



## Washington State Board of Massage

Special Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2023 | 9:15 a.m.

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The Board of Massage scheduled a special board meeting held via webinar on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Notice was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

### Board Members

Heidi Williams, LMT, chair  
Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, vice chair  
Annika Samuelsen, LMT  
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT  
Lynna Fuller, LMT  
Sherise Gueck-McKinney, LMT

### Staff Present

Megan Maxey, Program Manager  
Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant  
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General

### Guests

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| Beth Davis, LMT      | Leslie Emerick        | Paula Shepherd, LMR   |
| Geppina Scrigna, LMT | Marilyn Beech, LMT    | Robbin Blake, LMT     |
| Karen James, LMT     | Marybeth Berney, LMT  | Stephanie Dickey, LMT |
| Karyl Taylor, LMT    | Megan Padilla         | Summer Meyer, LMT     |
| Kristie Amaeigo      | Michelle Agliano, LMT |                       |

### OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

#### 1. Call To Order

The board meeting was called to order by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 9:16 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 Agenda

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the March 21, 2023, agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## 2. Public Forum

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking were offered the opportunity to provide comments to the board.

Comments shared included:

- Robbin Blake, government relations director at Washington State Massage Therapy Association (WSMTA), thanked the board for having the discussion on health equity continuing education (CE). She shared WSMTA sent in written comment with recommendations to:
  - Request the board to provide a 1-year buffer when CE is due.
  - Asked the board to reconsider making the requirement 2 hours every reporting cycle.
- Geppina Scrigna asked for clarification of the health equity CE and mentioned she would like to be more involved. Ms. Knieps provided an overview of what was discussed in previous meetings and explained what will be discussed at this meeting.
- Ms. Maxey read the written comment received from WSMTA.

## 3. Health Equity Continuing Education Rulemaking

The board reviewed draft language for health equity continuing education and took action for program staff to move forward with the CR-102 Proposed Rule-Making process.

Ms. Maxey noted that the board voted to require 4 hours of health equity CE per reporting period at the March 10, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION 1:** A motion was made to approve the following proposed language:  
**WAC 246-830-475 Continuing education requirements.**

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(2) The following categories of continuing education are mandatory:

...

(c) A minimum of four hours must be in health equity continuing education training as described in WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830; and

(d) Maintenance of certification in American Heart Association CPR or equivalent. A maximum of four hours is allowed per reporting period.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**MOTION 2:** A motion was made to authorize program staff to move forward with the CR-102 proposed rulemaking process. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## 4. Adjournment

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted:

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Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Approved:

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Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair