

**MINUTES TENNESSEE MASSAGE LICENSURE BOARD**

**JANUARY 9TH, 2024**

**Summary Suspension (Teleconference)**

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Time: 12:00pm cst

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

Members Present: Emily Newberry, LMT  
William E Mullins, LMT Chairperson  
Amy Jones, Citizen Member  
Alicia Azimipour, Citizen Member  
Marvis Burke, LMT  
Virginia Yarbrough, LMT

Staff Present: Noranda French, Unit 2 Director  
Tonya Wilkins, Board Director  
Michael Varnell, Board Attorney- Office of General Counsel  
Paetria Morgan, Board Attorney- Office of General Counsel  
Hannah Hampton, RBAA2  
Francine Baca- Chavez

Guests: Michal Tolon, Court Reporter

**Kenneth Spears LMT 5674**

This meeting was called into order by Tonya Wilkins at 12:00pm. Wilkins conducts a roll call to establish a quorum for the meeting. A quorum was present. Wilkins conducted a roll call vote to ensure that each participant was connected and that each participant could hear all responses. Then she provided the requirements and justification for an electronic meeting. Yarbrough motioned to make the meeting electronic as all requirements for electronic meetings have been met. Marvis seconded this motion, and a roll call vote conducted by Tonya Wilkins showed that none opposed. The motion passed. Azimipour motioned to agree for the need of this electronic meeting in order to protect the public. Newberry seconds. Tonya Wilkins conducts a roll call vote showing that none oppose. The motion passes. Paetria Morgan introduces herself and the case brought before the board today. The board will be hearing a summary suspension case for massage therapist Kenneth Spears LMT#5674. Board members take time to review the case documents. Wilkins conducts a roll call to ensure that no board members have any reason to recuse themselves from the case. All members verifies that they are able to hear the case. Morgan introduces the case. LMT Kenneth Spears had a complaint submitted against him claiming he violated ethical practice by filming a client with his phone. The board reviews the case documents. Morgan presents her closing statement. The board now reviews the proposed order. The board deliberates. Jones motions to accept the summary suspension proposed order as written in full. Azimpour seconds this motion. A roll call vote is conducted by Wilkins. All members agree and the motion passes.

**The meeting is Adjourned.**