

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2026

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairperson, Wesley Zeger, DO, at 12:31 p.m. on February 9, 2026, at the NE State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, 6A Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Wesley Zeger, DO, Chairperson, via WebEx
Mark Goodman, MD, Vice-Chairperson, via WebEx
Jeffrey Howorth, Secretary, via WebEx
Jodanne Hedrick, DO, via WebEx
Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM, via WebEx

Absent: Rachel Blake, MD
Brian Keegan, MD
John Massey, MD

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; Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General, via WebEx; and Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Attorney, via WebEx.

Zeger 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 February 6, 2026.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION:

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

Amy Reynoldson, Executive Vice President and Paul Henderson, Vice President, Advocacy & Regulation; In-house Counsel with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) were present to discuss and provide updates to the Board regarding LB1212 that is scheduled for Hearing February 11, 2026.

The Board discussed whether they wanted to give an opinion as to whether they are opposed, neutral or supportive of LB1212 as currently written.

Hedrick moved and Howorth seconded that the Board would oppose LB1212 as currently written and to have Hedrick draft a letter of opposition for the Board's approval. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning, and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake, Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Hedrick moved and Goodman seconded to have the Board's approved Letter of Opposition be given as oral testimony at the Legislative Hearing on February 11, 2026, by Hedrick. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning, and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake, Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Zeger, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Jeffrey Howorth, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery