



Washington State Board of Massage

Business Meeting Minutes January 14, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, January 14, 2022, the Board of Massage held a board meeting via Webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Board Members

Heidi Williams, LMT, chair
Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, vice chair
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT
John Cassinero, LMT

Staff Present

Megan Maxey, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Jake Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst

Guest Speaker

Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Programs Coordinator

Guests

Nancy Allen, LMT	Ginnine Glauber-Wenisch, LMT	Glenda Poletti, LMT
Lydia Benson	Jackie Guilbeault	Stephanie Rodriguez
Marybeth Berney, LMT	Julie Onofrio, LMT	Dorion Smith
Robbin Blake, LMT	Gail McGaffick, JD	Diana Thompson, LMT
Maryann Brathwaite, LMT	Anne Nutwell	Debbie Tickle, LMT
Lillian Cassidy, LMT	Catherine Oliver, LMT	Todd Valentine, LMT
Stephanie Dickey, LMT	Mai Lin Petrine, JD	

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 9:01 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Williams read the Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the January 14, 2022 Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January 14, 2022, business meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.3. Approval of the November 5, 2021, Business Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the November 5, 2021 business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. SCHOOL REVIEW DENIAL PROCESS

Mr. Miller and Mr. Eaton presented to the board the process for denying a massage program application.

3. SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS

Reviewing Board Members (RBMs) presented the following school program requests for full board consideration:

- Basin Massage and Integrative Studies
 - The RBMs recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve Basin Massage and Integrative Studies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Elite Cosmetology, Barber, and Spa – hybrid program
 - The RBMs recommended deficiency.

MOTION: A motion was made to send a deficiency letter to Elite Cosmetology, Barber, and Spa – hybrid program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Elite Massage School
 - The RBMs recommended deficiency.

MOTION: A motion was made to send a deficiency letter to Elite Massage School. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking shared their comments.

5. DISCUSSION ABOUT OUT-OF-STATE GRADUATE APPLICATIONS

5.1. Ms. Maxey shared a presentation with the Board and the public providing information about out-of-state graduates seeking licensure in Washington State.

5.2. Members of the public were given the opportunity to provide input on out-of-state graduates seeking licensure in Washington State.

6. IMPLEMENTATION OF ESSB 5229 CONCERNING HEALTH EQUITY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Ms. Bell presented the implementation plan for ESSB 5229 requiring health care professionals to obtain continuing education in health equity and answered questions from the board and public.

7. PROGRAM REPORT

7.1 Budget.

Ms. Fullerton shared the budget status as of November 30, 2021. Overall, the fee increase that took place in 2019 has proved to help the program get to a positive balance.

She advised the board that charges for November did not hit until December, so a correction will be coming.

7.2 Rulemaking Update.

- Ms. Maxey shared that the CR 101 documents for opening the transfer rules have been submitted for division review. She anticipates the CR 101 will be filed by April 2022 and a workshop will be held at the board meeting scheduled for May 2022.
- Ms. Maxey continues to work on the CR 102 documents for the technical corrections. Meetings with our economist will take place next week to determine what rules may be considered significant for the significant analysis.

7.3 Legislative Update.

Ms. Maxey and Ms. Fullerton discussed Senate Bill 5753 concerning increasing board and commission capacities. The bill addresses multiple boards. Section nine of the bill is specific to the Board of Massage. The significant proposed amendments include:

- Increasing the size of the board from five members to seven members
- Requiring one member of the board to be a massage educator or massage school owner – does not have to be an LMT
- Reducing the barriers to qualify for the public member position
- Removing the language that a partial term count as a full term (explain)
- Re-designating the board to a class five group which increases board member compensation to \$250 per day
- Changing the quorum from three members to a majority of the board appointed and serving

7.4 Disciplinary Statistics.

Ms. Maxey provided disciplinary statistic numbers as of December 22, 2021. There were no comments.

7.5 Future Agenda Items.

Ms. Maxey reported that she is working on the following items:

- Ms. Maxey and Mr. Hylkema will put together a presentation on standardizing the school review process. This will be the focus at the March meeting.
- Ms. William's commented on a presentation by division staff regarding a training called Outward Mindset. Program staff will research how to do a similar presentation at a future board meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heidi Williams, chair, at 10:54 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair