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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art  
August 5, 2024

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art was called to order by the Chair, Shannon Bingham, at 10:30 a.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower-Level Morrill Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby and posted 7.24.2024

The following members were present and answered roll call:

**Members Present (9):**

Bridget Anderson, Member  
Matt Bavougian, Member  
Leslie Reed, Member  
Shannon Bingham, Vice-Chair  
Ruth Lucas, Member  
Harold “Buddy” Sims, Secretary  
Siobhan “Chevy” Kozisek, Member  
Keri Fisher, Member  
Jane Nims, Member

**Members Absent (2):**

Marie Nordboe, Member  
Pam Rowland, Chair

**Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit  
TJ O’Neill – Assistant Attorney General  
Abby Nissen-Assistant Attorney General  
Danielle Sund, DHHS Attorney  
Dennis Scott-DHHS Investigation Unit  
Sean Loving-Program Manager, Licensure Unit  
Anna Harrison, Licensure Compliance Monitor  
Public

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, seconded Bavougian, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas, Fisher, Nims (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland, Nordboe, (2). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried.

10:45am Nordboe entered room

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, seconded Nordboe, to adopt the minutes with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland (1) Abstain: Fisher, Nims (2). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried.

**4. REINSTATEMENT APPEAL HEARING-Isaac Huerta**

The hearing on reinstatement (following revocation) to practice as an Tattoo Artist was convened at 10:40 a.m. Danielle Sund, Department attorney, served as the hearing officer. The Department was represented by TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General, Sean Loving, Program Manager with the Licensure Unit, and Isaac Huerta (applicant) were witnesses. Exhibits were entered and accepted. Evidence was presented and testimonies were provided.

10:52 am Nordboe entered room

11:10 am Harrison exited room

11:13 am Harrison entered room

11:19 am Public exited room

11:34 am Public entered room

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, seconded by sims, to enter into closed session at 11:33am a.m. for the purpose of deliberation of the appeal hearing. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas, Fisher, Nims, Nordboe (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland (1) Abstain: None (0). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried.

11:33 am Public hearing ended

11:33 am Public exited room

11:33 am Loving, Harrison, O'Neill, Nisson exited room

11:33 am Board entered break

11:37 am Board returned to close

12:06 am After Board Member agreement, Gehrig stated the meeting is now in open session

**Isaac Huerta-Body Art**

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, seconded by Nordboe to recommend reinstatement of the license with a 2 year probation, with the following terms and conditions: Random body fluid screens, Abstain from Alcohol/Drug, Report prescribed medication, Jurisprudence Exam within 90 days, Submit documentation of credentials in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, completion of an Ethics course, follow recommendations of assessment and any future recommendations and the Standard Terms and Conditions of probation. Basis: Conviction history and diagnosis. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas, Fisher, Nims, Nordboe (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland (1) Abstain: None (0). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried

Hearing information completed at 12:10 pm

12:17 pm Trevor Klassen, Mark Meyerson, Carla Cue-investigation

**INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Anderson moved, seconded by sims, to enter into closed session at 12:30 pm for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Rowland repeated the motion and purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas, Fisher, Nims, Nordboe (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland (1) Abstain: None (0). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried.

12:48 pm Verbal agreement from all board members to enter into open session.

4. **OPEN SESSION** Application Review and Recommendations (Initial Licensure, Reinstatement, Convictions, Administrative Penalties, and Mail Ballot Reports)

**Shana Hazen-**

**MOTION:** Sims moved, seconded by Nordboe to recommend to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Anderson, Kozisek, Bingham, Sims, Bavougian, Reed, Lucas, Fisher, Nims, Nordboe (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Rowland (1) Abstain: None (0). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried

**Austin Nordman**

**MOTION:** Nordboe moved, seconded by Anderson to recommend reinstatement of the license with a 2 year probation, with the following terms and conditions: No solo practice, Quarterly employer reports and the Standard Terms and Conditions of probation. Basis: Conviction history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Kozisek, Rowland, Sims, Anderson, Bingham, Nordboe, Bavougian, Lucas (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Reed, Fisher, Nims (3). Vacant positions (2). Motion carried.

**5. UPDATES/FOLLOW UP**

- a. Body Art-Bavougian has no updates
- b. Cosmetology-Nordboe updated the board on the upcoming National Conference October 11-14 in Salt Lake City, UT  
Sims, Nordboe and Reed will attend
- c. Electrology-No report
- d. Esthetics -no updates
- e. Nail Technology- No updates
- f. Indoor Tanning Facilities-no updates
- g. Legislation-Loving reported the taxation included in proposed bill of special session
- h. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information, and Renewals (report attached to agenda)- Board concern regarding exam results

**6. Public comment-No additional**

- 1) **Legislative committees**—Reed will help with Esthetics

- 2) **ADJOURNMENT**

Bingham announced the next meeting is scheduled for 9.16.2024 and declared the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted,