



Washington State Board of Massage  
Business Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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On January 30, 2025, the Board of Massage held a hybrid business meeting at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road Se, Tumwater, WA 98501, Town Center 2, Room 153 with access via Zoom. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were published on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

**Board Members**

Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair  
Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice-Chair  
Whitney Smith, LMT  
Esther Sanders, LMT  
Elizabeth Boyer, LMT

**Staff Present**

James Chaney, Executive Director  
Devin Brooks, Program Manager  
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant  
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support  
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General  
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst  
Evan Shigaya, Policy Analyst  
Catharine Roner-Rieter, Staff Attorney

**Guests**

Joe Angulo	Patty Glenn	Dawn Lafferty
Robbin Blake	Devin Gombosky	Sylvia Liu
Seth Dinkel	Erin Haden	Ann Mateo
Sherry Duan	Andy Hall	Sean Miller
Theron Eirish	Michelle Hillesland	Julie Onofrio
Leslie Emerick	Karen James	Amy Twigg
Pauline Erickson	Shawna Koch	Travis Zen

## Open Session – 9:00 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 9:03 a.m, on January 30, 2025.

#### 1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

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

#### 1.2. Approval of the Agenda.

The board reviewed the proposed agenda.

**AMENDMENT:** Vice- Chair, Lynna Fuller requested the following changes:

- i. To add an executive closed session as agenda item 4.
- ii. To add Clover Park Technical College and Northwest hybrid programs to the list of programs to be reviewed.
- iii. To add agenda item number 6 to discuss and recapture the current open rules and rules to initiate from the November board meeting with the new board members.
- iv. To add item 9.6 for the program staff to discuss the meeting dates and locations for 2025.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the amended agenda with all changes. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 1.3. Approval of the November 15, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes.

**AMENDMENT:** An amendment was made to edit item 9 on the November 15, 2024, business meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the amended November 15, 2024, business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

### 2. Welcome New Board Members

Introductions of the new members that have joined the Board of Massage.

### 3. Public Forum

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

Comment shared included:

- Robbin Blake, WSMTA, thanked the board for opening a discussion on various tools used in the massage industry. Ms. Blake also commented in a

personal capacity (and not on behalf of WSTMA) that she is interested in the discussion regarding tools.

**4. Executive Session-** The board held a closed session.

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

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

- Classic Institute of Massage  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Classic Institute of Massage.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Classic Institute of Massage. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Institute for Structural Medicine  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Institute for Structural Massage.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Institute of Structural Medicine. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Pacific Northwest Massage Academy  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Pacific Northwest Massage Academy.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Pacific Northwest Massage Academy. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies – Transfer Program  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies – Transfer Program.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Basin Massage School and Integrative Studies – Transfer Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Washington Spa Academy  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Washington Spa Academy.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve Washington Spa Academy. The motion was seconded and passed.

*The board cannot approve or deny the Washington Spa Academy Bilingual Program, because the board does not regulate bilingual programs.*

- Washington Spa Academy – Transfer Program  
The RBM's recommended to approve the Washington Spa Academy – Transfer Program.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Washington Spa Academy – Transfer Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

- Clover Park Technical College.  
The RBMs recommendation was to table the Clover Park Technical College, until next board meeting.
- West by Northwest – Hybrid Program  
The RBMs recommended to table the West by Northwest – Hybrid Program, until the next board meeting.

## 6. Rulemaking Re-Cap

- 6.1. The board reviewed the current open rules with the new board members, formed committees, and discussed meeting dates.
  - i. WAC 246-830-035: License by Endorsement for out-of-state applicants.
    - Licenses by Endorsement for out-of-state applicants was tabled until next board meeting.
  - ii. WAC 246-830-430: Education and training.
    - Esther Sanders was added as the new committee member the Education and Training Committee. The committee will meet March 14<sup>th</sup>, after the business meeting.
- 6.2. The board reviewed the rules to initiate CR101, formed committees, and discussed meeting dates.
  - i. WAC 246-830-560: Coverage and Draping
    - A committee was formed for Coverage and Draping, consisting of Lynna Fuller and Esther Sanders, and the committee meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2025.
  - ii. WAC 246-830-440: Curriculum- Academic Standards- Faculty- Student clinic
    - A committee was formed for Curriculum- Academic Standards- Faculty- Students, consisting of Whitney Smith and Elizabeth Boyer, and the committee meeting was scheduled for after the next board meeting in March.
  - iii. WAC 246-830-201: Examination

- The board agreed to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting.

## **7. Massage Instruments**

The board opened a discussion on tools used within the scope of practice.

- The board agreed to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next board meeting.

7.1. Public Comment- Members of the Public were given the opportunity to address the committee members on this agenda item.

- There were no public comments at this time.

## **8. National Convening: Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage, Event Hosted by The Network**

Members reported the highlights and topics for discussion.

## **9. Program Report – Devin Brooks, Program Manager**

9.1. Budget

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the current fund balance from last month.

9.2. Credential Counts.

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

9.3. Disciplinary Counts.

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

9.4. Legislative Update.

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the legislative updates.

9.5. Future Agenda Items.

- Presentation from a task force investigator.
- Review of rules surrounding various types of massage instruments used during treatment.
- Education and training committee update.
- License by endorsement committee update.
- Setting Rules Workshops dates and locations.

9.6. Board meeting dates and location.

- The board agreed to move the retreat to May 15-16, 2025, in Everett.

## **10. Adjournment of Meeting – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 1:55 pm on Thursday, January 30, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Next Business Meeting**

Date: March 15, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Washington State Department of Health

111 Israel Rd SE

Tumwater, WA 98501

Submitted:

Approved:

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Devin Brooks, Program Manager

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Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair