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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Mental Health Practice
July 11, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. at the 1526 K Street Building, Buffalo 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 7.1.2025.

Czaja-Stevens stated that there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed on the agenda.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present, (10)

Susan Meyerle, Member
Paul Davies, Member
Jen McNally, Member
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member, Vice-Chair
Amanda Milander-Mace, Member
Adrian Martin, Member
Renea Gernant, Member
Scott Stocking, Member
Tammy Erickson, Member
Sara Batter, Member, Secretary

Members Absent (0):

Others Present:

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Attorney
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen -Investigations

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Gernant moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Martin, Gernant, Erickson, Batter (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: none (0). Motion carried.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 20, 2025

MOTION: Gernant moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the minutes, with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Martin, Gernant, Erickson, Batter (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: none (0). Motion carried..

Jen Wolf attended the meeting and discussed the new Sharepoint site, Partners, and how to login. Loving discussed how the site will be used in the future.

4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Stocking, to enter into closed session at 9:24 a.m. to hear discussions of a confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Martin, Gernant, Erickson, Batter (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: none (0). Motion carried.

10:40 a.m. Break

10:51 am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter open session.

5. OPEN SESSION

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Reports

Amanda Crow reinstatement

MOTION: Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter, to deny reinstatement insufficient evidence of safe return to practice. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Martin, Gernant, Erickson, Batter (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: none (0). Motion carried.

Jason Dotzler

MOTION: Batter moved, seconded by Davies, to recommend issuing with limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Martin, Gernant, Erickson, Batter (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: none (0). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS:

a. Regulations:

The board discussed the Mental Health Regulations and changes they would like to see in the regulations.

b. Legislation:

Loving stated that the Marriage and Family Therapy bill passed and the board will revisit the regs after the current changes are completed. The bill passed to combine Alcohol and Drug Counseling Board with the Mental Health board in 2026 and what the plan is to move to the new board.

c. Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Meyerle discussed there is a fall workshop.

- Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>

Meyerle: discussed they need to determine fees and who is eligible for the compact. The compact is ready for beta testing.

- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>

The annual meeting will take place in Chicago in September.

- ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>

- Social Work compact.
Loving discussed there has been a few meetings and the bylaws have been created. The next meeting is in September.
- d. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report were provided in the agenda for the meeting.

ADJOURN

Czaja-Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2025.

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Summarized by: Sean Loving, Licensure Unit