

MINUTES
UTAH MASSAGE THERAPY AND ACUPUNCTURE
BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2025 9:00 A.M.

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:08 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Lisa Martin
Board Secretary: Brylee Miller
Compliance Specialist: Bernice Palama
Investigations: Mark Baca
Legal Analyst: Kirsten Shumway
DOPL: Lindsay Aagaard
DOPL: Maryann Penman

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maile Tau'A-Roberts
Katherine Bell
Gloria Miley
Heather Seay
Autumn Bear
Miriam Flower
Anita Egbert

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

N/A

GUESTS: Roger Olbrot, Rey Alonzo, Seth Dinkel, Tyffani Jackson

NOTE: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Read and Approve February 11, 2025 Minutes (Audio 1 - 00:03:00)

Ms. Roberts made a motion to approve February 11, 2025 Massage Therapy minutes.

Ms. Flowers seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Read and Approve February 25, 2025 Minutes (Audio 1 - 00:03:43)

Ms. Roberts made a motion to approve the February 25, 2025 Massage Therapy minutes.

Ms. Egbert seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Investigations Update: (Audio 1 - 00:04:32)

Mr. Baca stated there are 19 active Massage Therapy cases and 1 active Acupuncture case that is close to being closed. Mr. Baca stated there are 3 active establishment cases. Mr. Baca stated 5 cases were closed with disciplinary action.

Compliance Update: (Audio 1 - 00:09:16)

Ms. Palama stated Mr. McArthur was placed on probation December 21, 2023 and is set to expire December 21, 2026. Ms. Palama stated Mr. McArthur had no missed check-ins, he completed 3 U/A's since meeting with the Board previously, all were prescription positive, supervisor and employer report was received with no concerns.

Ms. Miley made a motion that Mr. McArthur is in compliance.

Ms. Roberts seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Bryan McArthur, Probationary Review (Audio 1 - 00:10:38)

Ms. Roberts stated Mr. McArthur will meet with the Board in August.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

HB278 (Audio 1 - 00:11:02)

Ms. Martin stated HB278 has passed; the effective date is October 01, 2025. Ms. Martin stated the biggest highlight of the bill is registering entities with a few other provisions. Ms. Martin stated in section 301, massage supervisors will only be able to supervise six individuals at one time, no more than four being apprentices or assistants-in-training. Ms. Martin provided an example stating a supervisor can have four apprentices and two assistants or four assistants-in-training and two assistants. Ms. Martin stated in section 303, the massage apprentice license will be valid for 24 months after the day it was issued and it cannot be renewed.

Mr. Olbrot stated the massage assistant has three licensing pathways, through school, through a massage assistant-in-training program, or a proficiency exam.

The Board made recommendations for rule writing including licensee attire and establishment guidelines.

Board Training (Audio 1 - 01:36:40)

Ms. Martin provided a Board training presentation to the Board.

Outreach for Apprenticeship Programs (Audio 1 - 01:46:03)

Ms. Martin stated the DOPL website will be updated in the future. Ms. Martin stated Ms. Miller and Ms. Martin are currently looking into getting the correct contact information for those who offer curriculums on the DOPL website. Ms. Martin stated the DOPL website will include resources for supervisors and apprentices. Ms. Martin stated DOPL is looking into creating an authorization to test form for apprentices; which would result in apprentices apply for the license prior to taking the exam.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:
AUGUST 12, 2025 NOVEMBER 04, 2025**

**ADJOURN:
Meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.**

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

8.14.25	(ss)	<i>Maile Tau'a-Roberts</i>
_____ Date Approved		_____ Chairperson, Utah Massage Therapy and Acupuncture Board

8-18-2025	(ss)	<i>Lisa Martin</i>
_____ Date Approved		_____ Bureau Manager, DOPL