



Washington State Board of Massage

Business Meeting Minutes January 22, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, January 22, 2021, the Board of Massage held a board meeting via Webinar. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Board Members

Heidi Williams, LMT, chair
Autumn Christina Straker, LMT, vice chair
John Cassinerio, LMT
Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT

Staff Present

Megan Maxey, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Julianne Wlazlak, Policy Analyst

Guests

Mark Allen	Theron Eirish	Catherine Oliver, LMT
Marybeth Berney, LMT	Laura Embleton	Lisa Noste, LMT
Robbin Blake, LMT	Karen James, LMT	Christine Prokay, LMT
Stephanie Dickey, LMT	Ann Mateo, LMT	Christina Sarver, LMT
Rebecca Dragseth, LMT	Gail McGaffick, JD	Diana Thompson, LMT

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The board meeting was called to order by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 9:01 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Williams read the Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the January 22, 2021 Agenda

MOTION: The motion was made to approve the January 22, 2021 business meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.3. Approval of the November 13, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: The motion was made to approve the November 13, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS

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

- Altura
 - The RBMs recommended approval.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve Altura. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Arlington School of Massage (Transfer)
 - The RBMs recommended approval.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Arlington School of Massage (transfer). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Therapeutic Connections School of Massage (Hybrid)
 - The RBMs recommended approval
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Therapeutic Connections School of Massage (Hybrid). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Whatcom Community College - Certificate
 - The RBMs recommended approval.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Whatcom Community College - Certificate. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Whatcom Community College - Degree
 - The RBMs recommended approval.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Whatcom Community College - Degree. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public shared the following comments/suggestions with the board:

- Appreciation was extended to the board for their research into the Multicultural health awareness and education and for all the work put into completing the rule revisions.
- Requests were made to include more clarity on the program website regarding CE requirements and how they can meet the new CE requirements that come into effect September 1, 2021.
- Comment about the multicultural training being within ethics and then requested that the Department of Health provide clarifying information on its website regarding what type of CE will be counted towards the 20 hours currently not differentiated by the policy statement. Supports any multicultural CE requirements be included in the 4 hours now reserved for ethics.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Maxey and Ms. Fullerton presented the following legislative bills that may be of interest to the profession.

- House Bill 1056 – Concerning the open public meeting notice requirements and declared emergencies.
The bill will allow a public agency to hold meetings of its governing body remotely, or with limited in-person attendance after a declared emergency. The bill had a public hearing on January 12, 2021 and executive action was taken on January 15, 2021 where it passed with substitutes clarifying that the authority to hold remote meetings during an

emergency does not impact the ability of governing body members to appear remotely during other meetings.

- House Bill 1329 - Adds new Intent section: to urge governing bodies to move to online meetings and allow more diverse public input. Unless impracticable, all meetings must have remote access, and may have in person presence. Amends existing intent section: Even when not required by law, public agencies are encouraged to incorporate and accept public comment at all stages of their decision-making process. All meetings of a governing body shall provide for public remote attendance at no cost to the public unless impracticable because of equipment, staff, or money. The governing body need not offer in-person option if they are allowing remote attendance. But if the governing body is meeting in person, it must offer in person public attendance unless there's an emergency.
- House Bill 5229 – Relates to health equity continuing education for health care professionals. The bill requires that all professions licensed under Title 18 must adopt rules requiring continuing education related to health equity, by January 1, 2023. Currently the department is working on a bill analysis which is a tool to analyze the policy impacts of legislation.

5. MULTICULTURAL HEALTH AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Ms. Maxey shared information with the board about other states continuing education requirements for multicultural health awareness.

The board stated its intent in forming a subcommittee at the next meeting to gather more information about multicultural health equity while waiting to see what happens with House Bill 5229, and during the period before rule making can be opened.

6. NEWSLETTER

The board reviewed the draft newsletter. The board made the following recommendations.

- Include a link the HEAL-WA on the website as it appears in the newsletter.
- Include information on upcoming Multicultural Health Equity discussion to the newsletter.

Once revisions are made, the newsletter will be sent out on GovDelivery and posted to the department website.

7. SCHOOL APPROVAL FOR NEW TRAINING HOURS

Ms. Maxey researched ways to streamline the procedure for processing school binders and presented the process to the board. Ms. Williams inquired about the possibility of doing one on one training for those unfamiliar with the process.

8. PROGRAM REPORT

8.1. Budget

Ms. Fullerton presented the board with a budget status report as November 30, 2020.

According to the fiscal staff, following the implementation of the fee increase in October

of 2019, the overall fiscal picture is improving. The board is saving funds from travel due to the remote board meetings, however, disciplinary costs remain a large portion of the total budget.

8.2. Credentialing Report

Ms. Maxey advised the board that due to workloads within the department, the Credentialing office is unable to attend board meetings. She presented the credentialing report to the board. As of January 19, 2021, the breakdown is as follows:

- 10,014 active licensees
- Active in Renewal: 2,501
- Active with Conditions or Active on Probation: 29
- Expired: 23,466
- Expired in Renewal: 1922
- Inactive: 266
- Revoked: 87
- Surrendered/Voluntary Surrender: 36
- Suspended: 151

8.3. Rules Update

Ms. Maxey advised the board that the CR-103 was filed with the Code Revisors office on December 24, 2020. The rules will become effective September 1, 2021.

8.4. Public Member Recruitment

To help in recruitment efforts for the public member position, Ms. Maxey reached out to various colleges that offer an MBA program and received good responses. She will follow-up with the Governor's office to see if any applications have been received.

8.5. Future Agenda Items

The board discussed adding the following items to the next board meeting's agenda.

- FSMTB Presentation and topics
- Review and standardization of the school review process
- CE documents from WSM TA
- Presentation on cultural competency and health equity
- Creating a committee for ongoing discussion of cultural competency and health equity

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 11:38 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair