

Minutes of the September 15, 2026, Meeting Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call

Sarah Pistillo, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists to order at 2:30 p.m. on September 15, 2026, in the Goldenrod Conference Room at 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 e-mailed 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 on August 28, 2026.

Pistillo announced that this is an Open Meeting, and The Open Meetings Act is Posted.

Members Present

Sarah Pistillo, Chairperson
Jeremy Collinson, Vice-Chairperson
Nathan Hartman, Secretary
Tomeka Johnson, Member

Staff Present

Amy Blinston, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
TJ O'Neill, AAG
Kat Amyot, DHHS Attorney
Tyler Walvoord, DHHS Attorney

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Collinson moved, seconded by Hartman, to adopt the agenda.
Voting aye: Hartman, Collinson, Pistillo, and Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion carried

3. Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2025.

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2025, meeting was made by Johnson, Collinson seconded. Voting aye: Collinson, Hartman, Johnson, and Pistillo. Voting Nay: None. Minutes approved.

4. Closed Session

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

5. Board Recommendations

There were no recommendations.

6. Election of Officers.

Collinson moved, seconded by Hartman to keep the same slate of officers. Chairperson: Sarah Pistillo, Vice-Chairperson: Jeremy Collinson, and Secretary: Nathan Hartman. Voting aye: Pistillo, Collinson, Johnson, Hartman. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

7. Per Diem Discussion

Hartman moved, seconded by Collinson, to not receive per diem for Board Activities. Voting aye: Hartman, Pistillo, Collinson, and Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion Carried.

8. Notice of Meeting Publications Discussion

Blinston presented to the board that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Department requests that meeting notices for this Board to continue to be posted on the Department of Health and Human Services Licensure Board Meeting Agenda webpage, be physically posted on the Board Meeting Agenda billboard in the east lobby of the Nebraska State Office Building and be disseminated via email to a list of stakeholders and interested parties. Hartman moved to keep it the same, seconded by Collinson, Voting aye: Hartman, Collinson, Johnson, and Pistillo. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

9. Schedule Meetings for 2027

The Board scheduled a meeting for the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists for September 21, 2027, at 1:00 pm.

10. Legislative Updates

As of now there are no legislative updates for this Board. The next Legislative Session will begin on January 6, 2027.

11. Licensure Application Processing Report

Blinston presented the Licensure Application Report and states it is a snapshot of current licensure activities. The report is presented for information purposes only.

12. Topics for the Next Meeting

Topics will include Legislative Update, Licensure Application Processing Report, Election of Officers, Per Diem Discussion, Notice of Meeting Publication, Schedule Meetings for 2028, and Public Comment.

13. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

*These minutes were approved by the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists
on October 5, 2026*

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm.

Signed, Nathan Hartman, Secretary

(signature on file)