

Minutes of the January 27, 2026
Board of Athletic Training Virtual Meeting

1. Roll Call

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 9:05 am on January 27, 2026, in the Morrill Conference Room, at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 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 Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on January 14, 2026.

Roberts announced that this is an open meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Jessica Roberts, MS Ed, ATC Chair (via Webex and telephone)
Jennifer Krueger, MA, LAT, ATC (via Webex)
Vanetta Early, BA, MAL Board Member (via Webex)
Denise Marshall, MA, ATC, LAT Board Member (via Webex)

DHHS Staff Present:

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager (via Webex)
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Abigail Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General (via Webex)
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Legal (via Webex)
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigations (via Webex)
Tricia Allen, DHHS Investigations (via Webex)

2. Adoption Of Agenda

Motion: Krueger moved, seconded by Marshall, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Marshall, Early, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Reaffirmation Of Mail Ballot and Approval of Minutes

There was a mail ballot for the August 5, 2025, meeting. The revised minutes were approved August 22, 2025. Voting to approve were Early, Krueger, Roberts, and Docter. Voting nay, None.

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There was a mail ballot to review the application for Evan Kingston. Voting to approve: Early, Roberts, Krueger, and Docter. Voting nay: none. Application approved December 3, 2025.

Motion: Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger, to approve the minutes for the Board of Athletic Training Emergency Meeting held on January 20, 2026. Voting aye: Marshall, Early, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Minutes approved January 27, 2026.

4. Investigational and Confidential Reports Closed Session

Motion: Krueger moved, seconded by Marshall to move into closed session. Voting aye: Early, Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 9:13 am.

The Board returned to Open session at 10:52 am.

5. Board Recommendations

In the matter of the reinstatement application for Amanda J. Gallone Nebraska Athletic Training license # 1261 the Board of Athletic Training recommends offering to reinstate the license with the following conditions: a Censure and \$500 Civil Penalty for practicing without a license for an extended period of time. Motion made by Krueger, seconded by Marshall. Voting aye: Early, Krueger, Marshall, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

6. Legislative Update

6a. LB 736

A letter of support was presented to the Health and Human Services Committee during the Legislative Hearing held on January 22, 2026. The letter was written by Jennifer Krueger and presented on behalf of the Board of Athletic Training.

7. Athletic Trainer Compact

Eight states have filed legislation to be part of the Athletic Trainer Compact. There is more information about the compact at ATCompact.Org.

8. Election of Officers

Motion: Marshall moved, Krueger seconded to elect the following slate of officers for 2026.

Chair: Jessica Roberts
Vice-Chair: Jennifer Krueger

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Secretary: Denise Marshall
Educational Consultant- Denise Marshall
Investigations Consultant- Jessica Krueger

Voting aye: Roberts, Krueger, Early, and Marshall. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

9. Voting for Delegates for National Boards and Meetings

Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger for Jennifer Krueger to be the Delegate to the National Athletic Trainers Association meeting in Philadelphia PA. That meeting will be held June 29- July 2, 2026.

Denise Marshall will be the delegate to the Board of Certification Conference meeting in Omaha, Nebraska August 20-21, 2026.

10. Per Diem

Motion: Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger, to leave the Per Diem at \$50 per day. Voting aye: Early, Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

11. Notice of Meeting Publication

Motion: Krueger moved, Marshall seconded, that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Open Meetings Act, the notice of meetings of this Board be posted virtually on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Licensure Board Meeting Agenda page, posted physically on the Board Meeting Agenda billboard in the lobby of the Nebraska State Office Building, and disseminated to a list of stakeholders and interested parties. Voting Aye: Krueger, Marshall, Roberts, and Early. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

12. Licensure Application Processing Report

This report is presented to the Board for informational purposes only

13. Topics for Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held July 28, 2026, and it will be an in-person meeting for Board members. Topics identified for the next meeting include Legislative Update, License Application Processing Report, Compact Update, Update on New Licensure Database (MLO), and Public Comment.

14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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15. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)
Denise Marshall, Secretary