



**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE  
Business Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

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On Friday, January 15, 2016, the Board of Massage met at Washington State Department of Health, Town Center Two, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, Washington. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**Board Members**

Nancy Allen, LMP  
Jonathan Arguelles, LMP  
Stephanie Dickey, LMP  
Reynaldo Guajardo, LMP – Chair  
Anthony Sharpe, Public Member

**Staff Present**

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

**Guests**

Pat Archer, LMP	Karen James, LMP	Julie Onofrio, LMP
Kim Aubuchon, LMP	Michael LaTour, LMP	Nicole Paganucci, LMP
Darlene Bartlett	Aubrey Lesicki, LMP	Jim Parker
Marybeth Berney, LMP	Dari Lewis, LMP	Dana Pellegrini, LMP
Cary Cruea, LMP	Gail McGaffick	Carl Radeck, LMP
Wendell Dyck, LMP	Linda Myers	Tami Thompson
Allison Hanelt, LMP	Deborah Nimmons, LMP	Allison Yarne, LMP
Barbara Helynn-Heard, LMP	Jessi Nunes, LMP	

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Reynaldo Guajardo, LMP, Chair, at 9:05 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 November 6, 2015, Business Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

**2. WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD (WFTB) PRESENTATION**

Jim Parker, Consumer Protection Unit Manager and Darlene Bartlett, Program Specialist, gave a presentation on private career schools and the WFTB's regulatory oversight role.

- Washington's Private Vocational Schools Act was passed as a consumer protection law in 1986. The law protects students who enroll in private career school programs offering credentials below the degree level.
- WFTB is statutorily authorized to protect the public against practices by private vocational schools which are false, deceptive, misleading, or unfair, and to help ensure adequate educational quality at private vocational schools.
- Massage Therapy and Healing Arts programs make up 15% of private career schools.

**3. REMEDIATION PLANS FOR MBLEX – MEGAN BROWN**

This agenda item was tabled for a future board meeting.

**4. RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

The board continued their review of chapter 264-830 WAC – Massage Therapists and continued to make updates, revisions, and housekeeping amendments.

**5. PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD**

The following comments were received from individuals during this time:

- Gail McGaffick, lobbyist for the AMTA reported on a bill to be introduced to the house and senate that requires the board to write rules allowing board approved schools to accept previous training.

Draping

- Consider adding language that at no times shall genitals be touched.

Breast Massage

- Consider removing the restriction of requiring a prescription.
- Consider creating a breast massage endorsement and/or requiring special training.
- Consider adding specific modalities to the language to the breast massage rule language such Tui na and Qi gong. Kris Waidely noted that neither of these modalities is within the massage practitioner scope of practice and it would take a legislative change to allow this. These modalities are specific to the East Asian medicine practitioner statute.
- Consider adding language of requiring written consent prior to a breast massage

Recordkeeping

- Consider exempting seated massage from the recordkeeping requirement because the intent is for relaxation purposes. Treatment techniques are not used and the customer remains fully clothed.

Structural Integration (SI)

- SI has the distinction of being a profession that is different from massage but regulated under massage.
- Consider adapting leeway for approval of SI schools because of the distinct education and training that differ from the massage training requirements.

### Transfer of training hours

- Take into consideration military spouses who are in a massage program and may have to transfer hours.
- Consider allowing the training earned in the hard sciences even if the hours are not coming from a massage school.

### Training hours

- Several people expressed support to increasing the number of training hours as outlined in ELAP.
- Ten months is a more appropriate timeframe to obtain proper education rather than six months.

## **6. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT (OPMA) TRAINING – KRYSTL MURPHY, AAG**

Board members received training on the OPMA as required by RCW 42.56.150 Training—Local elected and statewide elected officials.

## **7. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS**

El Paso Community College

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

IBMC College (formerly Intellitec)

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

Discoverypoint School of Massage

- The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

New York College of Health Professions

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

Bellevue Massage School

- The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

Carrington College

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

Alexandria School of Scientific Therapeutics

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

Everest College – Tacoma

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

Rainier Massage Academy

- The RBMs recommended denial of the schools massage program. The board authorized program staff to send a denial letter.

Allied Health Massage School

- The RBMs approved the school's change in location.

## 8. ELECTIONS

At the November 6, 2015 board meeting, Meghann Lawrence, LMP was elected as the board's vice-chair. Subsequently her term on the board expired and a new member was appointed to fill her position.

The board held an election for the 2016 board vice-chair position.

- Tony Sharpe was nominated for the position of vice-chair.
- Nancy Allen, LMP was nominated for the position of vice-chair.

The board voted and elected Tony Sharpe as the board's vice-chair for 2016.

## 9. 2016 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

\* The board approved the following meeting dates and locations based on the November 6, 2015 meeting.

- January 15 – Tumwater, WA
- February 5 – Teleconference
- March 4 – Teleconference
- March 11 – Tumwater, WA
- April 1 – Teleconference
- May 6 – Teleconference
- May 13 – Kent, WA
- June 3 – Teleconference
- July 1 – Teleconference
- July 8 – Tumwater, WA
- August 5 – Teleconference
- September 2 – Teleconference
- September 9 – Spokane, WA
- October 7 – Teleconference
- November 4 – Tumwater, WA
- December 2 – Teleconference

\* *The meeting dates were changed at the board's February 12, 2016 conference call.*

## 10. CREDENTIALING REPORT

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

## 11. PROGRAM REPORT – MEGAN BROWN AND KRIS WAIDELY

### 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 Fee Changes

- Mr. Maresh updated the board on a possible fee increase for the massage profession.

- 11.3 Legislative Update and Meet-Me Calls
- Program staff updated the board on rules that may have an effect on the massage profession.
    - HB 2425 – Concerning Massage Therapists. This bill has is a companion to SB 6181. This bill changes the title of “massage practitioner” to “massage therapist” and “animal massage practitioner” to “animal massage therapist”
    - HB 2781 – Requiring the Washington state board of massage to adopt rules to allow approved massage programs to establish transfer programs. This is a companion to SB 6399 and requires the board to write rules that allow board-approved massage schools to create transfer programs so individuals can receive credit for prior education in subjects that are applicable to massage education.
- 11.4 Transfer of Training Hours Rules Update
- Program staff updated the board on the status of WAC 246-830-037 – Transfer of Training Hours. A public hearing was held December 17, 2015 and testimony was received from multiple schools.
  - Further work on this rule has been placed on hold and may be revisited after the outcome of HB 2781 and SB 6399 is known.
- 11.5 FSMTB Authentic Information Review (FAIR) Task Force Report
- Ms. Waidely updated the board on her meeting with the FAIR taskforce.
- 11.6 Planning for Upcoming Meetings / Future Meeting Agenda Items.
- Mr. Guajardo requested an update on the Human Trafficking taskforce work.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Rey Guajardo, LMP, Chair, at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

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Megan Brown, Program Manager

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Rey Guajardo, LMP, Chair