



Washington State Board of Massage
 Business Training Minutes
 July 18, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a board training meeting held in-person at Ramada by Wyndham, Washington Conference Room, 8909 West Airport Drive, Spokane, WA, 99224 and via Zoom on July 18, 2024.

Board Members

Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair
 Heidi Williams, LMT
 Lynna Fuller, LMT
 Sherise Gueck, LMT
 Whitney Smith, LMT

Staff Present

James Chaney, Executive Director
 Devin Brooks, Program Manager
 Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
 Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Support
 Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
 Zehra Siddiqui, Policy Analyst
 Catharine Roner-Rieter, Staff Attorney

Guests

Shari Aldrich	Debr Glover	Annika Samuelson
Kristie Almario	Devin Gombosky	Paulette Schraps
David Been	Annie LaCroix	Lisa Taylor
Lydia Benson	Dawn Lafferty	Amy Twig
Robbin Blake	Sylvia Liu	
Maryann Brathwaite	Sean Miller	
Theron Eirish	Chelsea Nenno	
Leslie Emerick	Heather Noonan	
Kaeleene Escalante	Laura Pettitt	
Patty Glenn	Laura Puryear	

OPEN SESSION – 9:05 a.m.

1. Call To Order – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

The board training meeting was called to order by Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, chair, at 9:05 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board, staff and guest panelists 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 made to agenda item 7.3 by the board to remove the word 'recommended' for clarification reasons. The committee had not made a formal opinion.

AMENDMENT: An amendment was made to agenda item 6.4 to be moved to after 5.8. The board will need to meet quorum to elect a new standing committee chair and committee member.

AMENDMENT: An amendment to the agenda was made to move 3.1, the Jurisprudence (JP) Exam discussion, into a closed session.

AMENDMENT: An amendment to the agenda was made to add a public comment section before the executive closed session.

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

2. Review Board Participation

2.1. Conducting board meetings

2.2. Review bylaws

MOTION: A motion was made to increase the chair and vice-chair office position to two years, rather than one year. The motion was seconded and passed.

2.3. Payroll presentation

2.4. Public comment

Comment shared included:

- *Robbin Blake from WSMETA, shared a comment to the board regarding JP Exam on the ANTA Washington Memo, providing advice about individual questions and include answers.*

- *Patty Glenn from FSMTB, shared a comment to address the board that she was present for support and as a resource to the board.*

2.5. Executive Closed Session (optional)

3. Jurisprudence (JP) Exam

3.1. The board reviewed exam questions for possible updates.

MOTION: A motion was made to move the JP exam to a committee, which will consist of Lynna Fuller and Sherise Gueck. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. Newsletter

4.1. The board discussed the Newsletter.

The final draft will be presented for final approval on Sept. 6th Business meeting.

5. School Review Workshop

5.1. Reviewed and discussed a massage school application and checklist

5.2. Reviewed and discussed a transfer program application and checklist

5.3. Reviewed and discussed a somatic education program application and checklist

5.4. Reviewed and discussed apprenticeship program

5.5. Reviewed and discussed reflexology school application

5.6. Reviewed and discussed animal massage school application

5.7. Reviewed and discussed endorsement application and workflow process

5.8. Reviewed and discussed the school completion form

6. License by Endorsement Committee meeting- Heidi Williams, LMT, and Sherise Gueck, LMT.

6.1. Public Comment

Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item. There are 15 minutes allotted for public comment

Comment shared included:

- *Theron Elrish shared a comment to the board regarding the email he sent to program staff for the board to review.*
- *Robbin Blake from WSMETA, shared a comment to the board regarding the memo sent to the board for review*

6.2. Committee members discussed and draft recommended 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.

- *The assistant attorney general will review WSMTA's recommendations and the current proposed language for a new draft of proposed language.*

6.3. Committee members will schedule the next 2 committee meetings.

- *The committee will meet August 1, 2024, and September 6, 2024 during the board meeting.*

6.4. The board will elect a new standing committee chair and member of the board to participate in the committee.

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Whitney Smith as the new member of the board to participate in the License by Endorsement Committee and to elect Sherise Gueck, as chair of the committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Education and Training Committee – Sherise Gueck, LMT and Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT

7.1. Public Comment

Members of the public were given the opportunity to address the board on this agenda item. There are 15 minutes allotted for public comment.

Comment shared included:

- *Robbin Blake from WSMTA, shared a comment regarding their memo that was presented for review from the board.*
- *Patty Glen from FSMTB, shared a comment to the board addressing issues like standard terminology or nomenclature, as well as to revisit the elap and look at whether that needs to be revised for minimum standards met and a few other changes.*

7.2. Committee members discussed increasing education and training hours

- *The committee has requested feedback from the current approved programs on what subjects could benefit from the increased hours.*

7.3. Committee members discussed bringing back to the board for initial licensure on limitations for online and hybrid education.

The committee discussed the consideration of the following structure for hybrid programs at massage schools. The example hours are based on a 625-hour program.

- *Anatomy and physiology: no more than 20% (18 hours) of non-lab instruction online or hybrid. (Example of non-lab is vocabulary,*

terminology)

- Kinesiology: no more than 20% (12 hours) of non-lab instruction online or hybrid
- Pathology: no more than 20% (14 hours) of non-lab instruction online or hybrid
- Massage theory and practice: all hours must be in person classroom setting
- Student clinic: no change to the current requirement
- Clinical/business practices: all hours must be in person classroom Setting
- Professional ethics: all hours must be in person classroom setting

Additionally:

- All testing must be in person with the exception of quizzes within the subjects above which can be hybrid/online.
 - The hybrid portion can be live online led lectures, prerecorded lectures and lessons, videos and presentations led by an expert in the field of study and vetted by the school.
 - Need to take into consideration programs that are greater than 625 hours.
- *Two concerns committee members have been attendance tracking and qualified instructors.*
 - *The committee discussed removing the 20% of certain subjects and implementing the WSMTA's aspects of recommendations.*
 - *The committee discussed new language and modifications on WAC 246-830-430 for hybrid learning.*

7.4. The committee members will schedule the next 2 committee meetings

- *September 6, 2024*
- *November 15, 2024*

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – Chimere Figaire-Correa, chair

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the training meeting at 5:37P.M. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Business Meeting

Date: July 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Ramada by Wyndham,
8909 W Airport Dr
Spokane, WA 99224

Submitted:

Devin Brooks, Program Manager

Approved:

Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT,
Chair