

These minutes have not been approved by the Board.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Behavior Analysts

January 8, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Behavior Analysts was called to order by Victoria Bock, Chair, at 9:11 a.m. in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE. In accordance with §84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) emailed to the Board members and other interested parties, 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and 3) posted on the bulletin board in the Nebraska State Office Building Lobby on December 23, 2025.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Victoria Bock, Chair
Lori Nickels
Mandi Reinders, Secretary

Members Absent:

Kyle Dawson, Vice Chair
Steven Taylor

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Milissa Johnson Wiles, Assistant Attorney General
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Legal
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Department Legal

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bock, Nickels, Reinders. Absent: Dawson, Taylor. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2026

MOTION: Nickels moved, seconded by Reinders, to approve the minutes for the October 16, 2025 meeting. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bock, Nickels, Reinders. Absent: Dawson, Taylor. Motion carried.

4. ANNUAL BUSINESS

a. Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas (Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1407-1414)

In 2025, the Board notified the public of its meetings by posting a copy of the agenda in the lobby of the Nebraska State Office Building, publishing the agenda on the DHHS website, and by emailing the agenda to a list of interested parties.

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to continue using the same methods to notify the public of meeting dates. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bock, Nickels, Reinders. Absent: Dawson, Taylor. Motion carried.

b. Board Member Per Diems and Compensation Recommendations (Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-171)

Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to retain the approved per diem rates for board members. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bock, Nickels, Reinders. Absent: Dawson, Taylor. Motion carried.

c. Election of Officers and Appointment of Investigative Consultant

Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to retain the current officers for 2026. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bock, Nickels, Reinders. Absent: Dawson, Taylor. Motion carried.

5. BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICE EXEMPTION

Kent Rogert, the registered lobbyist for the Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis, said that there is a proposed bill on Senator Fredrickson's desk which has not yet been introduced in the 109th Legislature. The bill would exempt facilities that only provide pre-approved Behavior Analysis services from the current statutory requirements for child care facility licensure. The bill should be reviewed by the Health and Human Services Committee in February. Once the bill has been introduced and a hearing has been scheduled, the board may schedule an emergency meeting to discuss the possibility of a board member testifying in favor of the bill.

6. UPDATES

a. Legislation

There were no updates related to legislation.

b. Licensure statistics (attached to agenda)

7. FEBRUARY MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 12th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Summarized by:
Jessica Dean, Licensure Unit