

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Via Microsoft Teams

## 1. Call to Order

President Fallon Helm called the meeting to order at 9:00 am CST. Members of the public could join the meeting via Microsoft Teams or tele-conferencing.

## 2. Roll Call

Executive Secretary Kate Boyd read the roll and a quorum was established.

**Members Present:** Fallon Helm – via Teams Meeting  
Ashley Kesterson – via Teams Meeting  
Leslie Nuckles, via Teleconference  
Mariah Pokorny, via Teams Meeting  
Thor Thonvold – via Teams Meeting

**Others Present:** Kate Boyd, Executive Secretary – via Teams Meeting  
Beverly Katz, Staff Legal Counsel – via Teams Meeting  
Kaitlin Thomas, Department of Health

**Guests Present:** Elise Baine, Olawa Rae-Bruhjell, Shayla Nyberg-Sutton, Bridget Myers, Rhanda Heller, Rebecca Hermann, Regan Twamley, Peggy Sproat, Janis McDaniel, Kagan Maevers, Keith Albertson, Kevin DeWald, Emily Kiel, Melinda Krueger, Wayne Kayser, Doreen Kayser

## 3. Approval of Agenda

Mariah Pokorny made a motion, seconded by Les Nuckles, to approve the meeting agenda.

**MOTION PASSED.** Roll Call Vote (Helm yea; Kesterson yea; Nuckles yea; Pokorny yea; Thonvold yea)

## 4. Open Forum

Shayla Nyberg-Sutton, Bridget Myers, and Rhanda Heller addressed the board during open forum. Most of the remarks were about the draft administrative rules regarding recognized facilities to education massage therapy students.

## 5. Draft Administrative Rules

The main purpose of the meeting was to continue to review the draft administrative rules. The board made several changes to the draft that resulted from discussion and input from licensees. The latest draft of the rules will be available on the board's website under the June 17, 2026 meeting.

**9. Next Meeting Dates – June 17, 2026 and July 20, 2026**

The next board meeting date was set for June 17, 2026 to continue to draft administrative rules. The next regularly scheduled meeting date was moved from July 29 to July 20, 2026.

**13. Adjourn**

Thor Thonvold made a motion, seconded by Les Nuckles to adjourn. **MOTION PASSED.** Roll Call Vote (Helm yea; Kesterson yea; Nuckles yea; Pokorny yea; Thonvold yea)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Secretary Kate Boyd and Secretary Mariah Pokorny