

Board of Occupational Therapy Meeting Minutes June 30, 2026

1. Roll call

Marcus Doughty, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Occupational Therapy to order at 9:07 a.m. on June 30, 2026, in the lower-level Morrill 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 June 9, 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
Alfred Bracciano, EdD, OTR/L, FAOTA Board Vice-Chair (via Webex)
Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT Board Secretary

Members Absent

Nancy Peetz

Staff Present:

Matt Gelvin, 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
Jeanette Peterson, DHHS Investigations

Public Addressing the Board:

Melissa Kimmerling, Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association (NOTA):
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Amanda Wise- Amanda.Wise@creighton.edu

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. Reaffirmation of Mail Ballot. The minutes from the meeting held April 15, 2026 were reviewed by the Mail Ballot. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Peetz. Minutes Approved May 19, 2026.

4. Closed Session

Purpose: To hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions.

Motion: Walsh-Sterup moved, seconded by Bracciano, to go into Closed Session. Voting aye: Bracciano, Doughty, and Walsh-Sterup. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The meeting went into closed session at 9:09 am.

The Meeting returned to Open Session at 9:18 am

5. Board Recommendations

There were no Board recommendations.

6. Regulation Review

The Board is nearly done with their part of the Regulation Revision process. It will be ready for a final review by the Board at the next meeting and then will move forward to the next step. Questions were asked by members of the public about regulations during the discussion.

7. Occupational Therapy Compact Update

Neville informed the Board more states have joined the compact. Compact information may be found at OTCompact.gov.

8. Application Processing Report

Hitzel offered the report of the licensing processing for the Board to review.

9. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

9. Topics for Next Meeting

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Occupational Therapy

The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2026, at 9:00 am. It will be in-person for Board members. Topics will include Regulation Revision, Occupational Therapy Compact, and the Application Processing Report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file)

Mary Walsh-Sterup, Secretary