

These minutes were approved by the Board of Athletic Training via mail ballot on 10.28.2026.

Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2026 Board of Athletic Training

1. Roll Call

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 9:16 am on October 6, 2026, in the Morrill 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 28, 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 Chairperson
Jennifer Krueger, MA, LAT, ATC Vice-Chairperson
Denise Marshall, MA, ATC, LAT Secretary

Members Absent:

Vanetta Early, BA, MAL

DHHS Staff Present:

Matt Gelvin, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Abigail Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Ellie Rohr, DHHS Legal
Andrea Cramer, DHHS Investigations
Jeanette Peterson, DHHS Compliance

2. Adoption Of Agenda

Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Reaffirmation Of Mail Ballot

A mail ballot was sent to the board for approval of the minutes from the July 28, 2026, meeting. Voting to approve were Early, Roberts, Krueger, and Marshall. Voting nay, None. The minutes were approved August 6, 2026.

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4. Closed Session

Marshall moved, seconded by Krueger, to move into closed session at 9:20 am to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. Board Recommendations

The Board returned to Open session at 9:55 am.

In the matter of the reinstatement application for Robert Thomas Gillespie, Krueger moved, and Marshall seconded to recommend to reinstate the license with the following terms and conditions: a civil penalty of \$1,000.00, complete a one-hour National Athletic Trainers' Association ethics course within 120 days, and complete the Nebraska Jurisprudence exam within 120 days, due to practicing Athletic Training while his license was expired. Voting aye: Marshall, Krueger, and Roberts. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

6. Athletic Training Compact

Roberts stated that a map of the compact was presented with the materials for this meeting. The compact has reached double digits and has reached the minimum number of states needed to operationalize the compact. There is more information on the compact on the website <https://atcompact.org/>.

7. BOC Regulatory Conference Report

Krueger reported on the August BOC Regulatory Conference that was held in Omaha.

(See addendum.)

8. NATA Delegate Report

This report was given at the last meeting.

8. Licensure Application Processing Report

Roberts explained this report is presented to the Board for informational purposes only. She reminded everyone that renewal is next year.

10. Schedule Meetings for 2027

The Board agreed to meet on January 26th, and August 31st, 2027, at 9:00 am.

10. Topics for Next Meeting

Topics identified for the next meeting include Legislative Update, License Application Processing Report, Compact Update, Per Diem Discussion, Election of Officers, Voting for Delegates, Meeting Publication Discussion, and Public Comment.

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11. Public Comment

Jennifer Kruger thanked Jessica Roberts for her service of 10 years to the Board of Athletic Training. All others in attendance agreed and thanked her for her dedication.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)
Denise Marshall, Secretary

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DHHS Summary: Brad Sherman Regulatory Conference

August 20-21, 2026

The Brad Sherman Regulatory Conference focused on regulatory best practices that support public protection and effective oversight of athletic trainers. Key topics included updates to athletic training regulation, board governance, scope of practice, professional boundaries, practitioner wellness, and the impact of artificial intelligence on healthcare regulation.

Topics of discussion:

- Maintaining public protection as the primary mission of regulation.
- Modernizing athletic trainer practice acts to reflect current standards of care.
- Supporting the Athletic Trainer Compact to improve workforce mobility and access to care.
 - 10 states have enacted legislation: South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey
 - Two states have legislation filed: Ohio & Pennsylvania
- Strengthening board governance, ethics, and professional boundary education.
- Using workforce data and regulatory trends to inform policy decisions.
- Addressing emerging issues such as AI in healthcare and practitioner wellness.

Overall, the conference provided valuable education and regulatory updates to help ensure safe, effective, and contemporary regulation of the athletic training profession.