



Washington State Board of Massage
Business Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a board business meeting held in-person at Department of Health, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 and via Zoom on May 3, 2024.

Board Members

Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair
Heidi Williams, LMT
Lynna Fuller, LMT
Sherise Gueck, LMT
Whitney Smith, LMT

Staff Present

James Chaney, Executive Director
Devin Brooks, Program Manager
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
Zehra Siddiqui, Policy Analyst
Catharine Roner-Rieter, Staff Attorney

Guest Presenters

Kimberly Chen
JM Wong
Dian Dian

Guests

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| A Li | Devin Gombosky | May Xiang |
| Alex Chuang | Dongmei Miller | Patty Glenn |
| Ali Zhou | Elizabeth Grannis | Qwe Asd |
| Amy Twigg | Erin Haden | Rachel Phipps |
| Ashley Hernandez | Grace Young | Rachel Sun |
| Bao Bao | Jason 柳 | Robbin Blake |
| Bob Benson | Jennifer Reynolds | Shannon Allen |
| Camille | Joshua Sloane | Shawna Koch |
| Catherine Oliver | Julia Wang | Steve Beckstead |
| Christina Hueske | Julie Onofrio | Summer Meyer |
| Christina Mason | Karen James | Viana Fox |
| Collette Wilson | Kevin Morgan | Victoria McLean |
| Darlene Bartlett | Kristina Bell | Virginia Schwicker |
| David Been | Kyle Farmer | |
| David Liu | Lanqing Ren | |
| David Zhang | Mary Tan | |

OPEN SESSION – 9:10 a.m.

1. Call To Order – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

The board meeting was called to order by Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, chair, at 9:01 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board, staff and guest panelists were introduced. Ms. Figaire-Correa read the Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda.

The board reviewed the proposed agenda,

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3. Approval of the March 15, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the March 15, 2024, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.4 Approval of the April 12, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the April 12, 2024, special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Public Forum

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking provided comments to the board.

Comment shared included:

- Bob Benson, he requested the board to table the increase of minimum required education hours for a massage license from 625 to 750.

3. Presentation on Language Access for Massage Licensure Exam- Kimberly Chan and JM Wong.

A presentation regarding language access for the massage licensure exam was given by Kimberly Chan and JM Wong.

4. Program Report – Devin Brooks, Program Manager

4.1. Budget.

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board of the current budget.

4.2. Credential Counts.

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the credentialing counts.

4.3. Disciplinary Counts.

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the status of the disciplinary counts.

4.4. Rulemaking updates

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, informed the board of the current rules open.

5. School Program Reviews – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

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

- Elite Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy
The RBMs recommended to send a letter of deficiency to Elite Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy.

MOTION: A motion was made to send a letter of deficiency to Elite Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

- Elite Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy Transfer Program
The RBMs recommended to table the outcome of this transfer school program until the original program has been reviewed and clarified.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the outcome of this transfer school program until the original program has been reviewed and clarified. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

- Twin Rivers Therapeutic Massage Academy
The RBMs recommended to approve the Twin Rivers Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Twin Rivers Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

- Carrington College
The RBMs recommended to send a letter of deficiency to Carrington College.

MOTION: A motion was made to send a letter of deficiency to Carrington College. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

- Soma Institute Transfer Program
The RBMs recommended approving the Soma Institute Transfer Program.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Soma Institute Transfer Program. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

6. Spokane Board Meeting Retreat- Devin Brooks, Program Manager

The board and program staff discussed the details of the two-day board retreat July 18-19, 2024.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Committee meeting updates

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – Chimere Figaire-Correa, chair

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 11:00AM. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Business Meeting

Date: July 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Ramada by Wyndham,
8909 W Airport Dr
Spokane, WA 99224

Submitted:

Approved:

/s/Devin Brooks
Devin Brooks, Program Manager

/s/Chimere Figaire-Correa
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

