

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2024

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairperson, Rachel Blake, MD, at 9:01 a.m. on May 10, 2024, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Rachel Blake, MD, Chairperson
Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM, Vice-Chairperson
Wesley Zeger, DO, Secretary
Mark Goodman, MD
Jodanne Hedrick, DO
Jeffrey Howorth

Absent: Brian Keegan, MD
John Massey, MD

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Program Manager and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator with the Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; Carla Cue, Kathleen Krueger, Jeff Newman and Mark Meyerson, Investigators with the Investigation Unit; Suzanna Glover-Etrich, Department Attorney via WebEx and Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor for Licensing and Investigations.

Dr. Blake announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building April 30, 2024.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Hedrick moved, seconded by Howorth to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Additions, Modification, Reordering

The Board requested the following applications to be removed from the Application Review Consent Agenda:

O'Rourke, James, MD – Physician Initial license application
Schlup, Keyna, MD – Physician Initial license application
Surgical First Assistant Prospective Program

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Dr. Blake presented Maria Michaelis, MD with the Certificate of Appreciation in recognition and appreciation of outstanding performance and lasting contributions rendered to the State of Nebraska as a Member of the Board of Medicine and Surgery from December 1, 2018, to November 30, 2023. Dr. Blake thanked Dr. Michaelis on behalf of the Board and the Department for her six years of service and her tireless dedication to the citizens of the State of Nebraska.

2024 LEGISLATION UPDATES

There are no updates currently.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

There are no updates currently.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth to approve the minutes for April 12, 2024, as presented. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Goodman moved, seconded by Hedrick, to go into closed session at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Goodman & Adam Kuenning Recused 9:11 a.m.
Dr. Goodman & Adam Kuenning Returned 9:15 a.m.

Board Break 10:09 a.m.
Board Reconvened 10:25 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 10:26 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Physician Initial Application(s) (2)

O'ROURKE, JAMES, MD – application for Physician Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Hedrick moved, seconded by Howorth, to recommend approval of the application for Initial license with an offer of a reentry license for a two (2) year reentry program period. Basis for the offer of the reentry license is that he has not actively practiced medicine utilizing clinical skills for over three years. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

SCHLUP, KEYNA, MD – application for Physician Initial License to practice Medicine and Surgery. Hedrick moved, seconded by Howorth, to recommend approval of the application for the Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments currently.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2024, in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for the 2024 schedule, visit the DHHS website:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Blake, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Wesley Zeger, DO, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery