



Washington State Board of Massage

Special Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023 | 8:30 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a board business meeting held in person at Lacey Community Center and via Webinar on Tuesday, June 27, 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 (absent)
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT
Lynna Fuller, LMT
Sherise Gueck, LMT

Staff Present

Megan Maxey, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
Lydia Koroma, Supervising Staff Attorney
Heidi Hughes, Policy Analyst

Guests

Ada Taylor, LMT	Catherine Mutschler, LMT	Patty Glenn, LMT
Brenda Wiesner, LMT	Chelsea Wolfe	Paula Shepherd, LMT
Jackie Guilbeault	Darlene Sluder, LMT	Robbin Blake, LMT
Julie Onofrio, LMT	Ginger Grout	Rosann Slagel, LMT
Karen James, LMT	Hayley Aldrich, LMT	Shani Hue
Karin Olsen, LMT	Leslie Emerick	Shannon Allen, LMT
Lance Hostetter	Mai Lin Petrine, JD	Shari Aldrich, LMT
	Sherry Duan	Therese Livella, LMT

OPEN SESSION – 8:30 a.m.

1. Call To Order – Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, Vice Chair

The board meeting was called to order by Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, vice chair, at 8:38 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

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

1.2. Approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the June 27, 2023, agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Public Forum

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

No comments were received.

3. Rules Workshop for WAC 246-830-035 – Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants

3.1. Public Comment – Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item.

Comments shared included:

- Robbin Blake with WSMTA, addressed proposed draft language she received pointing out:
 - First license would be the most appropriate versus state or the state where the school was located at the time of graduation.
 - Request the board to hold another meeting with public comment for individuals who participate in transfer programs.
 - Request that continuing education be further defined.
- A recent Washington graduate shared their desire to attend a school in Portland but was prevented to do so due to the 2-year rule. She requested the board to take this circumstance into consideration when drafting rules language.

3.2. The board held a rules workshop to examine and considered making amendments to WAC 246-830-035 – Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.

Ms. Maxey shared side-by-side comparison of the current language and proposed language and explained the proposed draft language.

The board discussed creating a subcommittee to work with program staff to research and develop language to bring back to the board in September.

MOTION: A motion was made for a Heidi Williams and Sherise Gueck be a subcommittee to work on License by endorsement for out-of-state applicants. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to table this item for the September meeting to allow the subcommittee to research and present more information to the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. Rules Workshop for WAC 246-830-430 – Education and training

4.1. Public Comment – Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item.

Comments shared included:

- Zefire Skoczen, program director at Renton Technical College shared support for the proposed addition of diversity, equity, and inclusion training both in initial massage education and continuing education. She spoke about online and hybrid education and mentioned she provided correspondence with these details.
- Robbin Blake with WSMETA shared they support online/hybrid education and training noting they would like to see regulations around what would be acceptable.
- Multiple concern that in-person continuing education requirements in rural areas is extremely difficult to find.
- Support for online learning component.
- Consideration of online CPR training.

4.2. The board held a rules workshop to examine and considered making amendments to WAC 246-830-430 – Education and training.

The board discussed creating a subcommittee to work with program staff to research and develop language to bring back to the board in September.

MOTION: A motion was made for staff to draft language based on the recommendations shared by Ms. Gueck for online/hybrid education hours as discussed by the board for further evaluation and updating. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the workshop for WAC 246-830-430 (parameters on virtual education) for the September 2023 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to form of subcommittee consisting of Ms. Figaire-Correa and Ms. Gueck along with department staff to help draft language on adding training in multicultural health equity awareness. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the workshop for WAC 246-830-430 (adding training in multicultural health equity awareness) for the September 2023 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

5. Proposed Resolution for the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board's (FSMTB) 2023 Annual Meeting

Board members reviewed a draft resolution and made a decision about proposing it to the member boards at the FSMTB's 2023 annual meeting.

Ms. Maxey provided a brief overview of the resolution proposal, provided a summary of the proposal, and offered reasons for bringing the proposal to the board.

The resolution is titled *Successful Completion of an Approved Massage Therapy Education Program as a prerequisite for eligibility to take the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination.*

MOTION: A motion was made to have the proposed resolution submitted to the FSMTB for the member boards to consider at the 2023 FSMTB annual meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair