

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

**IN THE MATTER OF:
BEN LI, Massage Therapist No. 9442**

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Pursuant to La. R.S. 37:3555(A)(1), LAC 46:XLIV.6101 and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, an administrative hearing was held before the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy on January 29, 2024 relative to the December 18, 2023 Order of Summary Suspension for Massage Therapist License No. 9442 issued to BEN LI:

Present were: Toshii Cooper; Amie Dudzinski; Donna M. Green; Kathryn Lea Love, Chair; Karla Swacker; and Rosemary H. Wilkinson, Board Members;
Sheri M. Morris, Counsel for the Board; and
James Raines, Complaint Counsel.

FINDINGS OF FACT

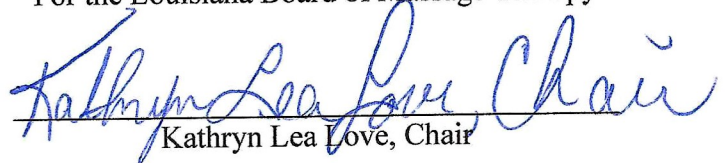
1. On May 10, 2021, Massage Therapist License No. 9442 was issued by the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("Board") to BEN LI ("Respondent"), (Board Exhibit, 1).
2. On or about May 9, 2023, the Board received notice from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards ("FSMTB") of the rescission of its approval of World of Beauty Academy. World of Beauty Academy was closed on June 20, 2022 for failure to meet the educational requirements to take the MBLEx; therefore, MBLEx results for students of World of Beauty Academy, regardless of the date the education was completed, are not recognized by MBLEx. FSMTB's correspondence indicated Respondent's MBLEx result was invalid and he is suspended from access to the MBLEx for 12 months.
3. On December 18, 2023, an Order of Summary Suspension was issued to Respondent pending the administrative hearing scheduled for January 29, 2024, (Board Exhibit 3).
4. The Order of Summary Suspension was sent to Respondent's email address on the renewal application submitted on February 28, 2023, (Board Exhibits 1 and 3).
5. Respondent did not appear for the hearing or request a continuance.
6. Respondent listed World Beauty Academy on his licensure application and renewal application; however, Respondent's name was not listed on the student roster provided by World Beauty Academy to FSMTB.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$1,000 are assessed to BEN LI; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that BEN LI shall be ineligible for licensure by the Board until all fines and costs are paid in full and he appears before the Board.

Signed this 14th day of February 2024.

For the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy


Kathryn Lea Love, Chair

Please notify via Certified U.S. Mail and Regular Mail:

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