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## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

July 24, 2025

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, NE 68508. 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 7/14/2025.

The following members answered roll call:

#### **Members Present (8):**

Lori Cleveland, Member  
Terry Duffy, Member, Secretary  
Amy Eigenberg, Member  
Jill Colegrove, Member  
Tom Maxson, Member, Vice-Chair  
Brian Bierschenk, Member  
Anthony Veronee, Member  
Victor Gehrig, Member, Chair

#### **Members Absent (0):**

None

#### **Staff and Others Present:**

Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit  
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator  
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Dept Legal  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, DHHS Investigators

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Duffy moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Cleveland (1). Motion carried.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Bierschenk moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Cleveland (1). Motion carried.

### **4. Sharepoint training**

Jen Wolf attended the meeting to discuss the Sharepoint login and how to get logged in.

### **5. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:02 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual

reputations. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Break 10:25 am

## **6. APPLICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **10: 45 OPEN SESSION**

#### **Application Review**

##### **Brett Avila - Conviction Review**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to recommend that conviction history would not disqualify him from applying. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

##### **Amy Batten**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing a license with a probation concurrent with the probation on her LMHP. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

##### **Victor Camacho**

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to table the discussion and request more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Cleveland (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: Gehrig (1) Motion carried.

##### **Stephanie Coello**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to table the discussion and request more information A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

##### **Jason Dotzler**

**MOTION:** Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to table the discussion and request more information A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

##### **Jenna Kennedy**

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to lack of good character, conviction history and prior disciplinary history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

##### **Brittany Pasch**

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to still on probation, conviction history and recent convictions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**LaTisha Ramirez**

**MOTION:** Colgrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend issuing a license without limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**Michelle Vega Hernandez**

**MOTION:** Colgrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to prior conviction history, physical or mental incapacity to practice the profession as evidenced by a legal judgement or a determination by other lawful means. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

**7. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS**

- a. Legislation 2025
  - 1) Loving discussed the plans for combining the Mental Health board and Alcohol and Drug Counseling board in 2026.
  - 2) Loving mentioned LB 29 was passed about evaluating regulations every 5 years.
- b. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve funds for Tom Maxson to attend the annual conference in October 2025. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Loving mentioned working on the JP and will let them approve before it is finalized.

- c. Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached to agenda).

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Loving announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2025, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Summarized by: Sean Loving, Program Manager