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Board of Athletic Training
Minutes of the July 28, 2026 Meeting

1. Roll Call

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 9:00 am on July 28, 2026, in the Otoe 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 July 10, 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
Jennifer Krueger, MA, LAT, ATC
Vanetta Early, BA, MAL Board Member
Denise Marshall, MA, ATC, LAT Secretary

DHHS Staff Present:

Amy Blinston, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Matt Gelvin, Program Manager
Abigail Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Legal
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigations
Tricia Allen, DHHS Investigations
Randy Clark, DHHS Investigations

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 January 27 meeting. The revised minutes were approved February 10, 2026. Voting to approve were Early, Krueger, and Marshall. Voting nay, None.

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4. Closed Session

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

Motion: Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger to move into closed session. Voting aye: Early, Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried. The Board entered closed session at 9:06 am.

The Board returned to Open session at 10:26 am.

5. Board Recommendations

There were no Board recommendations.

6. Scope of Practice Question

Assisted stretching is a type of stretching where an individual physically assists another to move their body into a stretch, typically for compensation. The intended benefits of assisted stretching may include improving flexibility, increasing range of motion, and reducing muscle tension. *Is Assisted Stretching the Practice of Athletic Training?*

The Board agrees with the definition and would like to be notified if the Department is investigating any practice without a license of this practice.

7. Athletic Trainer Compact

As of May 26, 2026, eight states have filed legislation to be part of the Athletic Trainer Compact. That has met the seven-state minimum to have compact move forward. There is more information about the compact at ATCompact.Org.

8. Licensure Application Processing Report

This report is presented to the Board for informational purposes only.

9. NATA Delegate Report

Krueger attended the NATA meeting in Philadelphia, PA. She reported that it was a very good conference and prepared a report that is available to read in the Open Documents on the DHHS website.

There were some members from Nebraska that were recognized at the meeting. Samuel Wilkins, from Omaha Nebraska was honored with two different education awards. One from the NATA and one from the Dan Libera award.

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Axel Moncada from Papillion Nebraska received the NATA Diversity Award for his work with in high schools with English and Spanish speaking individuals, Mike Sloup and Denise Marshall from Columbus Nebraska accepted positions on the NATA SAAC Committee.

10. Topics for Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held October 6, 2026, at 9:00 am. 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, and Public Comment.

11. Public Comment

Jasan Graham Director of Credentialing of the BOC JasonG@bocatc.org. He wanted to clarify that 8 states have enacted legislation for the compact. A commission meeting will be held this later this fall. One person is invited to attend the BOC meeting in August. Please contact him for more information.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)
Denise Marshall, Secretary