

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2019**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson, in the Licensure Unit LU 1 Meeting Room, 1st Floor of the Nebraska State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Agenda was sent to the Committee members and other interested parties and was posted on the bulletin board on the 1st floor of the NSOB prior to the meeting. The following members answered the initial roll call:

Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson
David Hoelting, MD, Vice-Chair
Tom Bassett, Secretary
Kathleen Tonkin, PA-C

Absent: John Massey, MD

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager; Jan Gaden-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Attorney General; Kathleen Krueger and Jeff Newman Investigators with the Investigation Unit.

Dolphens announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett, to approve the meeting minutes of August 2, 2019 as written. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to go into closed session at 2:02 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

Hoelting moved, seconded by Tonkin, to open the session at 2:34 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

APPLICATION(S) REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

There is a Public Hearing scheduled on October 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Golds Building, 1033 O Street, Room 534, Lincoln, NE to discuss Title 172 Chapter 88, the proposed amendments to the Regulations for Licensure of Medicine and Surgery and Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery.

At this time a Public Hearing has not been scheduled for Title 172 Chapter 90, proposed amendments to the Licensure and Supervision of Physician Assistants.

For updates on the schedule for Public Hearing Notices for Draft Regulations, please visit the DHHS website link listed below.

<https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi>

CREDENTIALING REVIEW (407) PROGRAM

The Credentialing Review (407) Program was created to review proposals for changes in scope of practice or for new credentialing on the part of representatives of Nebraska health professions.

The Credentialing Review 407 Program announced the beginning of a Credentialing Review of a proposal from Nebraska's Physician Assistants to make changes in their current licensure statute.

Credentialing review is a three-stage process conducted by the following review bodies in the following order:

- 1.The technical review committee
- 2.The review of the State Board of Health
- 3.The review of the Director of the Division of Public Health

The Technical Review Committee meetings were held on May 30, 2019, June 24, 2019 and August 12, 2019. There is a fourth meeting scheduled for September 30, 2019. To review the (NAPA) Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants Letter of Intent, the minutes from the meetings and the upcoming agenda, please visit the DHHS website.

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-Physician-Assistant.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Hoelting moved, seconded by Bassett to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. Voting aye: Bassett, Dolphens, Hoelting and Tonkin. Voting nay: None. Absent: Massey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Tom Bassett, Secretary
Physician Assistant Committee