

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 9, 2026**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairperson, Adam Kuenning, at 9:01 a.m. on January 9, 2026, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM, Chairperson  
Wesley Zeger, DO, Vice-Chairperson  
Mark Goodman, MD, Secretary via WebEx  
Rachel Blake, MD  
Jodanne Hedrick, DO  
Jeffrey Howorth  
Brian Keegan, MD via WebEx  
John Massey, MD

Absent: None

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Program Manager and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator with the Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Mark Meyerson and Randy Clark, Investigators with the Investigation Unit; Tricia Allen, Program Manager with the Investigation Unit; Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Attorney; Jeanette Peterson, DHHS Compliance Monitoring via WebEx and Jessie Enfield, DHHS Licensure Support via WebEx.

Kuenning 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.

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 on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building December 23, 2025 and revision posted January 6, 2026.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Howorth moved, seconded by Hedrick, to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE APPLICATION(S) CONSENT AGENDA**

There are no applications for review at this time.

**LEGISLATION UPDATES**

Paul Henderson, Vice President, Advocacy & Regulation, In-House Counsel with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) was present to discuss and provide updates to the Board for the 109<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

193 Bills have been introduced within two days. Bills to watch:

**LB1212** - Provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians under the Uniform Credentialing Act

Notice of Hearing - February 11, 2026

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=63078&docnum=LB1212&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63078&docnum=LB1212&leg=109)

**LB731** - Adopt the Gender Transition Malpractice Accountability Act, provide an exemption to the time limitation to commence certain actions relating to professional negligence, require insurance coverage for certain treatments and procedures arising as a result of a gender-altering procedure, and change provisions relating to civil actions under the Let Them Grow Act

Notice of Hearing – January 29, 2026

To Learn more regarding this Bill go to:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=62603&docnum=LB731&leg=109](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62603&docnum=LB731&leg=109)

The PSCF (Patient Safety Cash Fund) fee legislation sunset as of January 1, 2026, and has not been extended.

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=71-8722>

## **REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Currently there are no updates for the Board.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Goodman moved, seconded by Hedrick to approve December 12, 2025, minutes as written. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

## **INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION**

Howorth moved, seconded by Hedrick, to go to closed session at 9:13 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Goodman recused himself at 9:27 a.m.

Dr. Goodman returned at 9:43 a.m.

Board Break at 10:30 a.m.

Board Returned at 10:48 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 10:48 a.m.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION**

## **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION**

There were no applications for review for this meeting.

## **FYI – DREXEL’S PHYSICIAN REFRESHER/RE-ENTRY PROGRAM**

There is a virtual information session available February 2, 2026 – visit Drexel University College of Medicine for more information.

## **DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS**

Gadeken-Harris explained that the Board needs to inform the public each year the method by which the Board will provide notice of their meetings. In the past, the Board had chosen to post meeting agendas on the Bulletin Board at the Nebraska State Office Building, to e-mail agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department’s website. Massey moved, seconded by Hedrick, to continue the same method that the

Department has been using to provide public notice of this Board's meetings by posting meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, by e-mailing agendas to the interested parties list, and by posting agendas on the Department's website. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Goodman moved, seconded by Hedrick to elect new officers for 2026 as follows:

Chairperson: Wesley Zeger, DO

Vice-Chairperson: Mark Goodman, MD

Secretary: Jeff Howorth

Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

### **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2026, in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for the 2026 schedule, visit the DHHS website:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Kuenning, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\*signature available upon request\*

Mark Goodman, MD, Secretary  
Board of Medicine and Surgery