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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

April 24, 2025

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 S, 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 4/14/2025.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (8):

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

Members Absent (0):

None

Staff and Others Present:

Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Dept Legal
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, DHHS Investigators

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:02 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

9:02 a.m. Meeting went into closed session
10:13 a.m. Meeting returned to open session

5. APPLICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OPEN SESSION

Application Review

James Leach- PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to deny for length of sobriety and conviction history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

William Moore - Conviction Review

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend that conviction history would not disqualify him from applying. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Micah Taylor - Conviction Review

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny due to conviction history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Michelle Vega-Hernandez - PLADC

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Veronee, to table the discussion and request more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS

a. Legislation 2025

- 1) LB 29 and LB 346 were discussed. LB 346 was amended (AM 492) April 2, 2025 and is up for floor debate on April 24, 2025.

b. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

- 1) No updates.

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

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 10:27 a.m.

Summarized by: Sean Loving, Program Manager