



Washington State Board of Massage
Business Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Massage scheduled a board business meeting held in-person at Department of Health, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501 and via Zoom on January 19, 2024. Notice was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Board Members

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

Staff Present

James Chaney, Executive Director
Megan Maxey, Previous Program Manager
Devin Brooks, Program Manager
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Vaughn, Policy Analyst
Lydia Koroma, Regulatory Affairs Manager

Guests

Amy Twigg	Kai Hartt	Robbin Blake, LMT
Andy Hall	Karen James	Robbin Blake
Ann Mateo	Leslie Emerick	Sean Miller
Ariel Hubbard	Lisa Hensell	Shani Hue
Aryonna Waters	Louise Markham	Shawna Koch
Carl Wilson	Maryann Brathwaite	Therese Livella
Christina Mason	Michelle Agliano	Tiffany Steele
CK Vivaforte	Oksana Tkach	Yuhuan Zuo
Darlene Bartlett	Patricia Scott	
Devin Gombosky	Patty Glenn	
Diana Kincaid	Paula Hagemeyer	
Ekaterina Diatchenko	Rachel Phipps	
Jamie Espeland	Rebecca West	
Joe Angulo		
Julie Onofrio		

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 9:10 a.m.

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

The board and staff introduced themselves. Ms. Figaire-Correa read the Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda.

Program Staff requested an amendment to the agenda to add a report on the FSMTB Member Board Executive Summit at the end of the agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January 19, 2024, agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3. Approval of the November 9, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January November 9, 2023, business meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to add elections for the Vic-Chair position. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

MOTION: A motion was made to add public comment section after agenda item 4, item 5 and item 6. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

2. Public Forum

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

Comment shared included:

- Robbin Blake with WSMTA speaking on behalf of Stephanie Dickey, one of the members, requesting video recordings of the board meetings be available to the public.
- Robin Blake with WSMTA -requested the board for another publication of Health Equality.

3. School Program Reviews – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

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

- Arlington School of Massage
The RBMs recommended to approve Arlington School of Massage.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve Arlington School of Massage. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

- Coeur d'Alene Massage School Transfer Program
The RBMs recommended to approve Coeur d'Alene Massage School Transfer Program.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the Coeur d'Alene Massage School Transfer Program. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

- Institute of Structural Medicine
The RBMs recommended to send a letter of deficiency to The Institute of Structural Medicine.

MOTION: A motion was made to send a letter of deficiency to The Institute of Structural Medicine. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

- Lake Chelan College of Massage Therapy
The RBMs recommended to send a letter of deficiency to Lake Chelan College of Massage Therapy

MOTION: A motion was made to send a letter of deficiency to Lake Chelan College of Massage Therapy. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

- West by Northwest School of Massage
The RBMs recommended to grant conditional approve West by Northwest School of Massage.

MOTION: A motion was made to grant conditional approval to West by Northwest School of Massage. The motion to seconded and unanimously passed.

4. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Presentation on Impact – Debra Persinger, PhD, Executive Director, FSMTB

Dr. Persinger gave a presentation to the board on the model legislation for the interstate massage therapy compact (Impact).

4.1. Public Comment

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

- No public comment given at this time.

5. Presentation by the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board – Darlene Bartlett, Consumer Protection Manager

Ms. Bartlett gave a presentation on the role of the Workforce Training Board and their work in coordination with the Board of Massage.

5.1. Public Comment

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

- No public comment given at this time.

6. Elections –, Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair

The board held elections for the 2024 board vice-chair positions.

- Lynna Fuller – vice-chair

MOTION: A motion was made to elect Ms. Fuller to the position of Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Second Substitute House Bill 1724, Section 8 – Brandon Williams, Project Manager

Mr. Williams gave a presentation on the impact of section 8 of SSHB 1724 codified as [RCW 18.130.077](#) regarding applicants licensed out of state for all health professions.

7.1. Public Comment

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

- No public comment given at this time.

8. License by Endorsement Rules Workshop – Heidi Williams, LMT

8.1. Public Comment

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

- No public comment given at this time.

8.2. The board held a rules workshop on WAC 246-830-035, Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the discussion until the next board meeting in March. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Education and Training Committee Report and Rules Workshop – Sherise Gueck, LMT, Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, and Megan Maxey

9.1. Committee Report

Committee members gave a report on the committee meeting.

9.2. Public Comment

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

9.3. The board will held a rules workshop on WAC 246-830-430, Education and training.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the discussion until after the committee holds a workshop and can meet with the board at March meeting.

10. School Review Process – Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair and Annika Samuelsen, LMT

The board discussed creating a committee to draft a reference document for new board members on how to review an application packet from school's requesting board-approval to operate a massage program.

11. Program Report

11.1. Budget.

Ms. Maxey reported that the beginning fund balances for the biennium were from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.

The massage budget's beginning fund balance July 1, 2023, was -\$162,164; revenue-to-date is \$845,000, and expenses-to-date are \$487,000.

11.2. Legislative Update.

Ms. Maxey gave an update on the Compact Bill that has passed on January 8th, 2024.

11.3. Credential Counts.

Credential Status	12/26/23	10/27/23	09/12/23	07/05/23	04/21/23	02/28/23	12/27/22
Active	11,645	11,703	11,722	11,710	11,826	11,887	11,924
Active	9,150	9,363	9,343	9,365	9,109	9,325	9,379
Active in Renewal	2,473	2,315	2,358	2,324	2,697	2,594	2,524
Active with Conditions or Active on Probation	22	21	21	21	20	20	21
Expired	26,745	26,589	26,467	26,302	26,133	25,976	25,773
Expired in Renewal	1,133	1,151	1,177	1,224	1,202	1,235	1,308
Inactive	343	330	326	307	307	307	307
Revoked	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
Summary Suspension	3	4	4	3	4	5	4
Surrender / Voluntary Surrender	46	46	45	45	43	42	42

Suspended	169	169	167	166	166	166	164
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11.4. Disciplinary Counts.

Cases status	Definition	Number of cases
Adjudication	The legal process used to resolve enforcement matters. It begins with a statement of charges and includes efforts to settle a case before holding a formal hearing.	6
Case Disposition	The process of evaluating evidence from an investigation and making a decision to pursue an enforcement action or to close the case. Of the 25 cases in case disposition status, 12 are pending service (see Pending Service cases below)	25
Compliance monitoring	The process used to monitor a health care professional under a legal order. The health care professional must comply with specific conditions in order to practice. Conditions may include payment of fines, psychological evaluation and treatment, retraining, supervision, etc.	24
Investigation	A process used by trained Department of Health employees to interview people and gather facts about a complaint.	20
Pending Service	A statement of charges, statement of allegation or a notice of decision that has been authorized but no finding of unprofessional conduct has been made, no order has been issued and no sanctions have been imposed.	12
SOA served – awaiting response	The Statement of Allegations (SOA) sets forth the factual allegations against the health care professional and the potential violations of the Uniform Disciplinary Act. The health care professional has 28 days to respond to the service.	2
SOC served – awaiting response	A document that is served on a health care professional notifying them of allegations of violations of the Chapter 18.130 RCW, Uniform Disciplinary Act or other laws or rules that pertain to health care professionals.	4

	The health care professional has 21 days to respond to the service.	
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11.5. Office Reorganization Updates.

Ms. Maxey gave an update on the Reorganization within Department of Health.

11.6. Future Agenda Items

- Begin a high-level overview of the school review process.
- Continue rules workshops for License by Endorsement and Education and Training
- Draft newsletter
- Updates on the number of disciplinary statuses
- Meet and greet new Program Manager

12. Adjournment of Public Meeting – Chimere Figarie-Correa, LMT, Chair

MOTION: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 P.M. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Business Meeting

Date: March 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Department of Health
 Town Center 2 – Room 166
 111 Israel Rd. S.E.
 Tumwater, WA 98501

Submitted:

Approved:

 Devin Brooks, Program Manager

 Chimere Figaire-Correa, LMT, Chair