

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
August 7, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Holly Doring, Chair, at 9:30 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
Abigail Davis, Secretary

Absent: none

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Sean Loving, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Scarlett Popevis, Administrative Specialist; Tyler Walvoord, Department Legal; Abby Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; and Hayle Alvarado and Tricia Allen, Investigators from the Investigations Unit.

Doring 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 July 27, 2026.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Carper moved, seconded by Bailey, 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 – June 5, 2026

Carper moved, seconded by Doring, to approve the minutes 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

Carper moved, seconded by Davis, to enter into closed session at 9:32 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. Doring 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 10:01 a.m.

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

APPLICATIONS

AA Massage – 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.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a.Legislation and Regulations:

No updates at this time.

b.Nebraska Chapter of American Massage Therapy Association (NE-AMTA): Doring mentioned the NE-AMTA national conventions are scheduled for August 27-29, 2026, in Denver, Colorado.

c.Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB): Doring and Carper mentioned that the FSMTB 2026 Annual Meeting will be held October 21-23 in Las Vegas, Nevada. .

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

There is no discussion at this time.

7. REGULATIONS – 172 NAC 82

The board discussed possible changes to the current regulations for Massage Therapy.

8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

October 2, 2026
December 4, 2026

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There are no public comments at this time.

10. Adjournment

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2026. No further information was presented, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

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