Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2026

1. Roll Call

Cameron Ellison, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order at 1:01 pm on June 26, 2026, in the Goldenrod Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to 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 East Vestibule on June 9, 2026.

Ellison announced that this is an open meeting and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present

Cameron Ellison, HIS, COHC, Vice Chair
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Kopetzky
Scott Jones, BC-HIS, CPD

Members Absent

Aaron Robinson, MD

Staff Present

Matt Gelvin, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Legal Attorney
Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General

2. Adoption of Agenda

Kopetzky moved, Jones seconded to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

3. Reaffirmation of Mail Ballot

The meeting minutes for the April 17, 2026, meeting were approved by mail ballot on May 6, 2026. Voting to approve the minutes as written: Jones, Ellison, Johnson, Robinson, and Kopetzky. Voting nay: None.

4. Closed Session

Kopetzky moved, seconded by Johnson, to move into closed session at 1:06 pm to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 2:03 pm.

5. Board Recommendations

Kopetzky moved, Jones seconded the motion in the matter of the request by Marion Kuil the Board recommends to table the request until further information is provided.
Voting to approve, Kopetzky, Jones, Johnson, and Ellison. Voting nay: none. Absent: Robinson. Motion carried.

6. Regulation Revision

The Board discussed the regulations, and a vote will be held once the final draft has been written.

7. Licensure Application Processing Report

The Application Processing Report is offered for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot of licensure activity.

8. Topics for Next Meeting

Regulation Revision, Application Processing Report, Practical Exam, and Public Comments.
The next meeting will be September 18, 2026, at 9 am. There will not be any exams on this day.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(signature on file)
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary