



Washington State Board of Massage  
Business Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

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The Board of Massage scheduled a board business meeting held in-person at Hilton Garden Inn, 8401 Paine Field Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275 and via Zoom on September 6, 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  
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant  
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support  
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General  
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst  
Catharine Roner-Rieter, Staff Attorney  
Scott Cho, Budget Analyst

**Guests**

Darlene Bartlett	Stayce Hale	Chelsea Nenno
Marybeth Berney	Andy Hall	Rebekah Norman
Robbin Blake	Ashley Hernandez	Annie Ochoa
John Casebere	Karen James	Julie Onofrio
Theron Eirish	Betty King	Annika Samuelsen
Leslie Emerick	Kimberly Leufroy	Dorion Smith
Devin Gombosky	Sean Miller	Becky West

## **OPEN SESSION – 9:10 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 9:01 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,

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

#### **1.3. Approval of the July 18, 2024, Training Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the July 18, 2024, training meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **1.4 Approval of the July 19, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the July 19, 2024, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **2. Public Forum**

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

Comment shared included:

- Marybeth Berney, from WSMTA, made a requested for the board to provide more details on agenda items to allow them to do research in a timely manner and provide feedback.
- Rebecca West, from Idaho Board of Massage, requested information on how to determine if a massage therapist applicant could be denied licensure due to a criminal conviction.

### **3. Public Petition**

The board discussed and formulated a response to the public petition for WAC 246-830-420 (1)(d).

**MOTION:** A motion was made to open rules to revise WAC 246-830-420 (1)(d). The motion was not seconded and did not pass.

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

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

- Alexandar School of Natural Therapeutics  
The RBMs recommended to approve the Alexandar School of Natural Therapeutics.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve Alexandar School of Natural Therapeutics. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **5. Massage applicant**

The board reviewed WAC 246-830-201(2) and determined next steps for an applicant.

An applicant passed the MBLEx on the 5<sup>th</sup> attempt. The board reviewed the applicant's education and determined the applicant did not meet WAC 246-830-430 education and training requirements. The applicant will need to complete the education hours to be considered for licensure.

#### **6. Newsletter**

The board reviewed the drafted newsletter for approval.

#### **7. Program Report – Devin Brooks, Program Manager, and Scott Cho, Budget Analyst**

##### **7.1. Budget.**

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, and Scott Cho, Budgets Analyst, gave an update to the board on the current budget.

##### **7.2. Credential Counts.**

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the credentialing counts.

##### **7.3. Disciplinary Counts.**

- Ms. Brooks, Program Manager, gave an update to the board regarding the status of the disciplinary counts.

##### **7.4. Future Agenda Items**

- Background checks.
- Education and training committee update.

- License by endorsement committee update.
- Jurisprudence exam (JP Exam) committee update.
- Setting 2025 business meetings.
- Report on FSMTB 2024 Annual Meeting.
- Potential opening and updating WAC 246-830-560.
- Checklist for schools to apply for licensure through HELMS.

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting at 10:42AM. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### Next Business Meeting

Date: November 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

## 1. License by Endorsement Committee- Heidi Williams, LMT and Sherise Gueck, LMT Rule Discussion for WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by Endorsement

1.1. Committee members discussed new 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.

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

Comments shared included:

- John Casebere made a comment in reference to Section B, in the WAC 246-830-035 for clarification to the committee regarding passing education requirements.

1.3. Committee members scheduled the next committee meeting.

- The committee decided to bring this back to the board at the next meeting.

## 2. Education and Training Committee- Sherise Gueck, LMT, and Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT

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

Comments shared included:

- Theron Eirish made a comment to the committee "our institutions have testing facilities where we can do that online. Where we're able to take control of the person's camera and view their screen so that we're able to ensure that they're taking the tests online from home in a close note and closed book environment."

2.2. The committee discussed new language and modifications to WAC 246-830-430 for hybrid learning.

2.3. The committee reviewed and discussed input from schools on hybrid learning and online education limitations.

2.4. The committee scheduled the next committee meeting

- The committee decided to bring this back to the board at the next meeting

### **3. JP Exam Committee - Lynna Fuller, LMT, and Sherise Gueck, LMT**

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

Comments Shared Included:

- No public comment was given at this time.

10.2. The committee closed the session to review test questions.

Submitted:

Approved:

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Devin Brooks, Program Manager

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Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT,  
Chair