

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2026

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Mark Goodman, MD, at 9:05 a.m. on June 12, 2026, 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:

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

Absent: Brian Keegan, MD – (joined the meeting at 9:23am)
Wesley Zeger, DO, Chairperson

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; Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General; Randy Clark, Mark Meyerson and Hayle Alvarado, Investigators with the Investigation Unit; Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Attorney and Jeanette Peterson, RN, BSN with Compliance Monitoring.

Goodman 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 June 1, 2026.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Howorth moved, seconded by Hedrick, 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 Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan, Zeger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE APPLICATION(S) CONSENT AGENDA

There were no applications for review on the Consent Agenda for this meeting.

LEGISLATION UPDATES

Eric Sutton, JD, Director of Health Policy with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) was present via WebEx to discuss and provide updates to the Board for the 109th Legislature.

LB527 - Adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act and change provisions relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited health service organizations, and insurance companies
To learn more, go to: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/Slip/LB527.pdf>
The NMA is assisting with the implementation of this bill.

Currently there is a 407 Review that the NMA is supporting:
Credentialing Review (407) Certified Nurse Midwives – to learn more, go to:
[https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-\(407\)-Certified-Nurse-Midwives.aspx](https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Credentialing-Review-(407)-Certified-Nurse-Midwives.aspx)

REGULATIONS UPDATE

LB 1212 - Provide for licensure of internationally trained physicians under the Uniform Credentialing Act and change provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

To learn more, go to: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/Slip/LB1212.pdf>

Due to the passing of this Bill, the Regulations will need to be opened for updates.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Kuenning moved, seconded by Hedrick to approve May 8, 2026, meeting minutes as written. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan, Zeger. Abstain: Howorth. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Blake moved, seconded by Howorth, to go to closed session at 9:10 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 Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Keegan, Zeger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Keegan joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Dr. Blake recused herself at 9:58 a.m.

Dr. Blake returned at 10:05 a.m.

Board Break 10:25 a.m.

Board Returned 10:45 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 10:55 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

There were no applications for review for this meeting.

EMAIL BALLOTS SINCE LAST MEETING

There were no Email Ballots to present for this meeting.

DISCUSSION(S)

A. Letter to the Board regarding the Surgical First Assistant opinion from the Board of Medicine and Surgery meeting on April 10, 2026.

It is the opinion of the Board that according to Nebraska Statutes closure of a surgical site needs the personal supervision of the physician.

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Surgical-First-Assistant.aspx#docaccess-ab6db8cff029471f549b84972078643d>

38-3508. Personal supervision by a physician, defined.

Personal supervision by a physician means the physical attendance of a physician in the room during the performance of a surgical procedure.

Source: Laws 2016, LB721, § 8.

38-3511. Licensed surgical first assistant; activities authorized.

A licensed surgical first assistant may engage in the practice of surgical assisting, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Assisting in the intraoperative care of a surgical patient;
- (2) Positioning the patient;
- (3) Preparing and draping the patient for the surgical procedure;
- (4) Providing visualization of the operative site;
- (5) Assisting with hemostasis;
- (6) Assisting with closure of body planes, including the following:
 - (a) Inserting running or interrupted subcutaneous sutures with absorbable or nonabsorbable material;
 - (b) Utilizing subcuticular closure technique with or without adhesive skin closure strips; and
 - (c) Closing skin with method indicated by surgeon, including, but not limited to, suture and staples;
- (7) Applying appropriate wound dressings;
- (8) Providing assistance in securing drainage systems to tissue;
- (9) Preparing specimens, such as grafts; and
- (10) Performing other tasks during a surgical procedure delegated by and under the personal supervision of a physician appropriate to the level of competence of the surgical first assistant.

Source: Laws 2016, LB721, § 11.

B. Ketamine use by a patient in therapy provided by a Licensed Mental Health Provider (LMH)

It is the opinion of the Board that the use of Ketamine needs to be supervised by appropriate medical providers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time of the meeting.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2026, in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for the 2026 schedule, visit the DHHS website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

Board recess for Hearing Room setup at 11:00 a.m.

Board reconvened to Open Session at 12:07 p.m.

HEARING – OPEN SESSION

Daniel Martin Wik, MD requested a Hearing before the Board of Medicine and Surgery regarding his application for removal of the limitations on his license to practice medicine and surgery.

Ellie Rohr, Department Attorney and Hearing Administrator requested that the Board go into Closed Session at 1:56 p.m. for discussion of the evidence that was presented at the Hearing.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:17 p.m.

Kuenning moved, seconded by Hedrick to affirm the prior denial of the removal of the limitation on Dr. Wik's license. Basis of the decision is due to lack of sufficient evidence to support the removal of the restriction. Voting aye: Blake, Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning and Massey. Voting nay: None. Absent: Zeger. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Goodman, Vice-Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Jeffrey Howorth, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery