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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
March 15, 2024**

**1. ROLL CALL and CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Stacy Waldron, at 10:00 a.m. in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Conference Room Lower Level, Goldenrod Room, 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 91.4.2024 and revised 1.8.2024.

The following members answered the roll call:

**MEMBERS PRESENT (5)**

Connie Petersen, PhD, Secretary  
Stacy Waldron, PhD, Chair  
Rebecca Schroeder, Member  
Tomeka Johnson, Member  
Stephanie Bruhn, PhD, Vice-Chair

**MEMBERS ABSENT (1)**

Jennifer Dreibelbis, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Carrie Oldehoeft, DHHS Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit (via Webex)  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General  
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via Webex)  
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor (via Webex)  
Larry Wiehn-investigations

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

**2. Introduction of new program manager-Sean Loving**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Schroeder moved, seconded by Petersen, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Petersen moved, seconded by Bruhn, to adopt the minutes with corrections for 1.19.2024. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Abstain: Linder (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

**5. INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – Closed Session**

**MOTION:** Petersen moved, seconded by Schroeder, to enter into closed session at 10:14 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. Waldron repeated the motion and purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

Oldehoeft closed the public phone line and the open meeting sign on the door was moved to closed session

## **7. OPEN SESSION**

Verbal agreement to return to open session by all board members at 11:03 am

11:03am Harrison exited the call

11:03 am Wiehn exited room

### **Sarette Zecharia:**

**MOTION:** Petersen moved, seconded by Bruhn, to recommend issuance of the license without terms. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

### **Charles Darrow:**

**MOTION:** Bruhn moved, seconded by Waldron, to recommend denial of the application for EPPP exam. Based on not having an active Provisional Psychology License. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

## **4. Legislation 2024**

Loving updated the board regarding status of legislation.

LB 896 This pertains to telehealth with no movement at this time.

LB 16 This was signed March 5 and DHHS is reviewing and will present a plan in place to present to the board

LB 835 This pertains to School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact and doesn't impact this board,

## **Updates/Reports**

- Association Updates/Correspondence
  - Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <http://www.asppb.org>
    - Dreibelbis bis is absent
    - Waldron updated the board, that mid year is in Boston April 25-28
    - Board discussion on exams (EPPP parts 1 & 2)
    - Waldron will update the board regarding the exams after the mid-year meeting.
  - PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>
    - Waldron updated the board with information, there are currently 40 states active.
    - Carrie Oldehoeft, Board Coordinator will represent the State at Psypact meetings.
  - American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>
    - Schroeder updated that she sat in on the meeting regarding Master Level License information.
    - Waldron updated regarding a model act on master's license program from ASPPB, APA looking doing the same.
  - Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>
    - AI discussion and Ethics training
    - Spring conference is May 3
  - Justice Behavioral Health Committee
    - No updates

- Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information, Renewal (attached to agenda)

**Public** No comments

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Board adjourned at 11:40, the next board meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Submitted,

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Connie Petersen Secretary - Board of Psychology

Summarized by the  
Licensure Unit