

# Washington State Board of Massage Business Meeting Minutes July 19, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a board training meeting held in-person at Ramada by Wyndham, Washington Conference Room, 8909 West Airport Drive, Spokane, WA, 99224 and via Zoom on July 19, 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:**

Kyle Farmer – FSMTB Dale Atkinson – FSMTB

## Guests:

Kristie Almario	Devin Gombosky	Laura Pettitt
Lydia Benson	Karen James	Laura Puryear
Robbin Blake	Sue Kat	Annika Samuelsen
Maryann Brathwaite	Patrick Kendrick	Rachel Sun
Kimberly Chen	Angela King	Lisa Taylor
Ching-In Che	Dawn Lafferty	Julia Wang
Katherine Chen	Jason Liu	Rebecca West
Amy D	Chelsea Nenno	JM Wong
Rachtha Danh	Heather Noonan	Linda Xiang
Patty Glenn	Debra Persinger	

# 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 9:02 a.m.

- 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 May 3, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the May 3, 2024, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.4. Approval of the June 13, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the June 13, 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:

- Devin Gombosky discussed the importance of the compact.
- Robbin Blake, from WSMTA shared a comment to the board stating their memo has been updated from previous meeting.

## 3. School Program Reviews – Chimere Figaire – Correa, LMT, Chair

The Reviewing Board Members (RBM) presented school program approval requests for full board consideration.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve Bodymechanics School of Myotherapy & Massage weekend program. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 4. Federation of States Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Presentation on the importance of the MBLEx- Kyle Farmer and Dale Atkinson
  - **4.1.**Public Comment:

Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item. There are 15 minutes allotted for public comment.

Comment shared included:

- No public comment was shared at this time.
- 4.2. Executive Closed Session (optional)
- 5. CPR Requirements for Licensure Danielle Dooley, Credentialing Supervisor
  5.1. The credentialing team gave a report to the board on findings.
  - 5.2. The Board discussed the requirements for CPR
    - The board discussed leaving the requirements as they are and possibly revisiting in the future.
  - 5.3. Public Comment

Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item. There are 15 minutes allotted for public comment.

Comment shared included:

• Robbin Blake, from WSMTA shared a comment to the board asking them to keep the requirements the same.

## 6. Program Report – Devin Brooks, Program Manager

- 6.1.Budget.
  - Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board on the current budget.
- **6.2.** Credential Counts.
  - Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the credentialing counts.
- **6.3.** Disciplinary Counts.
  - Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the status of the disciplinary counts.
- 6.4. September 6, 2024 business meeting location
  - The meeting will be held in Everett, Washington.
- 6.5. Future Agenda Items
  - Becoming a provider
  - Heal-WA Benefits

- Newsletter
- Updates on JP Exam
- FSMTB topic of compact

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 12:07AM. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### Next Business Meeting

Date: September 6, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 8401 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Submitted:

Approved:

Devin Brooks, Program Manager

Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair