

## Board of Physical Therapy

### Revised Minutes for August 21, 2025, Meeting

#### **1. ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Physical Therapy to order at 1:01 pm on August 21, 2025, in the Lower Level, Morrill Conference Room, of the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS website at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on August 6, 2025.

Peck announced this is an Open Meeting and that the Open Meetings Act is posted.

#### **Members Present:**

Dr. Kirk Peck, Chair  
Dr. Betsy Becker, Vice Chair  
Kimberly Oliphant, Secretary

#### **Staff Present:**

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager  
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General  
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Legal  
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator  
Jen Wolf, DHHS IT Staff  
Mark Bertch DPT, Board of Health Liaison to the Board of Physical Therapy (via Webex)  
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigations  
Carla Cue, DHHS Investigations

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

##### **Motion:**

Becker moved, seconded by Oliphant, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Peck, Becker, and Oliphant. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

#### **3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT**

The minutes for the June 24, 2025, meeting were approved by Oliphant and Becker via Mail Ballot. Peck voted to approve the minutes in person on August 21, 2025. Minutes approved August 21, 2025.

#### **4. SHAREPOINT PARTNERS - Jen Wolf**

Jen Wolf from the DHHS IT Department gave a presentation to the Board of the new SharePoint Partners site. DHHS Staff and Board Members will be using the new site to share documents for the meetings. This will replace the current system of Citrix. The handbook was sent to Board members under a separate email.

#### **5. CLOSED SESSION**

*Purpose: To hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions.*

#### **Motion:**

Becker moved, seconded by Oliphant to move into closed session at 1:25.  
Voting aye: Peck, Becker, and Oliphant. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:27 pm.  
Meeting resumed after a short break at 2:35 pm.

#### **6. BOARD RECOMENDATION**

There were no recommendations.

#### **7. FSBPT LIF MEETING REPORT OUT**

Peck and Covert-ByBee attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) LIF meeting in Alexandria, Virginia on July 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Peck gave a presentation on the draft Model Animal Physical Therapy Regulations developed by the Task Force he Chaired for the FSBPT in 2025.

#### **8. PHYSICAL THERAPY COMPACT UPDATE**

The compact is working well. There is an update to the website that may be viewed at: [Physical Therapy Licensure Compact](#).

#### **9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

LB 660 passed this year and that will require all state agencies to do a review of statutes and regulations every five years and submit a report to the Clerk of the Legislature.

#### **10. STAKEHOLDERS COMMUNICATION REPORT OUT**

There will be a meeting of the Nebraska American Physical Therapy Association in Omaha, NE April 11, 2026.

### **11. NEBRASKA JAM UPDATE**

The jurisprudence examination was successfully transitioned from the previous format to the new assessment module format. It appears that everything has gone smoothly. This is a win-win for all. It is more accessible and costs less than the previous version. It engages licensees to think through scenarios in order to accurately interpret Nebraska statutes and regulations. Kirk Peck has been asked to participate on a panel and speak about Nebraska's experience transitioning to the assessment module format at the annual FSBPT meeting October 23- 25, 2025 in Spokane, Washington.

### **12. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT**

This report is presented for informational purposes only.

### **13. UPDATE ON NEW LICENSURE DATABASE**

The transition to the new system My License Office has been smooth. The Department is planning to continue modernization of licensure systems over the coming years.

### **14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Bertch representing the Board of Health thanked the Board for allowing him to attend. Bertch wanted to share from the Board of Health that Dr. Timothy Tesmer our Chief Medical Officer has reported that Nebraska has had the first case of measles in May. The Board of Health encourages everyone to get vaccinated.

There is a Public Health Recognition Policy and if anyone has a program, activity, or person that is doing excellent work you can nominate them to receive recognition. Go to the DHHS Website at [Public Health Recognitions](#) to find out more information.

Peck thanked Mark Bertch for attending the meeting.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 3:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signature on File)

Kimberly Oliphant, Secretary