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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Behavior Analysts
February 12, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Behavior Analysts was called to order by Kyle Dawson, Vice Chair, at 9:01 a.m. in the Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE. 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 February 4, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Kyle Dawson, Vice Chair (via Webex)
Lori Nickels (via Webex)
Mandi Reinders, Secretary (via Webex)
Steven Taylor (via Webex)

Members Absent: (if applicable)

Victoria Bock, Chair

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Milissa Johnson Wiles, Assistant Attorney General (via Webex)
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Legal (via Webex)

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Voting yes: Dawson, Nickels, Reinders, Taylor. Absent: Bock. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2026

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to approve the minutes for the board meeting on January 8, 2026. Voting yes: Dawson, Nickels, Reinders, Taylor. Absent: Bock. Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to enter into closed session at 9:08 a.m. to hear discussions of a confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Dawson, Nickels, Reinders, Taylor. Absent: Bock. Motion carried.

Taylor exited at 9:08 a.m.
Open session at 9:33 a.m.
Taylor rejoined at 9:33 a.m.

5. UPDATES

a. Legislation

Baumann reported that Dawson testified in opposition to LB 911 at the legislative hearing held on February 4, 2026. There have been no updates on the status of the bill since the hearing.

Baumann mentioned the introduction of LB 860, which is related to the provision of behavioral health services to individuals under 21 years of age and would be the first step in the process of creating Medicaid waiver services for behavioral health for that population.

Baumann also mentioned LB 961, which is a bill introducing the Collateral Sanction Relief Act. A hearing on the bill was held on January 23, 2026. The bill would allow individuals with some types of convictions to file a petition for a certificate of qualification of employment. Johnson Wiles said that the Attorney General's office submitted a comment opposing the bill. She said that their office was able to determine that DHHS would still have discretion to decide whether a license should be issued for individuals covered by the bill.

b. Licensure statistics (attached to agenda)

6. QUESTION REGARDING SANCTIONS BY BACB (BEHAVIOR ANALYST CERTIFICATION BOARD)

Reinders asked if a behavior analyst who has current sanctions against their BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) credential should be reported to the state. Johnson Wiles said it would be appropriate to report that person to DHHS Investigations.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:33 a.m.

Summarized by:
Jessica Dean, Licensure Unit