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Jim Pilla, Governor

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE
Lower Level, Morrill Room

Thursday
February 12, 2026
1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held by WebEx conference and in-person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion at the State Office Building Lower Level. This meeting will also be available to the public to participate by WEBEX using this link:

<https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=m632506e7315955742febce1eefa788c9>

or call in information is **1-408-418-9388** using meeting number of **2491 721 0423**

Here is a link to the Open Meetings Act:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/display_html.php?begin_section=84-1407&end_section=84-1414

Here is a link to a copy of all the Open Session discussion items:

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

1. Roll Call & Announcement: *A current copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room.*
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2025
4. **approximately 1:15 pm** - Investigational Reports – **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-1,105** (*The Board will go into closed session for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.*)
 - a. Investigation Cases
 - b. Applications
5. Application Review – **CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1410 approximately 2:15 pm** - **OPEN SESSION**
6. Updates and Reports
 - a. Legislation
 - b. Dietitian Licensure Compact: <https://compacts.csg.org/compact/dietitian-licensure-compact/>
 - c. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Administrative Penalties, Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Information
7. Designation of the Method by Which This Body Gives Public Notice of Its Meetings
8. Election of Officers
9. Board of Massage Therapy 2026 Meeting Schedule – Next scheduled meeting is April 30, 2026.
10. Public Comment
11. Adjournment

Contact Information: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, at 402-471-4926 or Heather.Ord@nebraska.gov

All items known at time of distribution of this agenda are listed; a current agenda is available on the Bulletin Board, First Floor, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Notice: A tape recording of the meeting will be made for the purpose of preparing minutes of the meeting. Said tape will not be transcribed but will be available to the public until such time that the minutes of this meeting are approved by the Board. In accordance with the records retention schedule of the Licensure Unit as authorized by Nebraska Statute, the Division may dispose of the tapes ten (10) days after the meeting; however, staff shall retain the tapes until the Board has approved the minutes.

✓ Auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations needed to participate in a meeting can be requested by calling Heather Ord with the Licensure Unit at 402-471-2117 (voice). Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call DHHS via Nebraska Relay System at 711 or (800)833-7352 (TDD) at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY**
July 10, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The virtual meeting of the Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy was called to order by the Chair, Shannon Frink, at 1:30 p.m. In accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were sent to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the lobby of the Nebraska State Office Building.

Members Present:

Ritter-Gooder, Paula - Member
Kubiak, Nichol - Member
Frink, Shannon - Member
Freestone, David - Member

Members Absent:

Dodge, Melissa - Member

Others Present:

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Legal Attorney
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ritter-Gooder moved, seconded by Kubiak, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Ritter-Gooder, Kubiak, Freestone, Frink (4). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Dodge (1). Vacant: (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2025

MOTION: Kubiak moved, seconded by Frink, to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Ritter-Gooder, Kubiak, Freestone, Frink (4). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Dodge (1). Vacant: (0). Motion carried.

4. SHAREPOINT

Jen Wolf discussed the new Sharepoint site, Partners, and how to login. Loving discussed the use of the site and how the board will utilize Partners.

5. DRAFT REGULATIONS

There was a discussion of the proposed regulation changes (Title 172 NAC Chapter 61).

6. OPEN SESSION - UPDATES AND REPORTS.

Statistics: licensing, administrative penalties, and disciplinary and non-disciplinary information. There was a brief discussion of the difference between different license statuses (non-disciplinary revocation, expired, inactive).

Loving provided a brief update on the current status of the Dietitian Licensure Compact. Paula Ritter-Goorder volunteered to be a delegate for the Dietitian Compact.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

No public comments.

7. RENEWAL

Dean asked the board members if they were willing to beta test the online renewal system, as renewals will take place this summer. All three licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist board members agreed to beta test.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is TBA. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy
Summarized by: Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit

Statistics (Item 6c):**Administrative Penalties Assessed**

Report Ran: 1/30/26

LICENSE NO	NAME	ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY FEE ASSESSED	PENALTY ASSESSED	DATE DUE	Fee Status	DATE FEE RECEIVED	AMOUNT RECEIVED
Medical Nutrition Therapist							
1957	Hall, Ashley Lynn	\$ 0		7/8/25	C		
Total for Fee Status: \$0							
Medical Nutrition Therapist							
452	Burwell, Sandra M	\$ 150	9/16/25		P	10/16/25	\$ 150
1448	Dempsey, Megan LuEta	\$ 20	9/8/25		P	9/9/25	\$ 169
1887	Engelken, Madeline Ann	\$ 20	9/5/25		P	9/9/25	\$ 169
1920	Haake, Sabine Anna	\$ 10	10/17/25		P	10/22/25	\$ 10
382	Heimes, Kristin	\$ 370	11/5/25		P	10/30/25	\$ 519
1483	Johnson, Jocelyn	\$ 10	9/25/25		P	10/9/25	\$ 10
1845	Keith, Diana Kristine	\$ 10	9/19/25		P	9/23/25	\$ 159
1963	Pickhinke, Amelia Catherine	\$ 60	9/18/25		P	9/23/25	\$ 214
885	Schake, Marian Nicole	\$ 10	9/5/25		P	9/9/25	\$ 10
1905	Trainer, Jane Elizabeth	\$ 110	10/3/25		P	10/3/25	\$ 259
Total for Fee Status: \$770							
Medical Nutrition Therapist							
560	Jarecke-Paulsen, Jill N	\$ 1,000	1/23/25		U		
1908	Smith, Emily Christine	\$ 30	10/16/25		U		
910	Volkman, Amy Elizabeth	\$ 30	9/10/25		U		
1237	Woodruff, Gina Marie	\$ 30	9/15/25		U		
Total for Fee Status: \$1,090							
Total Administrative Penalty Fee Requested for Profession: \$1,860							

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT
SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS**

Medical Nutrition Therapy

Reports ran: 1/30/2026



	Active	Active-Military	Application File Closed	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation	Null and void	Pending	Reinstatement	Withdrawn	Total
Medical Nutrition Therapist	780	1	30	2	732	277	44	125	2	17	1	12	2,023
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