

NEBRASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY

MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2026

ROLL CALL

Sabrina Beck, R.P., Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Pharmacy to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following Board members answered the roll call:

Sabrina Beck, R.P., Chairperson
Charles Tomlinson, R.P., Vice-Chairperson
Kenneth Kester, PharmD, R.P., J.D. Secretary
Darrell Klein, J.D.
Amy McMurtry, RP
Amy Pohlman, PharmD, MHA
Julie Wollberg, CPht

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

The Board Welcomes their newest Member, Julie Wollberg, CPht. Julie is filling a newly created Board Member position, serving as the first Pharmacy Technician for the Board.

Also present were: Dean Willson, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector; Melissa Pollard, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector; John Hayes, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector; Vonda Apking, Program Manager; Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney; Tyler Walvoord, Department Attorney; Randy Clark, Investigator with the Investigation Unit.

Beck 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: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance of the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68508 on January 2, 2026 and revision posted on January 7, 2026.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Klein moved, seconded by McMurtry, to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Additions, Modification, Reordering

There are no additions, modifications, or reordering at this time.

Adoption of Consent Agenda(s)

The Board requested that the following applications be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Stapp, Karri – Pharmacy Technician Initial application

The Board requested that the following Pharmaceutical Care Agreements be removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Franciscan HC – Anticoagulation PCA
- Franciscan HC – Collaborative Drug Therapy Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Diabetes Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Dyslipidemia PCA
- Franciscan HC – Hypertension Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Weight Loss Mgmt PCA

Klein moved, seconded by Tomlinson, to approve the adoption of the Consent Agendas as amended. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AUDIT REPORTS & APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Kester moved, seconded by Klein, to go into closed session at 9:05 a.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: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board Break 10:40 a.m.

Board Reconvened 10:50 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:54 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 17, 2025

Klein moved, seconded by Tomlinson, to approve November 17, 2025, minutes as written: Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman and Tomlinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Wollberg. Motion carried.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Pharmacy Technician Initial Application(s) (1)

STAPP, KARRI – Pharmacy Technician Application to practice as a Pharmacy Technician – Klein moved, seconded by McMurtry to recommend issuing the Pharmacy Technician Registration with a limitation. The limitation would be a permanent practice limitation prohibiting working as a Pharmacy Technician at any location other than a licensed pharmacy. Along with the standard terms and conditions. Basis for the limitation is conduct that is the basis for the Order and Agreed Settlement of her LPN multi-state practical nurse license #24701 signed on or around October 2, 2024. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF E-MAIL BALLOTS SINCE LAST MEETING

There were no E-Mail Ballots to present.

REVIEW OF PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENT(S) (6)

- Franciscan HC – Anticoagulation PCA
- Franciscan HC – Collaborative Drug Therapy Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Diabetes Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Dyslipidemia PCA
- Franciscan HC – Hypertension Mgmt PCA
- Franciscan HC – Weight Loss Mgmt PCA

Pharmacy Technicians cannot be listed on the PCA

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Name: Haley Pertzborn, PharmD, Executive Director
Address: Lincoln, NE
Business: Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Dr. Pertzborn discussed two legislative bills that had been introduced.

LB795 - Designate bromazolam as a controlled substance under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and correct the spelling of certain controlled substances

Notice of Hearing - January 22, 2026

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=62625&docnum=LB795&leg=109

LB796 - Change provisions relating to the practice of pharmacy

Notice of Hearing – Not scheduled

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63312&docnum=LB796&leg=109

LB877 - Designate certain substances as controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act

Notice of Hearing - January 22, 2026

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63292&docnum=LB877&leg=109

LB887 - Change provisions relating to pharmacists and transfer of prescriptions and eliminate a report under the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act

Notice of Hearing - January 22, 2026

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63169&docnum=LB887&leg=109

Dr. Dering-Anderson requested that the Department provide the following address in the minutes:

Allison Dering-Anderson, R.P., PharmD
986145 NE Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-6145
Business: UNMC, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Pertzborn explained that there could be legislation introduced to address the automated medication system similar to “Red Box” or “Amazon Pick-Up”.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Apking explained that regulations would need to be changed in order to accept the uMPJE.

Allison Dering-Anderson, R.P., PharmD
986145 NE Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-6145
Business: UNMC, College of Pharmacy

Dr. Dering-Anderson requested who should a letter be addressed to in order to ask the Department for an opinion on if the current regulations would allow for the acceptance of the uMPJE as the regulations are currently written.

Ken Kester believes there doesn't need to be a change to Statutes. Ms. Hampton asked Kester to forward information to Ms. Apking and her so she can review.

Terri Miller, RP, DASPL
Address: 2400 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178
Business: Creighton University School for Pharmacy and Health Professions

Ms. Miller discussed that she is hoping that her students can take the uMPJE by April or June. There is an urgency to know if the UMPJE would be accepted by March.

Andrew Funk, PharmD, Member Relations/Government Affairs Director
1600 Feehanville Dr, Mount Prospect, IL 60056
Business: National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP)

Dr. Funk provided the Board members with explanation regarding the score of the jurisprudence examination.

DISCUSSION(S)

A. Request for sponsorship to retake NAPLEX for 6th attempt

Klein moved, seconded by Tomlinson, that based on the request submitted, the Board denies sponsorship. The Board may reconsider the request at a future date if more information regarding past attempts is presented. Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

B. Addressing the reduction of retail pharmacy hours and filling controlled substance RXs issued by emergency rooms.

It is the opinion of the Board that they have no jurisdiction regarding this issue.

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

Apking 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. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Klein, 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: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Klein moved, seconded by Wollberg to elect new officers for 2026 as follows:

Chairperson: Tomlinson
Vice-Chairperson: Kester
Secretary: McMurtry

Voting aye: Beck, Kester, Klein, McMurtry, Pohlman, Tomlinson and Wollberg. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next Board of Pharmacy meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2026.

To view the projected schedule for 2026, go to: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NABP (National Association of Boards of Pharmacy) 122nd Annual Meeting is May 12-15, 2026 in Boston, MA. Board Members interested in attending, please contact Vonda Apking as soon as possible. For more information go to: <https://nabp.pharmacy/events/122nd-nabp-annual-meeting/>

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file with the Department)

Kenneth Kester, PharmD, R.P., JD, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy