



Washington State Board of Massage

Special Meeting

Meeting Agenda

April 14, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

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Times and Order

The meeting will begin at 9:00am on April 14, 2026. The meeting will continue until all agenda items are complete. This agenda schedule may change, and items may not be taken in order of the agenda.

Comments from the public in attendance may be solicited after each agenda item.

Purpose

The Board will review, discuss and make a decision on the Subcommittee's recommendations regarding rulemaking efforts for WAC 246-830-035.

Accessibility

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Open Session – 9:00 A.M.

1. Introductions

- 1.1. Purpose
- 1.2. Introduction of committee members, program staff and the public.

2. Rulemaking WAC 246-830-035, Whitney Smith, Chair

The Board will review, discuss and make a decision on the Subcommittee's recommendations regarding rulemaking efforts for WAC 246-830-035.

- 2.1 Public Comment
- 2.2 Rulemaking Discussion

3. Adjournment

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-02-012, filed 12/24/20, effective 9/1/21)

WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state

applicants. (1) For the purpose of this section, "jurisdiction" means a state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction.

(2) A massage therapist applicant holding ((a)) an active and unrestricted massage license in another ((state or foreign)) jurisdiction may be granted a Washington massage license if:

(a) The board determines the other ((state's, territory's, or foreign)) jurisdiction's examination, education and training requirements are substantially equivalent to Washington's. ~~Substantial equivalency means~~ To be determined substantially equivalent, a jurisdiction must require: a course of study at a massage school or massage program that requires:

(i) The successful completion of one of the following examinations:

(A) Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards massage and bodywork licensing examination;

(B) National certification examination for therapeutic massage and bodywork; or

(C) Another board-approved examination; and

(ii) The completion of a course of study at a massage school or massage program that requires:

(A~~i~~) A minimum of ~~((six hundred twenty-five))~~ 625 hours of education and training, to be completed in no fewer than ~~((twenty-four))~~ 24 weeks and approved by the equivalent licensing agency or agencies in the ~~((state, territory, or foreign))~~ jurisdiction in which it is located ~~((at the time of applicant's graduation))~~; or

(B~~ii~~) All three of the following conditions are met:

(I~~A~~) A minimum of ~~((five hundred))~~ 500 hours of education and training, ~~((and))~~ approved by the equivalent licensing agency or agencies in the ~~((state, territory, or foreign))~~ jurisdiction in which it is located ~~((at the time of applicant's graduation,))~~;

(I~~IB~~) At least two years of experience~~((7))~~;

(I~~III~~) Documentation of at least ~~((twenty-four))~~ 24 hours of continuing education that meet the requirements in WAC 246-830-475 within two years prior to ~~((making application))~~ applying.

~~(b) ((The applicant has a massage license in good standing as verified by the appropriate jurisdiction; and~~

~~(e))~~ If there is a gap in practice of three or more years immediately prior to applying for a license by endorsement, the applicant must provide documentation of ~~((twenty-four))~~ 24 hours of hands on continuing education of massage therapy for the two most recent years prior to ~~((making application))~~ applying.

~~((2))~~ (c) If a jurisdiction's education and training requirements are not substantially equivalent as defined in this section, continuing education or other forms of education outside of the jurisdiction's requirements cannot be used to meet the minimum hour requirements in this section.

(3) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of this section, then the applicant may fulfill the remaining education and training requirements [through a Washington state approved transfer school](#) as outlined in WAC 246-830-037.

~~((3) The applicant must have successfully passed one of the following examinations:~~

~~(a) Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards massage and bodywork licensing examination;~~

~~(b) National certification examination for therapeutic massage and bodywork; or~~

~~(c) A board approved examination.)~~

(4) The applicant must satisfy the requirements in RCW 18.130.077(3) and WAC 246-830-020 (1)(a), (b), (d) through ((h)) (g), (2), and (3).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085 (1)(a), 18.108.025 (1)(a), chapter 18.108 RCW and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-02-012, § 246-830-035, filed 12/24/20, effective 9/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025 (1)(a), 18.108.085 (1)(a), 43.70.041 and chapter 18.108 RCW. WSR 17-14-062, § 246-830-035, filed 6/29/17, effective 7/30/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-830-035, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-035, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]