



Washington State Board of Massage

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

On Friday, July 9, 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 Kolln, Policy Analyst

Guests

Chelsea Ackerman, LMT	Luta Bray, LMT	Christine Oliver
Mark Allen	Stephanie Dickey, LMT	Susan Sherman, LMT
Marybeth Berney, LMT	Laura Embleton	Diana Thompson, LMT
Robbin Blake, LMT	Rey Guajardo, LMT	Megan Thompson
Maryann Brathwaite, LMT	Gail McGaffick, JD	Andrea Wiener

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – HEIDI WILLIAMS, LMT, CHAIR

The board meeting was called to order by Heidi Williams, LMT, chair, at 9:02 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 July 9, 2021 Agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the July 9, 2021, business meeting agenda with amendment to include item number ten, a discussion on Delegation for ESSB5229. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.3. Approval of the April 27, 2021, Multicultural and Health Equity Committee Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the April 27, 2021, Multicultural and Health Equity Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.4. Approval of the May 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the May 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

1.5. Approval of the June 3, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the June 3, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS

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

- Elite Cosmetology, Barber, and Spa Academy
 - The RBMs recommended sending a deficiency letter.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve staff sending a deficiency letter to Elite Cosmetology Barber and Spa Academy program to meet the education and training standards that go into effect on September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- Soma Institute of Structural Integration
 - The RBMs recommended sending a deficiency letter.
MOTION: A motion was made to approve staff sending a deficiency letter to Soma Institute of Structural Integration massage program to meet the education and training standards that go into effect on September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2.2. The board discussed the need to add an additional special meeting in August for school reviews.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve adding a special meeting for school reviews on August 31, 2021 at 9:00am. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. RULES WORKSHOP

The board held a rules workshop to consider revisions to the following sections of the massage therapist rules. Ms. Maxey provided an overview of the proposed revisions for the board to review.

- WAC 246-830-201 – Examination
 - The board accepted the amendments as presented.

- WAC 246-830-485 – Somatic education training program exemption
 - The board accepted the amendments as presented.

- WAC 246-830-490 – Intraoral massage education and training
 - The board accepted the amendments as presented.

- WAC 246-830-500 – Equipment and sanitation
 - In addition to the proposed amendments, the board recommended the following amendments:

- Section 1 – Add the word ‘Linens’ to the title and add ‘available for client or patient use’ to the end of the sentence.
 - Section 2 – Add for clarification: ‘Thoroughly cleansed using bacterial agent in accordance with the manufacturer directions’
 - Subsection 4 – Correct the sentence to reflect ‘single serve linens or disposable covers.
- WAC 246-830-510 – Hygiene
 - The board recommended the following amendments:
 - Section 1 – Change the word ‘their’ to ‘any’, add the words ‘and soap’ and remove the word ‘hot’.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking shared their comments.

The public members chose to delay their comments until after the rules petition but shared how much they valued listening to the board’s discussions on the rules and for allowing input from the public.

5. RULE LANGUAGE REVIEW

The board did a second review of the draft rule language to decide if additional updates, revisions, and or amendments needed to be made based on the public comments received. The board decided to accept the proposed language.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the language as written with proposed amendments in sections of the massage therapist rules and authorized staff to file the CR102. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MOTION: A motion was made to endorse and approve the draft language as presented in sections of the massage therapist rules and for it to be included with the submission of the CR102 packet. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

6. RULES PETITION

The board reviewed a rules petition from American Institute of Clinical Massage who requested the board to redo or create a new rule to address the licensure qualifications for massage therapy applicants who have graduated from an out of state school within a certain parameter of bordering states.

MOTION: A motion was made to initiate rule-making proceedings in order to address the licensure qualification for massage therapy applicants who have graduated from an out of state school. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

7. CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT

Board members reviewed Policy Statement BOM 20-01.2, Continuing Education Requirements During the COVID-19 Response, to reflect the updated CE rule language and citations going into effect on September 1, 2021.

The board recommended to amend the policy statement and review it at their November 5, 2021 meeting.

8. NEWSLETTER

The board discussed topics to be included in the Summer/Fall 2021 edition. A draft will be presented to the board at the next meeting, September 10, 2021.

- Highlight the new rules going into effect September 1, 2021.
- Rules Changes.
- COVID-19 updates on CDC regulation and the Governors updated mandates.
- Mask wearing for Healthcare Practitioners.
- Recruiting Public Members.
- Human Rights Commission Report and a resource link added.

9. 2022 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

The Board set their 2022 business meeting dates and locations.

MOTION: A motion was made to accept the following business meeting dates and locations for the 2002 calendar year:

- January 14, Webinar
- March 11, Kent
- May 6, Spokane
- July 8, Webinar
- September 9, Tumwater
- November 4, Kent

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. DELEGATION FOR HB5229, ETC.

Ms. Fullerton shared an update on ESSB 5229 which the board had interest in creating health equity training requirements both during training and as a continuing education area. The department, in consultation with Boards and Commissions, shall adopt model rules establishing the minimum standards for the continuing education courses.

The department must complete the model rules by January 1, 2023, and the licensing authorities must incorporate the requirement into their CE rules by January 1, 2024. The implementation work is beginning within DOH. After the CR101 is filed the next step is to create the workgroup that will provide input in drafting the model CE rules.

Both Ms. Straker and Ms. Figaire-Correa (alternate) volunteered to represent the board at the upcoming workshops.

11. PROGRAM REPORT – RENEE FULLERTON AND MEGAN MAXEY

10.1 Budget

Ms. Fullerton presented the board with the budget through the end of May 2021. The fiscal position continues to improve following the implementation of the fee increase in October

2019. The program began the biennium (July 2019) with a deficit of \$1.7M and is projected to have reduced that to a deficit of \$588,000 by the close of the biennium, which occurred June 30, 2021. Disciplinary costs remain the largest portion of the budget at forty-one percent.

10.2 Credentialing Report

Ms. Maxey reviewed the credential status from January 2021 to June 22, 2021. She provided the board with a comparison breakdown of each status. Currently there are 12,440 in active status.

10.3 Human Rights Commission Report Out

Ms. Fullerton shared an overview on The Washington State Human Rights Commission, which was established in 1949 by the Legislature, and is the state agency responsible for administering and enforcing the Washington Law Against Discrimination.

10.4 HELMS Update

Ms. Fullerton provided an update on the implementation of the HELMS project due to the recent changes to cost and timeline. The project go live date is moving out to February 2023 as opposed to June 2022. There is a need to request approximately \$6.5 million in additional spending authority. There is currently no reduction in scope.

10.5 FSMTB Annual Meeting Update

Ms. Maxey shared with the board that the FSMTB will be holding its annual meeting, however, it will be in person. With current travel restrictions in place, the board will have to wait to see if the restrictions are lifted for them to have the opportunity to attend.

10.6 Future Agenda Items.

- Review and update policies the board has in place.
- Review the hybrid programs and the clock work hours.

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Heidi Williams, chair, at 1:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Maxey, Program Manager

Heidi Williams, LMT, Chair