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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
August 11, 2023

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was called to order by Steven Carper, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. in the State Office Building, 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 Licensure Unit on 8.4.2023

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (3):

Steven Carper, Chair
Kristine Roberts, Member
Mallory Carstens, Vice-Chair

Members Absent (1):

Michele Helaney, Secretary

Others Present (5):

Matt Gelvin, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (on WebEx)
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Abby Nissen, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Danielle Sund, DHHS Attorney (in room)
Trevor Klaassen, Investigator (in room)
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor (on WebEx)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

9:03 am Public entered room

9:04 Lester exited room

3. Approval of minutes (6.2.2023) -defer to next meeting

9:05 am Lester entered room

4. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- a. Nebraska Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (NE-AMTA)
<http://www.amtane.org>

Public (NE-AMTA) reported they will be having a Cadaver lab in July, Ethic class in October

- b. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) <https://www.fsmtb.org>

Carper reported that he will be attending the Annual meeting in September.

- c. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Administrative Penalties, Renewals, Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Information, and School Report (attached to agenda)

5. CLOSED SESSION Investigative Reports and Other Confidential Information

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to enter into closed session at 9:13 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

Public phone line closed

9:19 am Klaassen, Lester and Nissen exited the room

Members agreed to return to open session at 9:45 a.m. and public phone line opened
9:45 am public entered room

6. OPEN SESSION Review, Recommendations, and Report Out (Applications, Mail Ballot Voting Results, and Reinstatements)

Hand and Stone massage & Facial Spa- Establishment

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to recommend issuance of the license with a 1 year probation, with the following terms and conditions: Successfully complete the jurisprudence examination within 90 days by the owner and a Civil Money Penalty of \$1,000 within 9 months. Based on Operating without a license for 638 days. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

Massage Envy O Street-Establishment

MOTION: Roberts moved, seconded by Carstens, to recommend issuance of the license with a 6 month probation, with the following terms and conditions: Successfully complete the jurisprudence examination within 90 days by the owner. Based on Operating without a license for 117 days. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carper, Carstens, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: (0) Motion carried.

Elizabeth Headlee-Massage Therapist

MOTION: Carstens moved, seconded by Roberts, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carstens, Roberts (2). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: Carper (1) Motion carried.

Jessica McAfee- Massage Therapist

MOTION: Carstens moved, seconded by Roberts, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carstens, Carper, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: None (0) Motion carried

Raelyn Watson – Massage Therapist

MOTION: Carstens moved, seconded by Roberts, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Carstens, Carper, Roberts (3). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Helaney (1). Abstained: None (0) Motion carried

8. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2023 and will be set as an in person meeting. There was no further business and Carper declared the meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Submitted by Michele Helaney, Secretary
Board of Massage Therapy

Minutes drafted by Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator