

These minutes have been approved by the Board as of 7.25.2024

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
April 25, 2024

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 Goldenrod 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 4.17.2024.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (8):

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

Members Absent (0):

Staff and Others Present (8):

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via WebEx)
Mark Meyerson, Carla Cue, Kathy Krueger-investigations

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: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee, Bierschenk (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:08 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, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee, Bierschenk (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

10:35 am After Board Member agreement, Gehrig stated the meeting is now in open session
10:35 am Board break
10:50 am Board returned to open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

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

Janee Smith- PLADC

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

Shane Reilly-- PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend a 2-year probationary license with the following terms/conditions: Abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, Random body fluid screens, Report prescribed medications, Follow recommendations of assessment and any future recommendations, Quarterly employer reports, and Standard terms and conditions of probation. Basis for recommendation: Conviction history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee, Bierschenk (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

Mitchel Martin-LADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Not meeting licensure requirements. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee, Bierschenk (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

4. Updates, New Business, and Reports

1. Updates, New Business, and Reports
 - a) Legislation 2024
LB1417-moving The Board of Alcohol and Drug into the Board of Mental Health Practice
No movement
 - b) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report
No report
 - c) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>
Maxson reported on the annual conference
 - d) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)
No additional information as they are attached

9. ADJOURNMENT

Gehrig announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Summarized by:
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator