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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
January 15, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68508. 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 January 9, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Brian Bierschenk
Lori Cleveland
Amy Eigenberg
Victor Gehrig, Chair
Tom Maxson, Vice Chair
Anthony Veronee

Members Absent:

Jill Colegrove
Terry Duffy

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Jessie Enfield, IT Business Systems Analyst, Licensure Unit
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Legal
Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Legal
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Department Legal
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Chelsea Lindgren, Legal Assistant, Attorney General's Office
Linda Rohman, General Reporting Service

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson, Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2025

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Veronee, to approve the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson, Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board break at 10:45 a.m.
Board returned from break at 10:56 a.m.

4. BOARD HEARING – OPEN SESSION

Jenna Kennedy requested a hearing before the Board regarding her application for reinstatement after revocation of her Alcohol and Drug Counselor license.

Ellie Rohr, Department Attorney and Hearing Administrator, requested that the Board go into closed session at 10:59 a.m. for discussion of the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Board returned to open session at 11:07 a.m.

Maxson moved, seconded by Cleveland, to uphold the denial of reinstatement after revocation of Ms. Kennedy's Alcohol and Drug Counseling license.

5. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS

a. Legislation

Baumann said that there were no current bills proposed that would affect licensure for Alcohol and Drug Counseling.

b. Combination of Boards for Alcohol and Drug Counseling and Mental Health Practice

Baumann said that the applications for Alcohol and Drug Counselors to apply for membership on the new combined Mental Health Practice board are not available yet. Once applications have been submitted, they will be reviewed and voted on by the Board of Health.

c. IC&RC

There were no updates as the IC&RC board representative did not attend the last meeting.

d. Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached to agenda)

6. ANNUAL BUSINESS

a. Elections and Appointments

Eigenberg moved, seconded by Veronee, to keep the current slate of officers. Victor Gehrig remains Chair, Tom Maxson remains Vice Chair, and Terry Duffy remains Secretary. Eigenberg remains Educational Consultant; Cleveland and Colegrove remain Investigative Consultants; Maxson remains IC&RC representative. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson and Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

b. By-Laws

Cleveland moved, seconded by Veronee, to adopt the by-laws. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson and Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Summarized by Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit