

## **Board of Massage Therapy Virtual Meeting Minutes**

### **February 7, 2025**

#### **1.Call to Order and Roll Call**

Steven Carper, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy to order at 9:03 a.m. on February 7, 2025, in the Lower-Level Otoe 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> on January 22, 2025, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on January 22, 2025.

Carper announced that this is an open meeting and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

#### **Members Present:**

The following members answered roll call:

Steven Carper, Chair  
Holly Doring, Vice Chair (via Webex)  
Elizabeth Bailey, Public Member

#### **Members Absent:**

Michele Helaney, Secretary

#### **Staff Present:**

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager  
Kirsten Coniglio, Health Licensing Specialist  
Abby Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General  
Mark Meyerson, Investigator  
Danielle Sund, DHHS Legal Attorney

#### **Members of the Public Addressing the Board**

Briana Cudly, American Massage Therapy Association Nebraska Chapter, [gr@amtane.org](mailto:gr@amtane.org)

Seth Dinkel, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, [sdinkel@fsmtb.org](mailto:sdinkel@fsmtb.org)

*These minutes have been approved by the Board of Massage Therapy.*

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Bailey moved, seconded by Doring, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Bailey, Carper, Doring. Voting nay: none. Absent: Helaney. Motion carried.

## **3. Reaffirmation of the Minutes**

The meeting minutes of December 6, 2024, were approved December 16, 2024. Voting aye: Bailey, Carper, Doring, Helaney. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

## **4. Closed Session**

Doring moved, seconded by Bailey, to move into closed session at 9:07 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Bailey, Carper, Doring. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 10:27 a.m.

## **5. Board Recommendations on Applications**

In the matter of the preliminary conviction review application of Jessica Richardson, the Board would not disqualify the applicant from licensure based on the presented conviction history. Motion made by Doring, seconded by Bailey. Voting aye: Bailey, Carper, Doring. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

Doring moved, seconded by Bailey, that the Board table its decision in the matter of the application for a massage therapy establishment license for Retreat Bodywork Studio LLC, owned by Nina Logeman. Voting aye: Bailey, Carper, Doring. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

## **6. Nebraska Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association Report Out**

Cudly reported that AMTA-NE is monitoring the progress of LB169 and LB436. Cudly and Doring shared that elections will be held at the upcoming State Convention in April.

## **7. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Report Out**

Dinkel reported that the MBLEx system upgrade will begin on March 1, 2025, and that testing will not occur for approximately 2 weeks thereafter. Carper reported that the MBLEx 2024 score performance report had been delivered to Nebraska massage therapy schools.

## **8. Legislative Update**

Covert-ByBee had nothing to report from the Department's perspective.

## **9. Licensure Application Processing Report**

*These minutes have been approved by the Board of Massage Therapy.*

The Application Processing Report is offered for informational purposes only.

#### **10. Update of New Licensure Database**

Covert-ByBee shared that the new database will go live on February 25, 2025.

#### **11. Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

#### **12. Topics for Next Meeting**

Topics identified for the next meeting include Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Report Out, Legislative Update, Update on the New Licensure Database, Licensure Application Processing Report, Public Comment, and the American Massage Therapy Association Nebraska Chapter Report Out.

#### **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Doring, Vice-Chair