

These minutes have not been approved by the Board.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling  
April 2, 2026

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:02 a.m., in the Lower Level Goldenrod 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 March 23, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

**Members Present:**

Brian Bierschenk  
Lori Cleveland  
Jill Colegrove  
Terry Duffy, Secretary  
Victor Gehrig, Chair  
Tom Maxson, Vice Chair  
Anthony Veronee

**Members Absent:**

Amy Eigenberg

**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  
Scarlett Popevis, Intern, Licensure Unit  
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Legal  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 15, 2026**

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

## **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Board break at 10:54 a.m.  
Board returned from break at 11:08 a.m.  
Open session at 11:13 a.m.

## **4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to enter into closed session to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. A voice vote was taken. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Maxson, and Veronee. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

## **5. APPLICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Erika Cook, PLADC

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial of the application. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Maxson, and Veronee. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

Douglas Mortensen, PLADC

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend denial of the application. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Maxson, and Veronee. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

Lacie Jackson, PLADC

Duffy moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend approving the application with a two year probation including abstention from drugs and alcohol and random body fluid screenings during the probationary term. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, and Veronee. Abstained: Maxson. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

Leontyne Evans, PLADC/PLMHP, Reinstatement Following Suspension

Colegrove moved, seconded by Maxson, to recommend reinstatement with a three year probation including no solo practice or contract work, a board-approved supervisor, and quarterly supervisor reports. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Duffy, Gehrig, Maxson, and Veronee. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

Mark Porter, LADC, Reinstatement Following Suspension

Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial of the reinstatement application. Voting yes: Bierschenk, Cleveland, Colegrove, Gehrig, Maxson, and Veronee. Abstained: Duffy. Absent: Eigenberg. Motion carried.

## **6. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS**

a. Legislation

Baumann said that LB 860, related to Medicaid waiver behavioral health services for individuals under 21 years of age, is still in committee. LB 722, related to the Behavioral Health Services fund for substance use disorders, has moved to final reading status. She said that LB 483, LB 651, and LB 677, carryover bills from the 2025 legislative session related to medical cannabis, are all currently in committee.

b. IC&RC

Baumann said that IC&RC is currently recruiting subject matter experts in order to update their examinations. She said that any interested parties could contact her for more information or visit the IC&RC website: <https://internationalcredentialing.org/subject-matter-expert-sme-recruitment/>.

c. Email Ballot

An email ballot was sent to board members for recommendations on the application for a PLADC license for William Moore. Five of eight board members returned the ballot and voted to deny the application.

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

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

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Summarized by Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit