

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES
MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD**

July 31, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order at 8:33 a.m. on July 31, 2025. The central meeting location was at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room 3V, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE 68508. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on July 18, 2025, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on July 18, 2025, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on July 18, 2025. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

Board members, staff, and the public were able to attend the meeting virtually via video conference or phone as authorized by Neb. Rev. Statue 84-1411(7).

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call via videoconference:

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| • Gina Crudden, APRN-CNS | • Andrew Ingemansen, MD |
| • Kent Dunovan, <i>Board Secretary, Public Member</i> | • Sean Kenney, MD, <i>Board Vice-President</i> |
| • Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, <i>Board President</i> | • Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM, |
| | • Indra Sukhram, APRN-NP |

The following Board members were absent: Andrew Russell, MD, and Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*.

The following staff members from the Department and Attorney General's Office attended the meeting:

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| • Sherri Joyner, <i>Health Licensing Coordinator</i> | • Milissa Wiles-Johnson, <i>Assistant Attorney General</i> |
| • Jacci Reznicek, <i>Nursing Education Consultant</i> | • Brittany Bigham, <i>Investigator</i> |
| • Ginger Rogers, <i>Nursing Practice Consultant</i> | • Andrea Cramer, <i>Investigator</i> |
| • Monica Gissler, <i>Administrative Programs Officer</i> | • Susan Held, <i>Investigator</i> |
| | • Pat Lemke, <i>Investigator</i> |
| | • Mendy Mahar-Clark, <i>Investigator</i> |

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

These minutes were approved by the APRN Board on December 2, 2025.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Dunovan, to adopt the agenda for the July 31, 2025, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Russell and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Sukhram made the motion, seconded by Ingemansen, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Russell and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF APRN BOARD DUTIES TO BOARD OF NURSING

Monica Gissler, who coordinates appointments to boards administered by the DHHS Licensure Unit, spoke regarding the passage of LB 346, which merges the APRN Board with the Board of Nursing effective July 1, 2026. The bill also merges the Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors Board with the Mental Health Board. Gissler reported that the number of APRN positions on the Board of Nursing will increase from one to four. Gissler said that all APRNs currently serving on the APRN Board will be contacted in January to assess their interest in serving on the Board of Nursing. Those interested will need to complete an application and undergo a review process. It has not yet been determined if they will need to be interviewed by the Board of Health. Appointments to the Board of Nursing will be made in March but will not go into effect until July 1, 2026. No physician positions are being transferred to the Board of Nursing. Gissler noted that the Board of Nursing is the only board that has requirements for geographical diversity (based on Congressional districts) and practice area diversity. There have been times when candidates who otherwise would have been top picks for the Board of Nursing were not selected due to the Board's distribution requirements. Gissler also noted that the Board of Nursing requires a greater time commitment than most other boards, as it meets monthly and meetings can last all day.

LEGISLATION

The Unicameral did respond to the APRN Board's objection to language in the previous version LB 346, which would have led to only three APRN positions on the Board of Nursing. The version of the bill that passed will lead to four APRN positions and an additional public member on the Board of Nursing. A position for a Nursing Services Administrator RN, however, was eliminated.

LB 676 did not get a final vote and will be carried over to the 2026 legislative session. LB 676 sought to eliminate the requirement that APRN-CNMs have a practice agreement in place with a physician and would have allowed APRN-CNMs to be covered by the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act. However, on two separate occasions, LB 374, which sought to create licenses to practice midwifery for persons who are not APRN-Certified Nurse Midwives, was amended into LB 676. The Unicameral voted down the amendments on April 24th, but Senator Hansen added the language from LB 374 back into LB 676 on May 19th.

NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND FLUOROSCOPY

The Nebraska Nurse Practitioners' application with the Credentialing Review Program on allowing nurse practitioners to utilize fluoroscopy was approved by the Board of Health. The report will now be forwarded to the Director of Public Health and then to the Governor, each of whom may either approve or not approve the report. The Legislature will take the findings of the Credentialing Review process into account when reviewing any legislative proposal to allow NPs to perform fluoroscopy.

The Nebraska Nurse Practitioners revised their original proposal, which had involved amending the Medical Radiography Act in a way that would give NPs the same authority to use fluoroscopy as physicians and medical radiographers. The proposal that was approved by the Board of Health involves revising the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act to include the following:

A nurse practitioner may perform and utilize fluoroscopy for procedural guidance and for the performance of authorized duties upon (i) the successful completion of appropriate education and training as approved jointly by the Department and the Board of Nursing and promulgated by the Department in rules and regulations pursuant to section 71-3508. A nurse practitioner may direct a licensed medical radiographer in the use of fluoroscopy.

JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL SPAS

Rogers reported on the Joint Board Committee on Medical Spas. The group, which consists of members of the APRN Board, Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy, and Board of Medicine, has held two meetings to discuss infusion, compounding, and other activities that occur in med spas. The goal of the group is to issue a joint statement that clearly defines compounding and the role of each health professional (RN, APRN, RP, or MD) that may be involved in medical spa work or work that involves the compounding of substances for injection or administration. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for August 8th.

9:00 a.m. *Dunovan left the meeting.*

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING

Joyner reported that no APRN Board members contacted Oertwich about attending the National Council of Boards of Nursing's Annual Meeting, which will be held August 13-15, 2025.

NURYS E-NOTIFY

Joyner reported that in order to renew their licenses this fall, LPNs will need to attest that they have enrolled in Nursys e-Notify. Nurses who are enrolled in e-Notify receive automated emails or text messages whenever a nursing license they hold is approaching expiration, has a status change, or is disciplined. Legislation was passed during the 2024 legislative session making enrollment in e-Notify a renewal requirement for all Nebraska LPN, RN, and APRN licenses. The 2025 LPN renewal period is the first time the requirement is being implemented. Staff have prepared a flyer with instructions and screenshots for enrolling in eNotify. To avoid potential confusion, Crudden recommended that the flyer specify that eNotify will show all licenses that a nurse holds in the U.S., not just Nebraska licenses.

STAFF UPDATES

Reznicek reported that the next edition of *Nursing News* is expected to be published in mid-August. All Nebraska-licensed nurses should receive a physical copy of the newsletter in the mail. The newsletter will include information on LPN renewals and on Nursys e-Notify.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was opened for comments from the public. No comments were received.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Dunovan, Russell, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried

Joyner announced that the Board was in closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

9:13 a.m. *Meeting went into closed session.*

9:37 a.m. *Sukhram left the meeting.*

9:39 a.m. *Sukhram returned to the meeting.*

10:09 a.m. *Kenney left the meeting.*

10:45 a.m. *Meeting returned to open session.*

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator