

## Nebraska State Board of Health

### Public Meeting

### Agenda

Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 1:00pm

Lower-Level Conference Room – Otoe  
Nebraska State Office Building  
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509

This will be an in-person meeting at 1:00 PM, with an option to attend virtually. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session. Copies of the documents being considered by the Board members, and the Open Meetings Act are available online at the site: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Meeting-Documents.aspx> There is a Webex option for attendance:

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[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display\\_html.php?begin\\_section=84-1407&end\\_section=84-1414](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414)

Link to a copy of all the Open Session discussion items:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Board-Meeting-Documents.aspx>

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**MEMBERS:** Mark Bertch, DPT; Jaime Dodge, MD; Staci Hubert, PharmD; Patricia Kucera, MSN, RN; Brett Lindau, DO (Secretary); Ryan Palmer, OD; Connie Lynn Petersen, PhD; David Reese, MHA (Chair); Jeremiah Rethwisch, DC; Jacob Sikes; Kimberly Stuhmer, RN, MT; Ken Tusha, DDS; Dan Vehle (Vice Chair); Jeffrey Wienke, Jr, DPM.

**STAFF:** Caryn Vincent, Maggie Mills, Emma Davis

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**Mission Statement:** The Board of Health promotes and protects the health and safety of all people in Nebraska by providing expertise and advice on health issues, with input from health care providers and the public, to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and others regarding:

- Regulatory and legislative issues
  - Professional boards
  - Educational health programs
  - Public health assessment, policy development, and assurance
  - Communication/coordination
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#### 1. Call to Order

- Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum
  - ☉ Approval of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, agenda and November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting draft minutes
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#### 2. Reports and Updates

- Chief Medical Officer – Tim Tesmer, MD
- Public Health Director – Ashley Newmeyer
- State Epidemiologist – Sydney Stein, DVM, MPH
- Licensure Unit – Lindsay Braddock
- Board of Health Chairperson – Mr. Reese

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**3. Credentialing Review Committee – Dr. Bertch, Committee Chair**

- Presentation of Credentialing Review Orientation
  - Other Committee business
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**4. Rules and Regulations Committee – Dr. Dodge, Committee Chair**

Proposed regulations: None

Current regulations: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

5. Annual Committee Report

6. Other Committee business

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**7. Professional Boards Committee – Dr. Hubert, Committee Chair**

- Other Committee business
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**8. Public Health, Education, & Legislation Committee – Dr. Petersen, Committee Chair**

- 2026 Legislative Bills
  - Other Committee Business
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**9. ☉ Approval of Committee Reports**

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**10. Public Comments**

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**11. Unfinished Business**

- ☉ Approval of Rules and Regulations Annual Report
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**12. New Business**

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**13. Topics for Next Meeting**

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**14. Next Steps and Adjournment**

- Next regular meeting is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln.
  - Adjourn
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**Board Member Closed Committee Meeting for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – LL Goldenrod**

\*If quorum of nine members or more are in attendance, the committee meeting will be open.

- Professional Boards Committee – 9:00am – Dr. Hubert
  - Rules and Regulations Committee – 9:30am – Dr. Dodge
  - Credentialing Review Committee – 10:00am – Dr. Bertch, Maggie Mills
  - Public Health, Education, & Legislation Committee – 10:30am – Dr. Petersen
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All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available in the offices of Vital Records, 301 Centennial Mall South, 1st Floor, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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