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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
October 12, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair, at 9:07 a.m., in the Lower Level B (Goldenrod Room), Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 9.26.2023 and revised on 9.27.2023.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (6):

Lori Cleveland, Member
Terry Duffy, Member
Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair
Tom Maxson, Member
Jill Colegrove, Secretary
Natasha Robinson, Member

Members Absent (2):

Brian Bierschenk, Member
Amy Eigenberg, Chair

Staff and Others Present (5):

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit (in room)
Dina Mekic, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (in room)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Suzanne Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via WebEx)
Julianna Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney (in room)
Kruger, Meyerson, Cue, Klassen-DHHS Investigations (in room)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

4. Updates, New Business, and Reports

1. Updates, New Business, and Reports
 - a) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report
 - No updates
 - b) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>
 - Conference is next week, Robinson and Maxson will be attending
 - c) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)
 - No discussion
2. Public Comment

6. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION **CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:15 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

9:22 am Duffy exited room
9:26 am Duffy entered room
9:33 am Krueger, Meyerson, Cue exited room
10:08 am Maxson exited room
10:10 am Cue, Meyerson exited room
9:55 am Cleveland exited room
10:00 am Cleveland entered room
10:27 am Klassen exited room
10:29 am Klassen entered room
10:32 Colegrove exited room

10:35 am Board break
10:50 am Board returned from break
11:02 Klassen exited room

11:06 am After Board Member agreement, Colegrove stated the meeting is now in open session.

7. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

William Oliver-LADC Reinstatement

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: based on no credential to reinstate. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Kayla Lopez-Preliminary Conviction Review

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, that the convictions, as listed on the application, would not disqualify the applicant from obtaining a credential as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Tina Owens-PLADC

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Colegrove, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Matthew Feen-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Monique Lange-PLADC

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuance of the license with a 1-year probation, employer quarterly reports, random body fluid screening, comply with recommendations of current and future evaluations and the Standard Terms and Conditions of probation. Basis: Conviction History and Substance Use History. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried

Brad Newill-PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Juan Reyes-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Michelle Hill-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Eric Buckingham-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Amy Batten-PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuance of the license with probation to run concurrent and with the same terms as with the Licensed Mental Health Practitioner credential as issued on 2.8.2023. Basis: Prior discipline history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried

Breanne Crow- LADC Reinstatement

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Colegrove, to recommend issuance of the license with probationary time period remaining on the previous provisional license, to equal 2 years. Basis: Prior discipline history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Abstain: Cleveland (1) Motion carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

Gehrig announced the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Summarized by:
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator