

These minutes have not been approved by the board.

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MAY 16, 2025

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the chair, Stephanie Bruhn, at 10:00 a.m. on May 16, 2025. The meeting was located in the Nebraska State Office Building Lower Level Morrill Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. 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 in the Nebraska State Office Building on May 6, 2025.

The following members of the board answered roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT (6)

Stephanie Bruhn, Chair, PhD
Thomas Cardwell, PhD
Deborah Hoffnung, PhD
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary, Public Member
Katherine Linder, PhD
Stacy Waldron, Vice-Chair, PhD

MEMBERS ABSENT (1)

Jennifer Dreibelbis, Public Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sean Loving, Program Manager
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator
Milissa Johnson Wiles, Assistant Attorney General
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Legal

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Waldron moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to adopt the agenda with corrections. A voice vote was held. Voting aye: Bruhn, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, Waldron (6). Voting nay: none (0). Vacant: none (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2025

Cardwell moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2025 meeting. A voice vote was held. Voting aye: Bruhn, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Waldron (5). Voting nay: none (0). Vacant: none (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Abstain: Linder (1). Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION – FOR THE REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Waldron moved, seconded by Linder, to enter into closed session at 10:04 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bruh, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, Waldron (6). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: one (1). Motion carried.

The WebEx meeting was locked and the open session meeting sign was moved to closed session.

5. OPEN SESSION – APPLICATION REVIEWS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REPORTS

Maya Pignatore – Reinstatement Application

MOTION: Waldron moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to table for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bruhn, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, Waldron (6). Voting nay: none (0). Vacant: none (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a. Association Updates

i. Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <https://www.asppb.org>

Waldron reported on the ASPPB mid-year meeting. There was a discussion of updates to the EPPP exam.

The board discussed changing the state delegate from Dreibelbis to Bruhn. An email ballot will be needed to approve the change of delegate. This change is due to the need for the state delegate to be a licensed psychologist. The state delegate is the only person who can vote on the by-laws.

ii. PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>

There is a meeting scheduled in Washington, D.C. in July. A 43rd state, Montana, has joined the compact.

iii. American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>

Waldron will attend the August meeting of the APA.

iv. Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>

Linder reported on the most recent virtual meeting of the NPA.

v. Master's level psychology license

Loving reported that the department has received a few inquiries about applying for a master's level psychologist license; we have explained to those inquiring that a bill would be needed to change the statute in order for a new license type to be created. There was a discussion about creating a new license type through the 407 credentialing review process. Waldron reported that the NPA has been monitoring this issue and has appointed a task force on the master's level license.

b. Legislation

i. No legislative updates.

c. Statistics: examinations, licensing, and disciplinary/non-disciplinary information were provided in the agenda for the meeting.

7. ADJOURN

Bruhn declared the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2025.

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