

## Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting Minutes March 18, 2026

### **1. Roll call**

Marcus Doughty, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 9:07 a.m. on March 18, 2026, in the lower-level Goldenrod Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to 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 Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on March 6, 2026.

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

### **Members Present:**

The following members answered roll call:

Marcus Doughty, OTD, OTR/L, CHT Board Chair (via Webex)  
Alfred Bracciano, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA Board Vice-Chair (via Webex)  
Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT Board Secretary

### **Members Absent:**

Nancy Peetz, Board Member

### **Staff Present:**

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager  
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator  
Abby Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General (via Webex)  
Kat Amyot, DHHS Legal Attorney  
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Staff Attorney

### **Members of the Public Addressing the Board**

Mark Bertch

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** Walsh-Sterup moved, seconded by Bracciano, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

**3. Regulation Review**

- a. Dry Needling- This item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- b. PAM's Updates-This item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- c. Definitions- This item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- d. Unprofessional Conduct- This item will be tabled until the next meeting.
- e. Continuing Education Requirements- This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

**4. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file)

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Secretary