



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

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AGENDA		Posted: 3/23/26
<p>Date and Time: Thursday 4/2/26 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Location: Nebraska State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall S (14th & M) Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 Lower Level Goldenrod Room</p> <p>For Information Contact: Jessica Dean 402-471-4918 Jessica.dean@nebraska.gov</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call <u>Announcement:</u> there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room. 2. Adoption of Agenda 3. Approval of Minutes – January 15, 2026 4. CLOSED SESSION (approx. 9:15 a.m.): Investigative Reports and Confidential Information <u>Purpose:</u> to hear discussions of investigative and confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. 5. OPEN SESSION (approx. 11:00 a.m.): Review, Recommendations, and Applications 6. Updates, New Business, and Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Legislation b. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) https://internationalcredentialing.org c. Reports: disciplinary/non-disciplinary actions, email ballots, license statistics, examination statistics, and administrative fees (included with agenda) 7. Public Comment 8. Adjournment (approximately 12:00 p.m.) 	

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2026 Meeting Dates
1/15/2026
4/2/2026

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Agenda Item 3

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
January 15, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68508. 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 January 9, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Brian Bierschenk
Lori Cleveland
Amy Eigenberg
Victor Gehrig, Chair
Tom Maxson, Vice Chair
Anthony Veronee

Members Absent:

Jill Colegrove
Terry Duffy

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Jessie Enfield, IT Business Systems Analyst, Licensure Unit
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Legal
Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Legal
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Department Legal
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Chelsea Lindgren, Legal Assistant, Attorney General's Office
Linda Rohman, General Reporting Service

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson, Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2025

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Veronee, to approve the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson, Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Board break at 10:45 a.m.
Board returned from break at 10:56 a.m.

4. BOARD HEARING – OPEN SESSION

Jenna Kennedy requested a hearing before the Board regarding her application for reinstatement after revocation of her Alcohol and Drug Counselor license.

Ellie Rohr, Department Attorney and Hearing Administrator, requested that the Board go into closed session at 10:59 a.m. for discussion of the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Board returned to open session at 11:07 a.m.

Maxson moved, seconded by Cleveland, to uphold the denial of reinstatement after revocation of Ms. Kennedy's Alcohol and Drug Counseling license.

5. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS

a. Legislation

Baumann said that there were no current bills proposed that would affect licensure for Alcohol and Drug Counseling.

b. Combination of Boards for Alcohol and Drug Counseling and Mental Health Practice

Baumann said that the applications for Alcohol and Drug Counselors to apply for membership on the new combined Mental Health Practice board are not available yet. Once applications have been submitted, they will be reviewed and voted on by the Board of Health.

c. IC&RC

There were no updates as the IC&RC board representative did not attend the last meeting.

d. Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached to agenda)

6. ANNUAL BUSINESS

a. Elections and Appointments

Eigenberg moved, seconded by Veronee, to keep the current slate of officers. Victor Gehrig remains Chair, Tom Maxson remains Vice Chair, and Terry Duffy remains Secretary. Eigenberg remains Educational Consultant; Cleveland and Colegrove remain Investigative Consultants; Maxson remains IC&RC representative. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson and Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

b. By-Laws

Cleveland moved, seconded by Veronee, to adopt the by-laws. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Maxson and Veronee. Absent: Duffy and Colegrove. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Agenda Item 6c

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT



SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS

Alcohol and Drug Counselor

	Active	Application File Closed	Closed	Deleted	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	912	44	1	29	15	410	276	1	30
Alcohol/Drug Prelim Conviction R2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	499	61	1	17	27	585	36	0	114
Total	1,413	105	2	47	43	995	312	1	144

Null and Void	Pending	Reinstatement Pending	Revocation	Suspension	Voluntary Surrender	Withdrawn	Total
23	4	1	27	1	11	47	1,832
0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
1,145	10	1	22	10	9	44	2,581
1,168	16	2	49	11	20	91	4,419

Compliance Listing

Toledo Francisquez, Fredy Jhovany	P-2309	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	04/23/2025	04/23/2026
Pasch, Brittany Michelle	P-2373	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	10/14/2025	10/14/2026
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Civil Penalty	02/22/2024	02/22/2027

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EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Date Range: 01/01/2026 to 03/20/2026

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	Pass	4
IC & RC Written Examination total:			4

Report total: 4