



Washington State Board of Massage  
Business Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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On September 5, 2025, the Board of Massage held a hybrid business meeting at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501, Town Center 1, Room 163 with access via Zoom. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were published on the DOH website and through GovDelivery.

**Board Members**

Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice-Chair  
Whitney Smith, LMT  
Esther Sanders, LMT  
Francisca Rath, LMT

**Staff Present**

James Chaney, Executive Director  
Sabine Meuse, Program Manager  
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support  
Evan Shigaya, Policy Analyst  
Danielle Dooley, Credentialing Supervisor  
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General

**Guests**

Robbin Blake  
Seth Dinkel  
Sherry Duan  
Leslie Emerick  
Devin Gombosky  
Todd Valentine  
Rachel Bouton  
Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Anamul Hoque  
Nancy Duncan

Daniel Steinmetz  
Elise Baine  
Karen James  
Patty Glenn  
Sylvia Liu  
Louise Markham  
Kelly Gann  
Darin Stumme  
Rotjana Bowden  
Anne Warjone

Julie Onofrio  
Laura Puryear  
Carl Wilson  
Becky West  
Kevin Snedden  
Eline Msuya  
Adele Lafever  
Paulette Schraps  
Marybeth Berney

## **Open Session – 9:00 A.M.**

### **1. Call to Order – Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice Chair - Discussion/Action**

The board meeting was called to order by Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice Chair, at 9:01 a.m, on September 5, 2025.

#### 1.1. Introductions.

- The board, staff and guests were introduced. Ms. Fuller read the meeting ground rules.

#### 1.2. Approval of the September 5, 2025, proposed agenda.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to amend the September 5, 2025 agenda to include a discussion regarding granting additional MBLEx attempts after three (3) failed attempts. The motion was seconded and passed.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the amended September 5, 2025 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### 1.3 Approval of the July 18, 2025, business meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the July 18, 2025, business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **2. Public Forum**

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

- Marybeth Berney, WSMTA, commented that endorsements don't show up on credentials when they are printed using HELMS, and commented that there is a long wait time for applications to be processed.
- Robbin Blake, WSMTA, commented that there was a bill passed that requires sales tax to be collected on live presentations, which could include continuing education classes in the state of WA.
- Elise Baine, FSMTB, commented that the WSMTB and the WA State Board of Massage members are invited to attend their Washington Human Trafficking Summit, on January 9, 2026, in Tacoma, WA.

### **3. Awareness of City/County Ordinances – Presentation by WSMTA**

WSMTA presented on the current trend of new city ordinances aimed at ensuring public safety.

#### **4. Elections – Discussion/Action**

The board held elections for officer positions for the next year.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to elect Whitney Smith for the position of chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to elect Esther Sanders for the position of vice-chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **5. Determine Future Meeting Dates for 2026 – Discussion/Action**

The Board discussed and determined the 2026 meeting dates.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the 2026 meeting dates. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **6. Discussion regarding additional MBLEX attempts after three (3) failed attempts – Discussion/Action**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to allow program staff to draft a letter to applicants who have three (3) failed MBLEX attempts stating that they can retake the test according to any remedial action outlined by the testing organization. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **7. School Program Reviews – Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice Chair**

Reviewing board members (RBM) presented school program approval requests for full board consideration.

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- Washington Spa Academy – Part-Time Massage Therapy Program (new application for 660hr, 51 weeks). The RBMs recommended to approve the Washington Spa Academy – Part-Time Massage Therapy Program.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the Washington Spa Academy – Part-Time Massage Therapy Program. The motion was seconded and passed, pending a small change.

- Spectrum School of Massage – Massage Training Program (renewal for TRNG.TG.61044422-MASS, 880hr, 10 month). The RBMs recommended to send a deficiency letter to Spectrum School of Massage – Massage Training Program.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to send a deficiency letter to Spectrum School of Massage – Massage Training Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **8. Apprenticeship Pathway – Discussion/Action**

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

## **9. Rules Workshop: [WAC 246-830-035](#), Licensing by Endorsement – Discussion/Action**

The board discussed language amendments to WAC 246-830-035, Licensing by Endorsement.

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

- Robbin Blake, WSMTA, commented that the association proposes suggestions to clarify portions of the proposed language.
- Marybeth Berney, WSMTA, also commented with suggestions to improve the proposed language.

9.2. The board reviewed and discussed memos from WSMTA.

9.3. The board discussed updates to the proposed language.

## **10. Newsletter – Discussion/Action**

10.1. The board reviewed and discussed topics to include in the next issue.

## **11. Program Report – Discussion – Program Staff**

Massage Professions Program Staff reported on the following topics:

- 11.1. Budget.
- 11.2. Credential counts.
- 11.3. Disciplinary counts.
- 11.4. Expired training program report.

## **12. Future agenda Items – Discussion**

The Board proposed and discussed future agenda items.

- 12.1. Rules workshop: [WAC 246-830-035](#), Licensing by Endorsement
- 12.2. Apprenticeship Pathway- Department of Labor and Industries

## **13. Adjournment of Meeting – Lynna Fuller, LMT, Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 11:30 am on Friday, September 5, 2025. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Next Business Meeting**

Date: Friday, November 7, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Washington State Department of Health  
111 Israel Rd SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Respectfully submitted,

Sabine Meuse, Program Manager

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