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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Behavior Analysts

July 17, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Behavior Analysts was called to order by Victoria Bock, Chair, at 9:00 a.m., in the Goldenrod Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) emailed to the Board members and other interested parties, 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and 3) posted on the bulletin board in the Nebraska State Office Building Lobby on 7/7/2025.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (4):

Victoria Bock, Chair, Member
Lori Nickels, Member
Mandi Reinders, Secretary, Member
Steven Taylor, Member

Members Absent (1):

Kyle Dawson, Vice-Chair, Member

Staff and Others Present (5):

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Dept Legal
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General via Webex
A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Taylor moved, seconded by Reinders, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bock, Nickels, Reinders, Taylor (4). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Dawson, (1). Motion carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4.17.25)

MOTION: Reinders moved, seconded by Nickels, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bock, Nickels, Reinders, Taylor (4). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Dawson, (1). Motion carried

The board made introductions to welcome the new Program Manager, Maiya Baumann.

4. Discussion of Childcare Licensing for Behavior Analysis Businesses.

Amyot discussed that there is not an exception for healthcare services, and discussed a few requirements for a Child Care Facility License. Bock had questions about the requirements and that it would limit providers since there they deal with so much regulations.

Amyot discussed that if the facility would need to be licensed then the staff would also need to be licensed as a Child Care Staff and that mental health centers are already licensing as Child Care Facilities.

Loving mentioned Beehaven and how they are licensed as both, and etc.

Bock asked about a grace period and Amyot's response was there is not a grace period for licensing.

Taylor asked about how will DHHS be notifying the BA providers.

Loving discussed that these would be in the form of complaints and that this would be Facilities for the center portion and Investigations for the individual complaints. The board mentioned on how to obtain an exemption and was told this could only be made a change through changing statutes.

Bock mentioned that many OT/PT services are similar in terms for regular sessions per week and that the services they provide are supervision and not therapy.

Amyot mentioned the board needs to be prepared that complaints might come in if a center is not licensed as a Childcare center.

The board was urged to discuss anything more with their legal and if they had any questions we could filter questions through Childcare licensing and Dept. Legal.

5. Public Comments:

No public comments.

6. Updates/Reports

a. Legislation-

Loving discussed the recent publication on Medicaid cuts for Behavior Analysis and that there were multiple legislative bills proposed this year on Medicaid cuts.

Taylor asked if he could serve as a board member since he is retiring, but is still going to be teaching courses. Amyot mentioned that he could finish out his term.

Reinders asked about the email they received from Support Services for the SharePoint website. It was Discussed with the board that we will be setting up a Webex training with Jen Wolf for the new Partners site we will be using.

b. Statistics-no comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Loving announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2025, and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Summarized by:

Sean Loving, Program Manager