

*These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
March 27, 2026

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Absent: Abigail Davis, Secretary

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Sean Loving, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Jessie Enfield, Interim Compliance Monitor; Tyler Walvoord, Department Legal; Abby Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; and Randy Clark, Hayle Alvarado, and Tricia Allen, Investigators 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 March 11, 2026.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2026**

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

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

Carper moved, seconded by Bailey, to enter into closed session at 9:34 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, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: Davis. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 11:22 a.m.

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

### **APPLICATIONS**

#### **Health and Massage Parlor – Massage Therapy Establishment**

Carper moved, seconded by Doring, to recommend the denial of the application for an establishment license on the basis of the misrepresentation of material facts attempting to procure a credential. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: Davis. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

#### **Monument Massage – Massage Therapy Establishment**

Carper moved, seconded by Doring, to recommend approval of the establishment license with no limitations. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: Davis. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

#### **Holiday Massage – Massage Therapy Establishment**

Carper moved, seconded by Doring, to recommend a quest for additional information. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: Davis. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

### **6. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

#### **a. Legislation and Regulations:**

***LB912 - Adopt the Community Health Worker Training Endorsement Act, the Athletic Trainer Compact, and the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact, change provisions relating to child care licensing and the practice of athletic training, respiratory care, massage therapy, medical radiography, nurse practitioners, pharmacy, and pharmacists, and provide for liens for physical therapy services and automated pickup kiosks for certain prescription medication***

Sean mentioned that the wording now aligns with the massage therapy regulations.

**b. Nebraska Chapter of American Massage Therapy Association (NE-AMTA):** Doring 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):** Elise Baine mentioned that Patty Glenn is willing to attend the board meeting to talk about the compact, if requested.

**d. American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) Nebraska National Report:** Doring mentioned the AMTA will hold the 2026 National Convention August 27 – 29, 2026, in Denver, Colorado.

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

**7. PRACTICE QUESTION: STUDENTS MUST BE SUPERVISED DURING THEIR CLINICAL PRACTICE BY A LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST. DOES THAT THERAPIST HAVE TO BE LICENSED IN NEBRASKA? CAN THEIR CLINICAL PRACTICE BE DONE IN A CLINIC OUTSIDE OF NEBRASKA?**

Carper states that they would need to hold an active License in Nebraska, and that this depends on the requirements of the other states.

**9. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There are no public comments at this time.

**11. Adjournment**

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2026. No further information was presented, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Board of Massage Therapy  
Summarized by: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit