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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Psychology
March 20, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by Stacy Waldron, Chair, at 10:01 a.m. in the Lower Level 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 March 5, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Stacy Waldron, Chair
Thomas Cardwell, Secretary
Deborah Hoffnung
Tomeka Johnson

Members Absent:

Kate Linder, Vice Chair
Jennifer Dreibelbis

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Milissa Johnson Wiles, Assistant Attorney General
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Legal
Jessie Enfield, IT Business System Analyst
Scarlett Popevis, DHHS Intern
Hayle Alvarado, DHHS Investigator

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hoffnung moved, seconded by Carwell, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis and Linder. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 30, 2026

MOTION: Cardwell moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to approve the minutes for the meeting held on January 30, 2026. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis and Linder. Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION (INVESTIGATION REPORTS)

MOTION: Johnson moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to enter into closed session at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals involved. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis and Linder. Motion carried.

Open session at 11:13 a.m.
Johnson Wiles exited at 11:14 a.m.

5. UPDATES

a. Legislation

Baumann said that LB 860, relating to Medicaid waiver behavioral health services for individuals under 21 years of age, is still in committee. LB 961, which establishes the Collateral Sanction Relief Act, is also still in committee. LB 1040, relating to civil commitments for mentally ill and dangerous persons, is also still in committee, as well as LB 27, relating to loan repayments for health professionals under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

b. Association Updates

i. Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <https://www.asppb.org>

Waldron said that the ASPPB midyear meeting will be held in Charlotte, NC from April 16th to 19th and will focus on AI (artificial intelligence) and regulation of AI. The annual meeting will be held from October 14th to October 18th and will focus on the new EPPP exam. She said that ASPPB will cover travel costs up to \$3,000 (hotel and airfare) for the state delegate to attend the annual meeting. The board will need to vote to approve funding at the July meeting for delegates to attend in October. Baumann reminded board members to submit documentation for reimbursement of travel expenses at least 30 days in advance of the travel. Sandberg inquired about conference attendance by DHHS attorneys and whether they would be considered DHHS staff and could be approved as such for reimbursement of expenses if they attended national board meetings.

ii. PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>

There were no updates.

iii. American Psychological Association <http://apa.org>

There were no updates.

- iv. Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>

There were no updates.

- v. Master Level Psychology Licensure

There were no updates.

- c. Licensure statistics (attached to agenda)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

Summarized by:
Jessica Dean, Licensure Unit