis seconded. Motion carried without objection.

IX. LICENSURE APPROVALS

A. RENEWAL APPROVAL ALL

Ms. Jeter reported that the renewals of February 26, 2025, through March 19, 2025, were granted in compliance with approved Board policies.

Applicant	Name	License Type	License Status	Fee Type/Paid	Met Requirements
1	Matthew Ko	MT-5122	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
2	Xia Li	MT-5234	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
3	Gretchen Marie	E-3189	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
4	Gilda's Salon and Day Spa	E-1533	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
5	The Grand	E-3442	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
6	Russell Hyde	MT-6078	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal	Yes

				(\$100)	
7	Bless'd Hands Massage Therapy	E-3614	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
8	Angeline Powell	MT-5191	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
9	Zhang E Xu	MT-4431	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
10	Yingying Zhang	MT-3590	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
11	Christopher Sherman	MT-4079	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
12	Tonya Butler	MT-4208	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
13	CAM Massage Therapy LLC	E-1719	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
14	Stacey Campbell	MT-5714	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
15	Wonderland Healing Center LLC	E-3202	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
16	James Foster	MT-5228	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
17	John Malloy	MT-6183	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
18	Paula Brown	MT-5682	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes

19	Cheree Porter	MT-4215	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
20	Joseph Yorio	MT-5217	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
21	April Smith	MT-3687	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
22	Todd Whaley	MT-1834	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
23	Jessica Cajka	MT-6198	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
24	Keunna Swopes	MT-3921	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
25	Yan Zhao	MT-5276	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
26	Renee Hardenbrook	MT-3201	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
27	Kelsey Phillips	MT-5674	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
28	Dawn Rahn	MT-6207	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
29	Jennifer Maurelli	MT-5676	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
30	Amy Kay	MT-3219	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes

31	Nancy Knighten	MT-4706	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
32	Kendall Hardy	MT-5229	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
33	Denise Goldman	MT-5670	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
34	Cheryl Cole	MT-5702	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
35	Kailey Pardee	MT-5672	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
36	Charity Gehman	MT-5158	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
37	Joni Waites	MT New-6676 Old-1458	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
38	Shelby Rumph	MT-6193	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
39	Kelsey Tew	MT-5209	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
40	Nancy Rhodes	MT-5592	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
41	Crystal Hannon	MT-4703	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
42	Whitney Clanton	MT-5683	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes

43	Robert Williams	MT-3838	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
44	Rahul Gupta	MT-3629	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
45	Danielle Maton	MT-5238	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
46	Dynamic Therapeutics	E-3237	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
47	Mona Liza's Beauty Bar	E-3543	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
48	Shine Facial Bar Auburn	E-3577	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes
49	Chonita Quille	MT-6157	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
50	Jacylyn Thompson	MT-4495	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
51	Sasha Genung	MT-5257	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
52	Sarah Wooten	MT-4943	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
53	Susan Doty	MT-4702	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
54	Daizy Bleu Salon	E-3166	Active	Massage Establishment Renewal (\$50)	Yes

55	Sherry Ghavassi	MT-4692	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
56	Qun Li	MT-4160	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
57	Laura Hunt LMT	E-3182	Active	Massage Establishme nt Renewal (\$50)	Yes
58	Tracy Hand Therapeutic Massage	E-3669	Active	Massage Establishme nt Renewal (\$50)	Yes
59	Silver Linings LLC	E-2571	Active	Massage Establishme nt Renewal (\$50)	Yes
60	An Angel's Touch Therapeutic Massgae LLC	E-3273	Active	Massage Establishme nt Renewal (\$50)	Yes
61	Cathena Ricks	MT-5630	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
62	Ancient Wisdom Medicine	E-1907	Active	Massage Establishme nt Renewal (\$50)	Yes
63	Carissa Jenkins	MT-3708	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
64	Haley Hill	MT-6146	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
65	Stephney Gregg	MT- New - 6678 Old-539	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
66	Sherry Chatterji	MT New - 6679 Old -594	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes

67	Shayne Phillips	MT-3420	Active	Massage Therapist Renewal (\$100)	Yes
68	Danille Maton	I-428	Active	Massage Instructor Renewal(\$100)	Yes

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the ratification of massage therapy renewal applications. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. INITIAL LICENSURE APPROVAL (ALL)

Ms. Jeter reported that the Initial Licensure Massage Therapists meet the requirements of licensure in the AMTLB Administrative Code.

Applicant	Name	License Type	License Status	Fee Type/Paid	Met Requirements
1	Holly Davis	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
2	Melissa Redus	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
3	Geneva Abernathy	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
4	Amber Harper	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
5	Erica Powers	Instructor	Pending	Massage Instructor Initial (\$100)	Yes
6	Courtne Thompson	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
7	Ethan Miller	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
8	Erica Powers	Instructor	Pending	Massage Instructor	Yes

				Initial (\$100)	
9	Amber Harper	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
10	LeAnn Thrasher	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
11	Jennifer Melville	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes
12	Lakota Maloney	MT	Pending	Massage Therapist Initial (\$100)	Yes

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the issuance of initial licensure per application. Mr. Araiienjad seconded.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Ranger mentioned that item 4 and item 9 were the same.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis amended her motion and moved that the Board approve removing item 9 from the list and approve the issuance of initial licensure per application. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. NEW ESTABLISHMENT INITIAL LICENSURE APROVAL (ALL)

Ms. Jeter reported that the purpose of the Board meeting is to review and ask questions, if needed, of the pending Massage Therapy Establishment license applicants, as required by AMTLB Administrative Code 532-X-4-.03(c).

Exceptions are currently AMTLB approved establishments that meet the requirements for change of location, according to AMTLB Administrative code 532-X-4-.05 – Massage Therapy Establishment Change of Location.

Applicant	Name	License Type	License Status	Fee Type/Paid	Met Requirements
1	Self-Care at the Square	E-3884	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes

2	Chelsea Massage Therapy	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes
3	Back to Basic Therapeutic Massage LLC	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes
4	Restoration Massage	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes
5	Shoals Bodywork	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes
6	Restorative Massage LLP	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes
7	Remedy Me Spa LLC	E	Pending Board Approval	Establishment License Fee (\$100)	Yes

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board approve the issuance of initial licensure. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

D. Licensure Report
1. None

X. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. None

XI. DISCIPLINARY CASES

A. CONSENT ORDERS

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Ranger moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss the general reputation and character, professional competence, and physical or mental conditions of specific applicants and licenses. Ms. Gillis seconded. Motion

carried with all in favor: (Ali Araiinejad, Anastasia Morris, and Jessica White).

Ms. White estimated that the Board would reconvene at 10:35 a.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:32 a.m.

1. Komorowski, Justin - 6566 (Active)

Mr. Komorowski signed a Consent Order that would suspend his Alabama Massage Therapy License until such time as (a) payment of any applicable fees and the civil penalty/administrative fine of \$1,000.00; (b) successful completion of the educational program on Professional Boundaries; and (c) receipt of the employer notification. In no event will this period of suspension extend beyond twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Order. Should such occur, Mr. Komorowski's licensure status will be considered as and listed as revoked.

On March 19, 2025, Ms. Gillis moved that the Board accept the Consent Order. Ms. Ranger seconded. Motion carried without objection.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE May 14, 2025, 770 Washington Avenue, RSA Plaza, Montgomery, Alabama, Suite 350

XIII. OTHER

A. AMTLB EO Update

1. Mr. Samuelson gave a brief report on the FBI fingerprint background check about some changes coming and will bring a guideline to the May 2025 AMTLB Board Meeting to be reviewed.
2. Mr. Ingels went over the AMTLB bill of all the changes and was able to answer Board member questions.

XIV. BOARD MEETING DEBRIEFING

A. New Board Members (How can we help?)

None

B. Meeting Process: What can we improve/change?

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The AMTLB Board meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Jessica White
Chair

Tom Henderson, Jr.
Vice-Chair

Submitted by: _____
Tonya Smith/Recorder 03/25