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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Mental Health Practice
January 31, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by Czajas-Stevens, Vice-Chair, at 9:01 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Otoe Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. 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 in the Licensure Unit on 1.23.2025.

Czaja-Stevens stated that there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed below on the agenda.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present, (10)

Susan Meyerle, Member
Paul Davies, Member
Tammy Erickson, Member
Jen McNally, Member
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member, Vice-Chair
Amanda Milander-Mace, Member
Sara Batter, Member, Secretary
Adrian Martin, Member
Renea Gernant, Member
Scott Stocking, Member

Members Absent (0):

Others Present:

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Abigail Niessen, Assistant Attorney General
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Attorney
Anna Harrison, DHHS, Licensure Unit Compliance Monitor
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, Carla Cue, Brittany Bigham-Investigations

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gernant moved, seconded by Stocking, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES-November 1, 2024

MOTION: Gernant moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the minutes, with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Martin, to enter into closed session at 9:15 a.m. to hear discussions of a confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies,

Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

11:08am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter open session.

5. OPEN SESSION

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

Barela-Conviction Review

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter, to issue without limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

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MOTION: Stocking moved, seconded by Gernant, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

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MOTION: Batter moved, seconded by Meyerle, to deny due to not meeting qualifications. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

6.Public Comment

no comments

7.UPDATES AND REPORTS:

a. Legislation:

LB29,346,332,257,380 and 381 were mentioned.

b. Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Meyerle asked for funds to pay for the meeting.

Discussed issues that were mentioned in the AASCB meetings.

- Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>

Meyerle update the board on what was discussed for requirements for the LIPC license.

- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>

Battleson reported on the conference that occurred in September in Baltimore.

- ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>

Loving mentioned a second meeting in February and that there are now 22 states participating in the compact.

c. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)

8.By-Laws

Board discussion, No changes to be made

MOTION: Batter moved, seconded by Gernant to accept the By-laws. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9. Annual Business

Election of Officers

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter nominate Rebecca Czaja-Stevens as Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Czaja-Stevens (1). Motion carried.

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Gernant to nominate Sara Batter as Vice-Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Czaja-Stevens, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Batter (1). Motion carried.

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter to nominate Paul Davies as Secretary. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson, McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Davies (1). Motion carried.

Meyerle will continue to be education consultant.
Martin will be new AMFTRB representative.
Batter will continue to be investigative consultant.

ADJOURN

Czajas-Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2025.

Board of Mental Health Practice
Summarized by: Sean Loving Licensure Unit