

MINUTES TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD

September 22, 2025

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Time: 9:00 AM cst

Location: Iris Room
665 Mainstream Drive
HRB- 1st Floor, Iris Room
Nashville TN 37243

Members Present: Emily Newberry, LMT
Marvis Burke, LMT
Virginia Yarbrough, LMT

Members Absent:
William Mullins, LMT
Amy Jones, Citizen Member
Alicia Azimipour, Citizen Member.

Staff Present: Noranda French, Unit 2 Director
Tonya Wilkins, Board Director
Michael Varnell, Board Attorney- Office of General Counsel
Regan Cothron, Board Attorney- Office of General Counsel
Paetria Morgan, Board Attorney- Office of General Counsel

Guests: Michal Tolon, Court Reporter
Carolyn Reed, Judge

CONTESTED CASE:

Siedel Shipp LMT 8317:

All board members confirmed they have read the facts of the case, and all confirm they do not have prior knowledge of this case. Carolyn Reed, the Judge, establishes a quorum. Marvis Burke is acting as chair. No board members need to recuse themselves. The contested case is of sexual nature. Respondent is guilty of unethical or unprofessional conduct including but not limited to: telling a client that he loved her, allowing and encouraging the client bring sex toys to massage sessions, and providing, participating, and or allowing drug use during massage therapy sessions. Paetria Morgan, Senior Associate General Counsel, motions to proceed in default. Emily Newberry motions to proceed in default. Virginia Yarbrough seconded. Motion passes. Paetria Morgan presents opening statement. Morgan calls her first witness Candice Lawson. Judge swears in witness Candice Lawson. Board members reviews items in the record. Paetria Morgan presents closing statements. Board deliberates. Yarbrough motions to accept the findings of fact. Emily Newberry seconds. Motion passes. Emily Newberry motions to accept the conclusions of law. Yarbrough seconded. Motion passes. Emily Newberry motions to accept the policy statement as written. Virginia Yarbrough seconded. Motion passes. Virginia Yarbrough motion to accept the order as written. Emily Newberry seconded. Motion Passes.

Contested Case is adjourned (1:37:35)

CONSENT ORDERS:

Xin Sui Esch LMT 14256:

Paetria Morgan, Senior Associate General Counsel, introduces consent order. Esch permitted unlicensed persons to perform massage and is guilty of unprofessional and unethical conduct. Emily Newberry motions to accept consent order as written. Virginia Yarbrough seconded. Motion passes.

Christopher Patterson LMT 10895:

Paetria Morgan, Senior Associate General Counsel, introduces consent order. Patterson committed sexual battery against S.H and W.W. Respondent is placed on probation for four years and is placed on sex offender registry. Respondent voluntarily surrendered their Tennessee massage therapy license. Virginia Yarbrough motions to accept the consent order. Emily Newberry seconded. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned 10:52 AM

