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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
February 6, 2026

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Steven Carper, Chair, at 9:32 a.m. in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower-Level Goldenrod Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered roll call.

Steven Carper, Chair  
Holly Doring, Vice-Chair  
Elizabeth Bailey, Member  
Abigail Davis

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Sean Loving, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Scarlett Popevis, Intern; Marly Sandberg, Department Legal; Abby Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; and Susan Held, Investigator from the Investigations Unit.

Carper announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

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 website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on January 23, 2026.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Bailey moved, seconded by Doring, to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2025**

Doring moved, seconded by Davis, to approve the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

**4. CLOSED SESSION Investigative Reports and Other Confidential Information**

Davis moved, seconded by Doring, to enter into closed session at 9:33 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion on investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Carper repeated the motion and purpose. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 10:32 a.m.

**5. OPEN SESSION** Application review and recommendations (initial licensure, reinstatement, convictions, administrative penalties, and mail ballot reports)

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **Jamie Richardson Massage LLC – Massage Therapy Establishment**

Doring moved, seconded by Bailey, to recommend approval of the establishment license with censure, a \$2,000 civil penalty to be paid within 1 year, and completion of the jurisprudence exam for the owner within 90 days. The basis for the censure, civil penalty, and the completion of the jurisprudence exam is due to operating for an extended period of time without an active establishment license. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

### **Rapha Restore Massage – Massage Therapy Establishment**

Doring moved, seconded by Davis, to recommend approval of the establishment license with censure, \$4,000 civil penalty to be paid within 2 years, and completion of the jurisprudence exam for the owners within 90 days. The basis for the censure, civil penalty, and the completion of the jurisprudence exam is due to operating for an extended period of time without an active establishment license. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

## **6. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

### **a.Legislation:**

***LB 961 – Adopt the Collateral Sanction Relief Act*** – Amended sections 29-2264 and 29-3005, to change provisions relating to set asides; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

***LB 892 – Change requirements relating to licensure of massage therapy establishments*** – Sandberg has wording concerns about the bill. The board makes recommendations, not promulgates. The wording does not clearly align with the regulations.

**b.Nebraska Chapter of American Massage Therapy Association (NE-AMTA):** Briana Cudly emphasized that NE-AMTA is not in favor of the compact. NE-AMTA is firm on the compact not being a part of legislation. She feels Nebraska needs more of a national standard before getting involved with the compact. She expressed concerns to not having inspections done by DHHS. Mentioned that LB892 is worded the way it is to go along with 38-1703 and 38-1710.

Cudly mentioned the NE-AMTA will hold its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention April 10-11, 2026, in Omaha, Nebraska, featuring Nebraska educators and special events.

**c.Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB):** Nothing to discuss at this time.

**d.American Massage Therapy Association Nebraska Chapter Report Out:** There are no reports at this time.

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

### Administrative Penalties Assessed

Report Ran: 1/23/26

LICENSE NO	NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FEE ASSESSED	DATE PENALTY ASSESSED	DATE DUE	FEE STATUS	DATE FEE RECEIVED	AMOUNT RECEIVED
<b>Massage Therapist</b>							
541	Carpenter, Sharon Marie	\$ 10	11/10/25		P	11/12/25	\$ 155
2409	Goldstrom, Yesenia Osorio	\$ 1,000	11/6/25		P	10/12/23	\$ 110
2642	Hall, Jana F	\$ 1,000	11/18/25		P	1/22/26	\$ 925
2956	Kowskie, Bryan Michael	\$ 60	11/17/25		P	2/29/16	\$ 40
3648	Schaefer, Cathy JM	\$ 70	11/20/25		P	11/21/25	\$ 215
4134	Trambly, Erica Jayden	\$ 200	1/21/26		P	1/23/26	\$ 200
<b>Total for Fee Status: \$2,340</b>							
<b>Massage Therapist</b>							
3419	Broich, Sophia Louise	\$ 30	11/12/25		U		
4002	Carlson, Kalista Nadine	\$ 380	1/16/26		U		
537	Hrabik, Laurie Kay	\$ 10	11/10/25		U		
502	Newman, Timothy Wayne	\$ 200	1/7/26		U	1/29/10	\$ 170
3724	O'Connor, Zen Christian	\$ 90	11/26/25		U	1/12/26	\$ 300
3898	Olsen, Emily Nicole	\$ 1,000	11/10/25		U		
4003	Pratt, Benjamin Caleb Leonard	\$ 30	12/18/25		U	12/19/25	\$ 160
						12/19/25	\$ 160
						12/19/25	\$ 160
4052	Rieger, Melanie Sue	\$ 200	12/30/25		U		
<b>Total for Fee Status: \$1,940</b>							
<b>Total Administrative Penalty Fee Requested for Profession: \$4,280</b>							

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LICENSE NO	NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FEE ASSESSED	DATE PENALTY ASSESSED	DATE DUE	FEE STATUS	DATE FEE RECEIVED	AMOUNT RECEIVED
<b>Massage Therapy Establishment</b>							
3713	Sarahenity Healing Hands	\$ 0	9/25/25		C		
<b>Total for Fee Status: \$0</b>							
<b>Massage Therapy Establishment</b>							
3712	Colleen Brown, LMT	\$ 50	9/29/25		P	10/1/25	\$ 82
3777	Massage Envy Maple	\$ 1,000	11/6/25		P	11/7/25	\$ 1,000
<b>Total for Fee Status: \$1,050</b>							
<b>Massage Therapy Establishment</b>							
3760	AA Massage	\$ 340	12/5/25		U		
3772	Aislinn Medical Spa	\$ 900	12/30/25		U		
3776	Inner Serenity Massage Studio LLC	\$ 1,000	1/5/26		U		
3787	On Your Way Wellness	\$ 1,000	11/18/25		U		
	Rapha Restore Massage	\$ 1,000	11/10/25		U		
	Revivify Body Rescue Massage & Spa	\$ 380	1/20/26		U		
3759	Take Five Massage Spa & Boutique	\$ 190	12/4/25		U		
3761	The Vital Link	\$ 130	12/5/25		U		
<b>Total for Fee Status: \$4,940</b>							
<b>Total Administrative Penalty Fee Requested for Profession: \$5,990</b>							

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT**



**EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT**

Profession: Massage Therapy  
Date Range: 09/25/2025 to 01/23/2026

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
FSMTB Exam	MBLEx	Pass	8
		Fail	1
		<b>FSMTB Exam total:</b>	<b>9</b>
Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	Pass	7
	<b>Jurisprudence - Reciprocity total:</b>		<b>7</b>

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**Report total: 16**

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT  
SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS**



**Massage Therapy**  
Report Ran: 1/23/2026

	Active	Application File Closed	Closed	Deleted	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation	Null and Void	Pending	Reinstatement Pending	Revocation	Suspension	Voluntary Surrender	Withdrawn	Total
EO 20-27 Prov Massage Therapis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Massage Therapist	1,334	460	0	2	17	1,299	886	29	499	17	16	4	23	5	22	21	4,634
Massage Therapy Establishment	570	72	893	10	4	1,483	23	0	233	88	24	0	11	3	3	28	3,445
Massage Therapy School	10	3	18	0	0	9	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Massage-Preliminary Conviction	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Mobile Massage Therapy CC Esta	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Out-of-State Massage Therapy T	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Temporary Massage Therapist	3	46	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	939	4	0	0	0	0	2	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,926</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2,793</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>9,146</b>

Examination Information by School

1/23/26

<u>SCHOOL_NAME</u> NAME	Exam Name	Exam Date	Exam Score	Exam Result	Graduation Date
<b>Massage Therapy</b>					
A/D-Humphrey	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Weidner, Theresa Ann	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	01/20/2026	76	Pass	02/17/1998
Weidner, Theresa Ann	MBLEx	10/28/2025		Pass	02/17/1998
<b>Abrams College</b>					
Zhang, Hui	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	09/26/2025		Pass	04/22/2020
<b>Bio-Chi Institute of Massage Therapy</b>					
Campbell, Ashley M	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Campbell, Ashley M	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	12/29/2025	78	Pass	11/01/2025
Weidner, Theresa Ann	MBLEx	12/02/2025		Pass	11/01/2025
Weidner, Theresa Ann	MBLEx	10/28/2025		Pass	11/01/2025
Weidner, Theresa Ann	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	01/20/2026	76	Pass	11/01/2025
<b>Celebrity School of Beauty</b>					
Lopez Martinez, Chanel	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	10/02/2025	76	Pass	10/30/2023
<b>Central Community College-Columbus-75hr</b>					
Campbell, Ashley M	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Campbell, Ashley M	MBLEx	12/02/2025		Pass	06/30/2006
Campbell, Ashley M	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	12/29/2025	78	Pass	06/30/2006
<b>Central Community College-Hastings-75hr</b>					
Renken, Alisha Ann	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	11/24/2025	88	Pass	08/16/1996
<b>College of Hair Design</b>					
Myers, Kayla Renee	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	11/05/2025		Pass	04/08/2009
<b>College of Hair Design - East Campus</b>					
Goering, Jena Elaine	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	10/08/2025		Pass	05/10/2024
<b>EMT-A</b>					
Weidner, Theresa Ann	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Weidner, Theresa Ann	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	01/20/2026	76	Pass	02/22/1996
Weidner, Theresa Ann	MBLEx	10/28/2025		Pass	02/22/1996
<b>Healing Arts Institute</b>					
Dubas, Erin Monique	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	11/20/2025	78	Pass	05/11/2001
<b>Hollistic Life Institute</b>					
Zhang, Hui	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	09/26/2025		Pass	06/28/2018
<b>SCHOOL_NAME</b>					
<b>NAME</b>					
<b>Exam Name</b>					
<b>Exam Date</b>					
<b>Exam Score</b>					
<b>Exam Result</b>					
<b>Graduation Date</b>					
<b>IL-120 hr nurse aide course</b>					
Renken, Alisha Ann	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	11/24/2025	88	Pass	07/10/2008
<b>Kearney School of PN</b>					
Weidner, Theresa Ann	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Weidner, Theresa Ann	MBLEx	10/28/2025		Pass	08/19/1983
Weidner, Theresa Ann	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	01/20/2026	76	Pass	08/19/1983
<b>Lincoln Academy of Massage &amp; Bodyworks, LLC</b>					
Goering, Jena Elaine	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Myers, Kayla Renee	MBLEx	10/08/2025		Pass	09/26/2025
	MBLEx	11/05/2025		Pass	11/14/2025
<b>Myotherapy Institute</b>					
Haynes, Marissa Jo	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	12/10/2025		Pass	10/18/2025
<b>NE Community College-Norfolk</b>					
Campbell, Ashley M	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Campbell, Ashley M	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	12/29/2025	78	Pass	05/30/2025
Campbell, Ashley M	MBLEx	12/02/2025		Pass	05/30/2025
<b>Nebraska Methodist College-Omaha-75hr</b>					
Lento, Lora	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	10/21/2025		Pass	04/27/2007
<b>Omaha School of Massage</b>					
Lento, Lora	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
Valle, Doris	MBLEx	10/21/2025		Pass	09/29/2025
Valle, Doris	MBLEx	10/16/2025		Fail	08/26/2025
Valle, Doris	MBLEx	12/08/2025		Pass	08/26/2025
<b>Perfect Training Institute</b>					
Zhang, Hui	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	09/26/2025		Pass	04/30/2025
<b>Southeastern College</b>					
Torres, Analise	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	10/18/2025	94	Pass	05/13/2010
<b>The Praxis Institute</b>					
Guerrero Ruiz, Martha Lucia	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	11/08/2025	82	Pass	10/18/2023
<b>The Soma Institute</b>					
Renken, Alisha Ann	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	Jurisprudence - Reciprocity	11/24/2025	88	Pass	12/17/2020
<b>Union College</b>					
Myers, Kayla Renee	9/24/25 - 1/23/26				
	MBLEx	11/05/2025		Pass	05/04/2022

## **7. PRACTICE QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HAVING A PHYSICIAN ON STAFF IN A MASSAGE THERAPY SCHOOL ESTABLISHMENT?**

NEB. REV. STAT. 38-1703...(3) one which has attached to its staff a regularly licensed physician and employs one or more competent massage therapists as instructors,...

The statutes and regulations state that a Massage Therapy School establishment must have a physician on staff but do not clarify the purpose of that physician.

Carper mentioned he has a physician as a consultant and advisor that is included in curriculum changes and medical conditions to get more of an insight and understanding of the massage therapists.

Doring mentioned her staff psychiatrist teaches classes on medical conditions and what to watch out for. They are more of a medical condition advisor.

## **8. DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD OF WHICH THIS BODY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS**

Loving informed the Board that the Department currently sends notifications via email to interested parties, posts meeting agendas to the Department's Public website, and posts a paper agenda inside the State Office Building.

Carper moved, seconded by Doring, to continue the current method of which this body gives public notice of its meetings. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

## **9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Bailey moved, seconded by Carper, to appoint Doring as Chair, Carper as Vice-Chair, and Davis as Secretary. The slate of officers is as follows: Doring – Chairperson, Carper – Vice-Chairperson, and Davis – Secretary. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

***Investigative consultant*** – Bailey moved, seconded by Carper to appoint Carper as a consultant for the investigation unit. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

***Education consultant*** – Bailey moved, seconded by Carper to appoint Doring as a consultant for education questions and purposes. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, Davis, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

## **10. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

March 27, 2026  
June 5, 2026  
August 7, 2026  
October 2, 2026  
December 4, 2026

## **11. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There are no public comments at this time.

**10. Adjournment**

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2026. No further information was presented, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Board of Massage Therapy

Summarized by: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit