

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
June 2, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Steven Carper, Chair, at 9:03 a.m. in the 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 35.17.2023

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (3):

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

Members Absent (1):

Michele Helaney, Secretary

Others Present (5):

Matt Gelvin, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (on WebEx)
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Attorney (on WebEx)
Juliann Lamphier-Wilson, DHHS Attorney (on WebEx)
Danielle Sund, DHHS Attorney (on WebEx)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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.

9:05 am Helaney entered room

9:06 am Public entered room

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a. 2023 Legislation

LB 78: Redefine the definition of massage therapy (hearing 2.2.2023)

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=49963 LB 280: Adopt the Interstate

Oldehoeft, reported no additional updates

LB 280 Massage Compact – Impact (hearing 2.2.2023)

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=50572 M pact

<https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/massage-therapy/>

Oldehoeft, reported no additional updates

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

Public (NE-AMTA) reported they will be having a Cadaver lab in July, Ethic class in October, leadership conference was currently happening.

CEU discussion based on CPR counting, board feels it should count.

- c. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) <https://www.fsmtb.org>
Carper reports that exam flexibility can reschedule within 24 hours. No update on COMPAC.
- d. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Administrative Penalties, Renewals, Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Information, and School Report (attached to agenda)

5. CLOSED SESSION Investigative Reports and Other Confidential Information

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Helaney, to enter into closed session at 9:31 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. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Helaney, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Carstens (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried. Carper repeated the motion and purpose.

Public phone line closed

9:40 am Klassen, Meyerson- investigations entered the room

10:00 am Klassen, Meyerson exited room

Members agreed to return to open session at 9:43 a.m. and public phone line opened

6. OPEN SESSION Review, Recommendations, and Report Out (Applications, Mail Ballot Voting Results, and Reinstatements)

Candice Backer-Reinstatement- Massage Therapist -

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Helaney, to deny the request for reinstatement based on not completing required Continuing Education Units (CEU's). A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Helaney, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Carstens (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

8. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2023 and will be set as an in person meeting. There was no further business and Carper declared the meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by Michele Helaney, Secretary
Board of Massage Therapy

Minutes drafted by Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator