



## WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE Business Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2015

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On Friday, November 6, 2015, the Board of Massage met Washington State Department of Health, Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, Washington. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

### **Board Members**

Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair  
Rey Guajardo, LMP, Vice-Chair  
Nancy Allen, LMP (absent)  
Anthony Sharpe, Public Member  
Laura Williams, LMP

### **Staff Present**

Megan Brown, Program Manager  
Kris Waidely, Program Manager  
Krystl Murphy, Assistant Attorney General  
Cece Zenker, Program Support  
Joanne Miller, Credentialing Review Supervisor

### **Guests**

Aleshia Alexandar, LMP  
Lillian Anderson, LMP  
Pat Archer, LMP  
Kim Aubuchon, LMP  
Chris Barack  
Marybeth Berney, LMP  
Robbin Blake, LMP  
Deanna Dean, LMP  
Wendell Dyck, LMP  
Charles Fetters, LMP

Allison Hanelt, LMP  
Darcie Hanson  
Susan Hillard  
Brock Ingmire  
Karen James, LMP  
Aubrey Lesicki, LMP  
Dari Lewis, LMP  
Joseph Major, LMP  
Linda Myers  
Deborah Nimmons, LMP

Jessi Nunes, LMP  
Dana Pellegrini, LMP  
Carl Radeck, LMP  
Doug Roth  
Dawn Schmidt, LMP  
Kim-Boi Shadduck  
Susan Sherman, LMP  
Gloria Two-Feathers, LMP  
Brian Utting, LMP  
Michelle Warren

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions – The board and staff introduced themselves.
- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3 Approval of the July 10, 2015 Business Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.4 Approval of the September 11, 2015, Business Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

1.5 Approval of the September 23, 2015, Special Conference Call Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

**2. OFFICE OF INVESTIGATION AND INSPECTIONS PRESENTATION**

Dave Magby, Office Director for the Office of Investigations provided a report regarding complaints being investigated regarding draping / breast massage and why it is important to be doing rules.

**3. FEDERATION OF STATE MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD (FSMTB) PRESENTATION**

Brock Ingmire, FSMTB Government Relations Specialist presented a recap of the resolutions and outcomes from the 2015 annual conference, what steps they would like to see states take regarding fraudulent applicants, and some trending hot topics among the member boards.

**4. RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

The board reviewed rule language drafted by department staff and continued to make updates, revisions, and housekeeping amendments to chapter 264-830 WAC – Massage Therapists.

**5. PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD**

- Several members of the public commented on the importance of education and support an increase in training requirement hours. Schools indicated they would provide input for the outline of an increase in training requirements.
- Comments on the proposed rule language for recordkeeping were:
  - There could be a two tiered approach for those who provide clinical massage versus those who provide medical massage.
  - Medical level charting for those providing clinical massages would be burdensome.
  - Time spent on recordkeeping would reduce a practitioner’s revenue.
- Several members of the public commented on the proposed rule language for draping and that it should be up to the client as to whether they are draped or not.
- Several members of the public commented that the proposed rule language for breast massage does not develop a higher level of care but rather draws unnecessary attention to a specific body part; a possible alternative would be to increase training in therapeutic breast massage.

**6. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS**

Whatcom Community College – Degree and Certificate

- The RBMs found deficiencies and the board authorized program staff to send a deficiency letter to the school.

Carrington College

- The RBMs found deficiencies and the board authorized program staff to send a deficiency letter to the school.

Bellevue Massage School

- The RBMs found deficiencies and the board authorized program staff to send a deficiency letter to the school.

Nebraska Jurisdiction Review

- RBMs determined that Nebraska does not have substantially equivalent licensing requirements to Washington State’s. The Nebraska jurisdiction was denied by the full board.

## West Virginia Jurisdiction Review

- RBMs determined that West Virginia does not have substantially equivalent licensing requirements to Washington State's. The West Virginia jurisdiction was denied by the full board.

## 7. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION

This agenda item was tabled until the board's January 2016 meeting.

## 8. ELECTIONS

The board held elections for the 2016 board leadership positions.

- Rey Guajardo, LMP was nominated and elected as board chair
- Meghann Lawrence, LMP was nominated and elected as board vice-chair

## 9. 2016 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

The Board identified the following dates for their 2016 meetings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 15	9:00 a.m.	TBD
February 5	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
March 4	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
March 11	9:00 a.m.	TBD
April 1	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
May 6	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
May 13	9:00 a.m.	TBD
June 3	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
July 1	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
July 8	9:00 a.m.	TBD
August 5	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
September 2	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
September 9	9:00 a.m.	TBD
October 7	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference
November 4	9:00 a.m.	TBD
December 2	9:00 a.m.	Teleconference

## 10. CREDENTIALING REPORT

Joanne Miller, Massage Credentialing Review Supervisor, provided the board with some basic credentialing statistics.

## 11. PROGRAM REPORT

### 11.1 Budget

- Ms. Brown updated the board on the status of the 2015-2017 operating budget. Staff will continue to monitor the budget.

### 11.2 FSMTB Annual Conference Report

- Mr. Brown and Mr. Guajardo provided a report on their trip to the FSMTB annual conference.
- Some common themes among board member reports were:
  - Many boards are in the process of updating their rules;
  - Dealing with unlicensed practice, fraud, licensees not completing CE

- Many boards are licensing or are in the process of regulating massage establishments
- Many boards have moved to a paperless applications and renewals
- Proposed resolutions
  - New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy proposed that candidates for the MBLEx be required to submit evident of completion of a massage training program before being permitted to sit for the MBLEx. The resolution PASSED. However, after clarification from the Board of Directors, the resolution was TABLED until the 2016 annual meeting.
  - Tennessee Board of Massage Licensure proposed that the FSMTB take a decisive and unified stance against human trafficking by forming a task force of one representative from at least five states to address Human Trafficking in the massage profession. The resolution PASSED

11.3 FSMTB Authentic Information Review (FAIR) Task Force Report

- Ms. Waidely reported on her participation on the Task Force which was created to deal with the massage fraudulent documents issue.

11.4 Legislative Meet-Me Calls

- The board elected the following members to serve as the board’s reseptnative on the department’s 2015 legislative meet-me calls:
  - Primary – Rey Guajardo, LMP
  - Secondary – Laura Williams, LMP

11.5 Planning for Upcoming Meetings

- Nothing was discussed.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair, at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

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Megan Brown, Program Manager

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Rey Guajardo, LMP, Chair