

Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists Meeting Minutes August 21, 2026

1. Roll Call

Cameron Ellison, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order at 1:09 pm on August 21, 2026, in the Goldenrod Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on July 29, 2026.

Ellison announced that this is an open meeting and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present

Cameron Ellison, HIS, COHC, Chairperson (Webex)
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary (Webex)
Dr. Nicole Kopetzky (Webex)
Scott Jones, BC-HIS, CPD Vice-Chairperson (Webex)
Aaron Robinson, MD (Webex and Phone)

Staff Present

Amy Blinston, Program Manager
Matt Gelvin, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Legal Attorney
Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General

2. Adoption of Agenda

Jones moved, Johnson seconded to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Robinson, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

3. Reaffirmation of Mail Ballot

Approval of the April 17, 2026, board meeting minutes. Voting to approve Jones, Ellison, Johnson, Robinson, and Kopetzky. Voting nay: None. Minutes were approved May 6, 2026.

4. Closed Session

Jones moved, seconded by Johnson, to move into closed session at 1:14 pm to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Robinson, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. Board Recommendations

Board returned to open session at 1:33 pm.

In the matter of the application of Marion Kuil the Board approves the request to take the examination for the fourth time. Motion made by Robinson, seconded by Jones. Voting to approve, Kopetzky, Robinson, Jones, Johnson, and Ellison. Voting nay: none. Absent: Motion carried.

6. Regulation Revision

Jones moved to give preliminary approval of 172 NAC 114 draft regulations. Ellison seconded the motion. Voting aye: Jones, Ellison, Robinson, Johnson, Kopetzky. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

7. Licensure Application Processing Report

The Application Processing Report is offered for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot of licensure activity.

8. Topics for Next Meeting

Application Processing Report and Public Comments. The next meeting will be September 18, 2026, at 9:00 am. There will not be any exams on this day.

9. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(signature on file)
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary