

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
April 8, 2022

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The conference call meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Steven Carper, Chair, at 9:06 a.m. in the Licensure Unit, Lower Level, Conference Room B, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on 4.06.2022

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present on call (3):

Steven Carper, Chair
Kristine Roberts, Member
Mallory Carstens, Member Vice-Chair

Members Absent (1):

Michele Helaney, Secretary

Others Present (5):

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (on call)
Carrie Oldehoeft, Board Coordinator (in room)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Attorney (on call)
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor (on call)
Public (on call)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Carstens moved, seconded by Roberts, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a. 2022 Legislative

LB709, Proposes to change requirements relating to preliminary applications under the Occupational Board Reform Act reform, additional bills added relating to reciprocity. Concern was voiced by NE-AMTA per Briana, amendments excluding UCA credentials. Bill hasn't moved, not sure it will move forward this session. April 20th is the last date for the 2022 legislative session.

9:08am Abby, Assistant Attorney General legal assistant - entered room

- b. Nebraska Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (NAMTA) <http://www.amtane.org>

The following was reported:

- NE-AMTA elections done via email, with new board members.
- The location for CE training (cupping) for 16 hours has changed.
- May 1, Lincoln marathon Sports Massage.
- Concern voiced relating to LMT shortages. Looking at a comparison on numbers from 2018 & 2019. Chiles reports that at end of 2019 there were 1362 active LMT's.
- Looking at how to educate public on the benefits of massage therapy and to recruit massage, may send survey.

- c. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) <https://www.fmtb.org>

Chiles reports there are Virtual Events for members, scheduled below:

- February 9
- March 9
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- November 9
- December 14

Topics may include:

- MBLEx Development and Administration
- Exam Security and Fraud in the Licensure Process
- Massage Therapy Licensure Compact
- Regulatory Board Operations
- Measuring Board Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Managing Illicit Massage and Human Trafficking
- Good Moral Character
- Continuing Competence

Registration can be found at: <https://www.fsmtb.org/member-boardsagencies/member-services/member-virtual-event/>

- d. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Administrative Penalties, Renewals, Disciplinary and Non Disciplinary Information, and School Report

Date of Reports: 1.1.2022 to 03.30.2022 attached to agenda

5. CLOSED SESSION

Investigative Reports and Other Confidential Information

MOTION: Carstens moved, seconded by Roberts, to enter into closed session at 9:23 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Carper repeated the motion and purpose. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

9:24 a.m. Trevor Klaassen, Investigations (entered room)
9:26 a.m. Mark Meyerson, Investigations (entered room)
9:44 a.m. Klaassen, exited room
9:44 a.m. Meyerson, exited room
9:44 a.m. Lester exited room
9:47 a.m. Neuhaus exited room
9:55 a.m. Lester entered room
9:55 a.m. Neuhaus entered room

Members agreed to return to open session at 9:57 a.m.

9:58 a.m. Harrison exited room

6. OPEN SESSION

Review, Recommendations, and Report Out (Applications, Mail Ballot Voting Results, and Reinstatements)

Jeff White - Reinstatement

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to recommend reinstatement with a 1 year probation, with the following terms and conditions: Random body fluid screens, Abstain from Alcohol/Drug, follow recommendations of assessment and any future recommendations and the Standard Terms and Conditions of probation. Basis: Conviction history and diagnosis. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2022 and will be set as a conference call. There was no further business and Carper declared the meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Submitted by Michele Helaney, Secretary
Board of Massage Therapy

Minutes drafted by Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator