

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 28, 2024**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Vice-Chairperson, Adam Kuenning, at 9:02 a.m. on June 28, 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:

Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM, Vice-Chairperson  
Wesley Zeger, DO, Secretary  
Mark Goodman, MD  
Jodanne Hedrick, DO  
Jeffrey Howorth  
Brian Keegan, MD  
John Massey, MD

Absent: Rachel Blake, MD, 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; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; Carla Cue, Kathleen Krueger, Jeff Newman, Trevor Klaassen, Mendy Mahar-Clark and Mark Meyerson, Investigators with the Investigation Unit; and Suzanna Glover-Etrich, Department Attorney via WebEx

Adam 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 14, 2024.

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

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

**Additions, Modification, Reordering**

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

Kona, John, MD – Physician Initial license application  
Shanon, Roy, MD – Physician Initial license application  
Sondergard, Ryan, DO - Physician Initial license application  
Steele, Sharon, MD – Physician Initial license application  
Winn, Caleb, DO - Physician Initial license application  
Barber, Joseph, PA – Physician Assistant Initial license application  
Moyer, Christopher – Temporary Education Permit Initial license application

## **2024 LEGISLATION UPDATES**

Amy Reynoldson, Executive Vice President and Paul Henderson, Vice President, Advocacy & Regulation; In-house Counsel with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) were present to discuss and provide updates to the Board for the Legislature Sessions.

Paul Henderson noted that Governor Pillen has called for a special session in July regarding property taxes and school funding.

## **REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Vonda Apking, Program Manager is presently updating the Physician Assistant Regulations

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth to approve the minutes for May 10, 2024, as presented. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

## **INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION**

Howorth moved, seconded by Hedrick, to go into 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: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Dr. Massey Recused at 9:26 a.m.

Dr. Massey Returned at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Hedrick and Dr. Goodman Recused at 10:41 a.m.

Dr. Hedrick and Dr. Goodman Returned at 10:42 a.m.

Dr. Goodman Recused at 11:13 a.m.

Dr. Goodman Returned at 11:19 a.m.

Board Break 10:45 a.m.

Board Reconvened 11:00 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 11:21 a.m.

## **APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION**

### **BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION**

#### **Physician Initial Application(s) (5)**

**KONA, JOHN, 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 to practice Medicine and Surgery. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

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

SONDERGARD, RYAN, DO – application for Physician Initial License to practice Medicine and Surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth, to recommend denial of the application for the Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Basis for the denial is action in another State and lack of good character. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

STEELE, SHARON, 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 to practice Medicine and Surgery. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

WINN, CALEB, DO – application for Physician Initial License to practice Medicine and Surgery. Zeger moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend denial of the application for the Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Basis for the denial is competency based on the post graduate program performance. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

#### Physician Assistant Initial Application(s) (1)

BARBER, JOSEPH, PA – application for Physician Assistant Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery as a Physician Assistant. Howorth moved, seconded by Hedrick, to recommend tabling the application for Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery as a Physician Assistant for additional information. Voting aye: Goodman, Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

#### Temporary Education Permit Initial Application(s) (1)

MOYER, CHRISTOPHER – application for Temporary Education Permit (TEP) Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery with a TEP. Hedrick moved, seconded by Massey, to recommend approval of the application for Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery with a TEP. Voting aye: Hedrick, Howorth, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Blake. Abstain: Goodman. Motion carried.

### **PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Pharmaceutical Care Agreements

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments currently.

### **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 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, Adam Kuenning, Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\*signature available upon request\*

Wesley Zeger, DO, Secretary  
Board of Medicine and Surgery