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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Psychology
September 11, 2026

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by Stacy Waldron, Chair, at 10:07 a.m. in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE. 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 August 27th, 2026.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Thomas Cardwell, Secretary
Deborah Hoffnung
Tomeka Johnson
Katherine Linder, Vice Chair
Stacy Waldron, Chair

Members Absent: (if applicable)

Jennifer Dreibelbis

Staff and Others Present:

Maiya Baumann, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Department Legal
Jeanette Peterson, Compliance Monitor, Licensure Unit
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigator

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Hoffnung moved, seconded by Linder, to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 17TH, 2026

MOTION: Cardwell moved, seconded by Hoffnung, to approve the minutes for the meeting on July 17th, 2026. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis. Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION (INVESTIGATION REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW)

MOTION: Linder moved, seconded by Johnson, to enter into closed session at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals involved. Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, and Waldron. Absent: Dreibelbis. Motion carried.

Break at 10:55 a.m.

Back at 11:07 a.m.

Open session at 11:07 a.m.

5. UPDATES

a) Legislation

There were no updates on current or pending legislation, as the legislature is not currently in session. One subject that might be included in a future bill is prescribing authority for psychologists; Baumann said that there are currently nine states where psychologists are allowed to prescribe medication. Walvoord mentioned that if any board members are aware of any potential bills that might be introduced in future legislative sessions, especially bills proposed by professional associations, board input could be very helpful, as licensure in Nebraska is different than many other states.

b) Association Updates

1. Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards

<https://www.asppb.org>

Waldron said that the annual meeting is scheduled to take place in Reno, NV, from October 13th, 2026 through October 18th, 2026. Linder will be attending as the board delegate. Cardwell will also be attending the conference. Waldron is a third year director-at-large of ASPPB and she is running for president elect. The theme of the conference is "Crossroads of Regulation: Navigating the Highway of Public Protection." Waldron said that she and Linder will be giving a presentation at a panel on board investigations and disciplinary processes. She said that compared to a lot of other boards, Nebraska has a very good investigations department. Some other states do not have an investigations unit or do not have dedicated staff; instead, they hire former board members to conduct investigations. She said that with the Uniform Credentialing Act (UCA) in Nebraska, the investigative process is the same for all professions. Walvoord described the process as a funnel; the UCA, the wide end of the funnel, includes all professions and within it are practice acts for individual professions. Within each practice act, each unit within DHHS Licensure, with recommendations from the appropriate boards, regulates those professions. Nissen and Walvoord recommended that as part of their presentation, Waldron and Linder include a reference to sections 38-178 and 38-179 from the UCA, as well as the code of ethics and unprofessional conduct sections from the Psychology regulations (Title

172 NAC Chapter 155. Walvoord mentioned that compared to other states, Nebraska has a higher standard for discipline regarding negligence. Waldron mentioned that Nebraska reports discipline directly to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), while ASPPB does the reporting to NPDB for many of its member boards. Nissen asked if there was a database through ASPPB similar to the NURSIS system used in Nursing licensure, which is a database where licensing boards and staff can view all state licenses held by individual nurses, including any disciplinary actions. ASPPB does not have an equivalent system for viewing license information for psychologists. Baumann said that the PSYPACT website does have information on compact licenses held by psychologists, but that site would not include license information for states which are not currently part of the compact. There was a discussion of the different types of licenses offered through various compacts within different professions.

2. PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>

Baumann said that the next executive meeting of PSYPACT is scheduled for October.

3. American Psychological Association <https://apa.org>

Linder said that she gave a presentation at the last meeting of the APA.

4. Nebraska Psychological Association <https://www.nebpsych.org>

Linder said that the fall conference of the NPA is scheduled for Friday, September 25th, 2026. The theme of the conference will be "Social Connection, Risk, and Resilience Across Contemporary Clinical Contexts." The meeting will be in a hybrid format; attendees may either attend in person in Omaha or attend virtually.

c) Licensure statistics (attached to agenda)

d) Baumann mentioned that renewals for psychology licenses will begin later this year; all licenses expire and will need to be renewed by January 1, 2027.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

Summarized by:
Jessica Dean, Licensure Unit