



## Washington State Board of Massage Licensure by Endorsement Committee

Committee Meeting Agenda  
May 28, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

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### Committee Members

Heidi Williams, LMT, Committee Chair  
Sherise Gueck, LMT

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### Times and Order

The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. 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.

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

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

2.2. Committee members will discuss and draft recommended 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.

### **3. Adjournment – Heidi Williams, LMT, Committee Chair**

#### **Next Business Meeting**

Date: July 19, 2024

Time: TBD

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# PREPROPOSAL



## STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

### CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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making

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**Agency:** Department of Health – Board of Massage

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-830-035 Licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants. The Board of Massage (board), in coordination with the Department of Health (department), is examining and may consider amending this section of the massage therapist rules related to licensing by endorsement for out-of-state applicants.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.108.025, RCW 18.108.095.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The board received two rule making petitions. ~~One petition requesting that the board remove the requirement for two years of experience and 24 hours of continuing education in WAC 246-830-035(1)(a)(ii).~~ The second petition is requesting that the board clarify the language in 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.

~~The board is considering amendments to WAC 246-830-035 that would reduce barriers for out-of-state applicants seeking a massage therapy license in Washington State.~~

The board would like to increase the required hours of education and training to 750 WAC 246 830 035 (1)(a)(i)

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rule making

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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Additional comments: All notices will be sent to the public through the Board of Massage's distribution list. Interested parties can join the distribution list at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new> and selecting Health Professions, and then selecting "Board of Massage" and any other lists you wish to join.

**Date:**

**Name:** Harold Wright, Jr. M.Ed. | Kristin Peterson, JD for Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH

**Title:** Board of Massage Executive Director | Chief of Policy for Secretary of Health

**Signature:**

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

(1) A massage therapist applicant holding an active and unrestricted massage license in another state or foreign jurisdiction may be granted a Washington massage license if:

(a) The board determines the other state's or foreign jurisdiction's education and training requirements are substantially equivalent to Washington's; AND

(b) The applicant has been licensed in another state or foreign jurisdiction for at least two years immediately preceding their application with no interruption in licensure lasting longer than 90 days; AND

(c) The applicant meets the requirements of RCW [18.130.077](#)

(3).

(2) Substantial equivalency means a course of study at a massage school or massage program that requires:

(a) 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 in which it is located at the time of applicant's graduation; and proof of successful completion of the Washington state massage jurisprudence examination; or

(b) A minimum of five hundred hours of education and training which is approved by the equivalent licensing agency in which it is located at the time of applicant's graduation; documentation of at least twenty-four hours of continuing education as required in WAC [246-830-475](#) within two years prior to making application; Proof of successful completion of the Washington state massage jurisprudence examination; AND successful completion of a board approved examination under WAC [246-830-201](#).

(3) 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](#).

(4) All applicants must satisfy the requirements in WAC [246-830-020](#) (1) (a), (b), (e) through (g), and (3).