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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**
October 2, 2026

## 1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Holly Doring, Chair, at 9:36 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 Teams. 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; Tyler Walvoord, Department Legal; and Abby Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General.

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 September 29, 2026.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Carper moved, seconded by Davis, 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 – August 7, 2026

Carper moved, seconded by Davis, 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 Doring, to enter into closed session at 9:37 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.

Break: 11:00 a.m.
Returned from Break: 11:14 a.m.

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

### Curepo Massage by Angie – Massage Therapy Establishment

Davis moved, seconded by Doring, to recommend approval of the application for a Massage Therapy Establishment license with a censure, completion of the jurisprudence exam for all owners within 90 days, and a civil penalty of $3,000. The basis for the censure, the completion of the jurisprudence exam, and civil penalty is due to operating without a license for an extended period of time. Voting aye: Carper, Doring, and Bailey. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none Absent: Davis. Vacant positions: 2 Motion carried.

### Latoya Prince – Massage Therapist

Davis moved, seconded by Doring, to recommend that more information be requested. 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):** Brian Cudly mentioned that NE-AMTA is not in favor of the compact but shows interest in a temporary licensure for reciprocity licenses. NE-AMTA plans to meet with Senator Roundtree to present their concerns, educate legislative staff on the opposition of Nebraska practitioners, and counter lobbying materials submitted by NE-AMTA.

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

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

There is no discussion at this time.

## 7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS

The board discussed possible changes to the current Massage Therapy regulations. Walvoord will draft the discussed changes and present it to the board on November 4, 2026, meeting for discussion and approval.

## 8. FUTURE MEETING DATES

November 4, 2026
December 4, 2026

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There are no public comments at this time.

## 10. Adjournment

The upcoming meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2026. No further information was presented, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

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