



Washington State Board of Massage  
Business Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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On March 14, 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 167 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  
Evan Shigaya, Policy Analyst  
Catharine Roner-Rieter, Staff Attorney

**Guest Presenter**

Coreen Schnef, Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**Guests**

Marybeth Berney  
Robbin Blake  
Kay C  
Chelsea DeSouza  
Seth Dinkel  
Leslie Emerick  
Devin Gombosky  
Michelle Hillesland  
Jesse Jones

Michelle LeClair  
Sylvia Liu  
Christina M  
Mara McGhee  
Sean Miller  
Anne Nutwell  
Julie Onofrio  
Laura Puryear  
Alison Rostholder-Harris

Rachel Sun  
Ching Sun  
Amy Twigg  
Jesica Vigil  
Becky West  
Denison Wiedman  
Said Yaaqoubi

## 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 9:02 a.m, on March 14, 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:** An amendment was requested to add a discussion for the Board of Massage to discuss the current school programs utilizing hybrid hours within a program that is less than 625 of in-person hours to item 6.1.

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

#### 1.3. Approval of the January 30, 2025, Business Meeting Minutes.

### 2. Public Forum

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

Comment shared included:

- A member of the Washington State Massage Therapy Association (WSMTA), handed out a document regarding a suggested way to look at massage tools and to format the discussion surrounding tool use.
- A member of the Washington State Massage Therapy Association (WSMTA) encouraged the board to continue to try and clarify the language surrounding license by endorsement.
- A member of the public expressed concern over unsafe conditions and increasingly hostile work environments that could further criminalize immigrant massage therapists.
- A member of the public expressed concern over poor working conditions that make workers vulnerable to coercion, such as language barriers to licensing and police raids.
- A member of the public offered to help with the discussion of which education hours could be made online.

- A member of the public expressed concern over a city ordinance that contradicts state laws regarding the massage profession.

**3. Human Trafficking** - Coreen Schnef, Pierce County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, gave a discussion to the board on human trafficking cases.

**4. Open Public Meeting Act Presentation** - Kristi Knieps, AAG, gave a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

**5. Robert's Rule of Order Presentation** - Kristi Knieps, AAG, gave a presentation on Robert's Rules of Order.

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

6.1. The Board of Massage discussed the current school programs utilizing hybrid hours within a program that is less than 625 of in-person hours.

6.2. The Board of Massage had a discussion on approving hybrid programs on a case-by-case bases until [WAC 246-830-430](#): has been updated with Hybrid guidelines.

6.3. Reviewing board members presented school program approval requests for full board consideration.

- Clover Park Technical College  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Clover Park Technical College.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Clover Park Technical College. The motion was seconded and passed.

- West by Northwest Hybrid Program  
The RBMs recommended to approve the West by Northwest Hybrid Program.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the West by Northwest Hybrid Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **7. Massage Tools**

7.1. The board discussed tools that are used under the scope of practice.

- The board read a memo from the WSMTA regarding tools and the scope of practice surrounding their use.

7.2. The board discussed the sanitization of tools.

7.3. Public Comment - Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the committee members on this agenda item

- There were no public comments at this time.

## **8. Rule Discussion for [WAC 246-830-035](#): Licensing by Endorsement-**

Members of the board reviewed the drafted language for clarification to WAC 246-830-035 (1)(a)(i) to ensure applicants understand that endorsement is tied to the state's licensure requirements; not the program that the applicant completed.

- Robbin Blake, WSMTA, provided information about clarifying the language of a WAC 246-830-035 (1)(a)(i).

8.1. 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.

## **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. Expired training program report.

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding expired training programs.

9.5. Future Agenda Items.

- Apprenticeship program.
- Credentialing report from a credentialing supervisor.
- Setting an agenda for the training day of the upcoming retreat.

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 1:51 pm on Friday, March 14, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

**11. Education and Training Committee Meeting-** Chimere Figaire- Correa, LMT, Chair and Esther Sanders, LMT.

11.1. The committee discussed which subject matter could benefit from an increase in required hours.

11.2. The committee discussed which aspects of the subject matter should be in person and which should not.

11.3. Public comment- Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the committee members on this agenda item.

- The committee will continue the discussion in the next meeting.

**Next Business Meeting**

Date: Thursday, May 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