

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
May 31, 2024**

1. ROLL CALL and CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Stacy Waldron, at 10:00 a.m. in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Conference Room Lower Level, Goldenrod 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 Licensure Unit on 5.14.2024 and revised 5.20.2024.

The following members answered the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT (5)

Katherine Linder, Member
Stacy Waldron, PhD, Chair
Rebecca Schroeder, Member
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary
Stephanie Bruhn, PhD, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT (1)

Jennifer Dreibelbis, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Carrie Oldehoeft, DHHS Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (via Webex)
Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via Webex)
CJ Roberts, DHHS Attorney
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor (via Webex)
Larry Wiehn, Carla Cue and Mark Meyerson-investigations

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Bruhn moved, seconded by Schroeder, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Schroeder, Waldron, Linder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Schroeder moved, seconded by Bruhn, to adopt the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Schroeder, Waldron, Linder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – Closed Session

MOTION: Schroeder moved, seconded by Bruhn, to enter into closed session at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Waldron repeated the motion and purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Schroeder, Waldron, Linder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

Oldehoeft closed the public phone line and the open meeting sign on the door was moved to closed session

10:20 Linder exited room
10:43 am Cue exited room
11:00 Linder entered room
11:00 am Meyerson exited room
11:00 am Roberts exited room
11:02 am Roberts entered room
11:08 am Wiehn exited room
11:14am Glover-Ettrich exited Webex
11:16 am Glover-Ettrich entered Webex
11:23 am Harrison exited Webex

5. OPEN SESSION

Verbal agreement to return to open session by all board members at 11:23 am

11:25 am Board break
11:35 am Board returned to open session

11:35 am public entered room

6. FAQ'S related to the Let Them Grow Act (181 NAC 8) <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/CMO-Communications.aspx>

Roberts went over FAQ's

Roberts explained the roll of the board: The board is an Advisor to the Department, the Attorney General takes Actions, and the Chief Medical Officer decides on case. DHHS Legal is advising not to issue and advisory statement on this and have if any hypostatical questions they recommend to seek their own legal counsel.

7. Nebraska Psychological Association regarding legislation guidance

Carmen Skare, Executive Director present questions and concerns regarding Gender Neutral Guidance. They will forward the questions to the Department.

8. . Nishma Ramos Gonzalez: Online programs and requirements

Questions on Hybrid or Online and the 600 live student to facility requirement, they must be student to facility to qualify.

Certificate of retraining counts and allow up to 2 courses.

Nishma Ramos Gonzalez will review her education and submitted document to the board for review with her application at the next board meeting.

9. Public Comments/questions

There were none to report

10. Updates/Reports

- Association Updates/Correspondence
 - Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <http://www.asppb.org>
 - Waldron updated the board, that the annual meeting is in October 29 to Nov 2 in Dallas, TX

MOTION: Linder moved, seconded by Schroeder, to approve Bruhn as the Nebraska delegate and to cover cost of the Annual Meeting. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Schroeder, Waldron,

Linder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

- January 2026 the EPPP2 will be in effect.
- PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>
 - Waldron updated the board with information, the annual meeting is in November in Washington DC.
- American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>
 - The annual conference is August in Seattle, Washington
- Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>
 - AI discussion and Ethics training
 - Spring conference is May 3
- Justice Behavioral Health Committee
 - No updates and board recommended removing the committee at this time
- Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information, Renewal (attached to agenda)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 12:20, the next board meeting is scheduled for July 19.

Submitted,

Tomeka Johnson Secretary - Board of Psychology

Summarized by the
Licensure Unit