



Washington State Board of Massage Licensure by Endorsement Committee

Committee Meeting Agenda
December 21, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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Times and Order

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023. The meeting will continue until all agenda items are complete. This agenda is subject to change.

Comments from the public in attendance may be solicited after each agenda item.

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Open Session – 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Heidi Williams, LMT, Committee Chair

1.1. Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules.

1.2. Approval of the Agenda.

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

Mr. Williams will give 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.

3. Rule Discussion for WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants

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

3.2. Committee members will review comments and discuss recommendations to bring back to the board on qualifications for licensure by endorsement.

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

4. Adjournment – Heidi Williams, LMT, Committee Chair

RCW 18.130.077

Licensure requirements waiver for out-of-state and nationally certified applicants.

(1) Disciplining authorities shall waive education, training, experience, and exam requirements for applicants who have been credentialed in another state or states with substantially equivalent standards for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure last longer than 90 days.

(2) Disciplining authorities may waive education, training, experience, or exam requirements for applicants who have achieved a national certification for the profession as determined by the disciplining authority in rule.

(3) Disciplining authorities may only issue credentials under this section to applicants who:

(a) Are not subject to denial of a license or issuance of a conditional license under this chapter;

(b) Have not been subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct or impairment in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction in the two years preceding their application or during the pendency of their application; and

(c) Are not under investigation or subject to charges in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction during the pendency of their application.

[2023 c 425 § 8.]

WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state

applicants. (1) A massage therapist applicant holding a massage license in another state or foreign jurisdiction may be granted a Washington massage license if:

(a) The board determines the other state's, territory's, or foreign jurisdiction's education and training requirements are substantially equivalent to Washington's. Substantial equivalency means a course of study at a massage school or massage program that requires:

(i) A minimum of six hundred twenty-five hours of education and training, to be completed in no fewer than twenty-four weeks and approved by the equivalent licensing agency or agencies in the state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction in which it is located at the time of applicant's graduation; or

(ii) A minimum of five hundred hours of education and training, and approved by the equivalent licensing agency or agencies in the state, territory, or foreign jurisdiction in which it is located at the time of applicant's graduation, at least two years of experience, and documentation of at least

twenty-four hours of continuing education within two years prior to making application.

(b) The applicant has a massage license in good standing as verified by the appropriate jurisdiction; and

(c) If there is a gap in practice of three or more years immediately prior to applying for a license by endorsement, the applicant must provide documentation of twenty-four hours of hands on continuing education of massage therapy for the two most recent years prior to making application.

(2) If an applicant does not meet the requirements of this section, then the applicant may fulfill the remaining education and training requirements as outlined in WAC 246-830-037.

(3) The applicant must have successfully passed one of the following examinations:

(a) Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards massage and bodywork licensing examination;

(b) National certification examination for therapeutic massage and bodywork; or

(c) A board-approved examination.

(4) The applicant must satisfy the requirements in WAC 246-830-020 (1)(a) through (h).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.085 (1)(a), 18.108.025 (1)(a), chapter 18.108 RCW and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-02-012, § 246-830-035, filed 12/24/20, effective 9/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025 (1)(a), 18.108.085 (1)(a), 43.70.041 and chapter 18.108 RCW. WSR 17-14-062, § 246-830-035, filed 6/29/17, effective 7/30/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.280. WSR 98-05-060, § 246-830-035, filed 2/13/98, effective 3/16/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.108.025(1). WSR 94-13-181, § 246-830-035, filed 6/21/94, effective 7/22/94.]