



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

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AGENDA		Posted 1.14.2025
<p><u>Date and Time:</u> Thursday 4/24/2025 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Location:</u> State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14th & M) Lincoln, Nebraska Lower Level Morrill Room</p> <p><u>For Information</u> <u>Contact:</u> Jessica Dean 402-471-4918 Jessica.dean@nebraska.gov .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 4. Closed Session (approx. 9:30 am): Investigative Reports and Confidential Information <u>Purpose:</u> To hear discussions of investigative and confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. 5. Open Session (approx. 11:30 am) Review, Recommendations and Report Out, Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes, and Reinstatements. 6. Updates, New Business, and Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Legislation 2025 b) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) https://internationalcredentialing.org c) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda) 7. Adjournment (approx. Noon)

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2025 Meeting Dates
1/23/2025
4/24/2025
7/24/2025
10/23/2025

Agenda Item 3

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling January 23, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Tom Maxson, Vicechair, at 9:17 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the State Office Building Lobby on 1.14.2025.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (7):

Lori Cleveland, Member
Terry Duffy, Member, Secretary
Amy Eigenberg, Member
Jill Colegrove, Member
Tom Maxson, Vice-Chair
Brian Bierschenk, Member
Anthony Veronee, Member

Members Absent (1):

Victor Gehrig, Chair

Staff and Others Present (8):

Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Dept Legal
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, Brittany Bingham-investigations
Public present

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION **CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:24 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

10:24 am After Board Member agreement, Maxson stated the meeting is now in open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

1.23.2025

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Jason Dotzler- PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny for prior substance abuse history and conviction history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

Corey Earlywine- LADC

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny for substance use history, conviction history and insufficient period of sobriety. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

Freddy Toledo Francisquez- LADC

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Colegrove, to issue with 1 year probation with standard conditions and random body fluid screenings. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Abstain: Cleveland. Motion carried.

Nicholas Rhamy- PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to move for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

Bryan Viator- PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to issue without limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

6. Updates, New Business, and Reports

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- a) Legislation 2025
 - a. LB29 was discussed as well as LB346.
- b) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
 - a. No updates.
- c) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)

7. Annual Business

a) **Elections and Appointments**

Duffy moved, seconded by Bierschenk, to keep the same officers, Chair-Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair-Tom Maxson and Secretary-Terry Duffy. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried. Eigenberg remains educational consultant. Investigative consultants are Eigenberg and Colegrove.

b) **Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas**

Duffy moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to keep the same approval of method of noticing meeting agendas. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

c) **Per Diem Payments**

Bierschenk moved, seconded by Duffy, to keep the same per diem payments. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gehrig (1). Motion carried.

d) **Board Goals for 2025**

Review questions to create a jurisprudence exam. This will be on the agenda for April.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Loving announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025, and declared the meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm.

1.23.2025

Summarized by:

Sean Loving, Program Manager

Agenda Item 6cNEBRASKA 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	Null and Void	Pending	Reinstatement Pending	Revocation
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	852	41	1	29	14	417	280	1	30	23	6	27	1
Alcohol/Drug Prelim Conviction R1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Cou	485	54	1	17	22	544	35	0	114	1,100	16	0	7
Total	1,338	95	2	47	36	961	315	1	144	1,123	26	46	8

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT**EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT**

Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Date Range: 01/01/2025 to 04/14/2025

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	Pass	20
IC & RC Written Examination total:			20

Report total: 20

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES
12/2024**

Print Date: 4/14/25

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To review the disciplinary action document for any licensee on this report, you may go to our license lookup web site at <https://www.nebraska.gov/LISSearch/search.cgi>
The disciplinary action documents are located in the 'Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information' section of the licensee's record.

PROFESSION LICENSE TYPE		TYPE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	VIOLATION
NAME	LIC NO				
Alcohol and Drug Counselor					
Alcohol and Drug Counselor					
Johnson, Eric Andrew	1499				
Lincoln, NE		Civil Penalty Revocation	3/24/25		38.179.9 Sexual Abuse, Miscnduct, Exploit 38.179.9 Sexual Abuse, Miscnduct, Exploit
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor					
Whitehead, Ashley Kay	P-1963				
Norfolk, NE		Revocation	3/24/25		38.178.2 Dishonorable Conduct