

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025

5800 West Tenth Street, Room 906

Little Rock, AR 9:10 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Krista Moore, Presiding; Wendy Scott, Glen Scott Fleming, Kristy Strother, Deborah Thompson, Malcolm Keener

Called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Call to order Moore

Roll call Moore

Approval of minutes

motion to approve minutes, by Strother, second by Scott  
-- approved

Legal Update Craig Smith

Act 629 regarding the registration for establishments. Staff has gotten questions. The frequently asked questions on the website have been updated to address recurring questions. Inspection fees waived, so no cost for the registration each year or to update information for existing establishments.

Act 505- changes to the Freedom of Information Act, changing by-laws as it relates to meetings, in-person versus remote attendance, notice requirements, establishing a quorum and voting.

Added some language to by-laws regarding ad hoc and standing committees and sub-committees.

Question by Strother regarding Article III, Section 2- discussion of length of term for officers.

Motion by Strother to accept by-laws, and change in Article III, Section 2 regarding term length to three years, second by Scott. passed

Act 629 discussion by committee members -- background checks are just for initial registration. Do not have to have another if had one in the past year. If someone owns a business offering massage services, then owner has to send in registration.

Legal Update -- continued

Staff has nothing to do with background checks. Mandated by State Police and ACIC. State Police run this, including fees. If city does not have city licensing requirement, do not have to send anything in.

Regarding inspections, if you own a business you need to register. If owner does not want to be liable for renters, it's suggested to have renters register.

Administrative Hearing attached under separate cover

### Continuing Education Applications

#### Old

1. Ashiatsu Routine - Motion by Wendy to approve, second by Fleming - pending receipt of timeline.

#### New

2. Energy-Massage- Motion by Fleming to approve, second by Scott - pending receipt of a timeline.

3. Himalayan Salt Stone Massage - Motion by Fleming, second by Scott to approve. Approved.

4. Pain - It's More Than a Feeling - Motion by Scott to approve, second by Fleming. Approved.

5. Singing Stone Therapy - Echoes of Resonance- Motion by Strother to approve, second by Scott -- approved.

6. A Touch of Sound - Motion by Scott to approve, second by Strother -- approved.

7. Singing Bowls and Sound Bath - Motion by Strother to table to have a better description of technique and how this is different from the above course (A Touch of Sound). Second by Fleming. Tabled.

### Program Update

Kelli Kersey

Applications for vacancies on MTTAC have gone out -- for Regions 1 and 3.

Regarding online renewals and CLIP system - a new company is revamping. It is bringing it up to date. Hopefully in the near future will be able to renew online.

Cosmetology and Massage Therapy are two completely separate entities. The programs, rules, laws, committees are all different. They do, however, share a staff.

Thompson - It was approved in the by-laws for standing committees. Discussion of how MTTAC wants standing committees to look.

Motion by Strother, second by Thompson - to form a standing sub-committee for continuing education to review applications for completeness prior to quarterly meeting. Approved.

Committee consists of Strother, Scott, Thompson

Election of new vice-chair to replace Kirby Clark Ellis. Fleming nominated by Moore, second by Scott - Fleming elected vice-chair.

#### Public Comment

Sybil Davis - let people know in writing to send in to Department of Health awareness of things going on in the community. Need to submit complaints in written form.

Regarding unlicensed places -- Department of Health does not enforce the law. These issues forwarded to prosecuting attorney's office and/or police agencies. Prosecutors have discretion to file charges or not.

Department of Health is working as best they can in dealing with unlicensed facilities. Complaint forms should be posted in establishments. Also human trafficking information should be posted.

Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Next meeting December 15, 2025 9:00 a.m.

