

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2026

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Mark Goodman, MD, at 9:00 a.m. on March 13, 2026, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Mark Goodman, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Jeffrey Howorth, Secretary
Rachel Blake, MD
Jodanne Hedrick, DO
Brian Keegan, MD
Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM
John Massey, MD

Absent: Wesley Zeger, DO, Chairperson

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; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Randy Clark, Mark Meyerson, Mendy Hahar-Clark and Hayle Alvarado, Investigators with the Investigation Unit; Tricia Allen, Program Manager with the Investigation Unit; Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Attorney and Jessie Enfield, DHHS Licensure Support.

Goodman 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 March 2, 2026.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

Goodman, announced that there is one change of the Agenda with the Hearing scheduled as Items 15-17 being postponed to a future Board meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE APPLICATION(S) CONSENT AGENDA

There are no applications for review for this meeting.

LEGISLATION UPDATES

Amy Reynoldson, Executive Vice President and Paul Henderson, JD, Vice President, Advocacy & Regulation, In-House Counsel and Eric Sutton, JD, Director of Health Policy with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) were present to discuss and provide updates to the Board for the 109th Legislature.

LB1212 - Provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians under the Uniform Credentialing Act
Hearing was held on - February 11, 2026
AM2477 was filed – March 10, 2026

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/AM/AM2477.pdf>

AM2477 has a list of new duties for the Board of Medicine and Surgery under LB1212

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63078&docnum=LB1212&leg=109

LB933 - Provide immunity for health care practitioners under the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act

Hearing was held on February 19, 2026

Several Amendment have been filed

To learn more regarding this Bill go to:

https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=63001&docnum=LB933&leg=109

There is a stall on the midwife Bill before the Legislature and there is consideration of a 407 Credentialing Review for changes in scope of practice.

Athletic Trainers for operating room privileges is possibly going to a 407 Credentialing Review for changes in scope of practice.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Currently there are no updates for the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Hedrick moved, seconded by Kuenning to approve February 9, 2026, Emergency Meeting minutes as written. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth and Kuenning. Voting nay: None. Absent: Zeger. Abstain: Blake, Keegan and Massey. Motion carried.

Kuenning moved, seconded by Blake to approve February 13, 2026, minutes with the correction on page1 where the word “Chairperson” needs to be deleted after Kuenning’s name. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Zeger. Abstain: Goodman and Keegan.

EBAS (ETHICS BOUNDARIES ASSESSMENT SERVICES) PRESENTATION BY BRADLEY GUYE, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

EBAS is *Trusted by*:
150 Regulatory Boards
37 Industries
41 States
1,000+ *Disciplinary Processes*

Protecting Public Safety

ABOUT EBAS:

23% of Employees Witnessed or Involved in Unethical Behavior

Nearly 60% of misconduct observed in the workplace never reported

Repeat Offender Figures

Passive Learning Numbers

CE Answers “Did they attend?”

EBAS Answers “Did they understand?”

EBAS Testing Process:

The Board – Orders the disciplinary action

The Licensee – does the Registration and goes through the Assessment

EBAS – will provide the Scoring of the Assessment and give the Results to the Board

EBAS Assessment Types:

- Boundaries
- Unprofessional Conduct
- Professional Standards
- Substance Abuse
- Fraud

Cost:

- No cost to the Board
- No contractual requirement
- \$400 per assessment, paid by the licensee

EBAS Provides a thorough review of your Licensee's Ethical and Moral Compass with a streamlined administration

The Board and the Department want to Thank Mr. Guye for his presentation and answering all their questions and will highly consider implementing EBAS into their future disciplinary processes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Howorth moved, seconded by Kuenning, to go to closed session at 9:44 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Zeger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Blake and Dr. Massey recused themselves at 10:17a.m.
Dr. Blake and Dr. Massey returned at 10:26 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 11:10 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

There were no applications for review by the Board for this meeting.

EMAIL BALLOTS SINCE LAST MEETING

On February 9, 2026, an Email Ballot was sent to the Board regarding the Letter drafted by Dr. Hedrick on behalf of the Board of Medicine and Surgery to present to the Nebraska Legislature regarding the Board's opposition to LB 1212. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

FSMB (FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS) ANNUAL CONFERENCE – VOTE FOR DELEGATE TO REPRESENT THE BOARD

Howorth moved, seconded by Kuenning to nominate Dr. Hedrick to act as the Voting Delegate to represent the Nebraska Board of Medicine and Surgery at the FSMB conference in Baltimore, MD, April 30 – May 2, 2026. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Zeger. Abstain: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2026, in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for the 2026 schedule, visit the DHHS website:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Goodman, Vice-Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Jeffrey Howorth, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery