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MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION
October 21, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The Board of Nursing Home Administration was called to order by the Chair, Shannon Buckminster, at 1:01 p.m., at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower-Level Morrill Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered roll call.

Shannon Buckminster, NHA, Chairperson
Tammy Deemer, RN, LNHA, Vice-Chairperson
Janelle Ali-Dinar, PhD
Amy Fish, NHA
Teresa Parker, MAM, MA, NHA – Via WebEx
Alexander Willford, NHA

Absent:

David Deemer, NHA, Secretary
Gary Antone
Linda Bryant

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Also present were: Sean Loving, Program Manager; Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator; Teresa Hampton, Department Legal; Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General; Trevor Kalussen, Investigator of the Investigations Unit.

Buckminster announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

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 web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and posted in the Licensure Unit on October 7, 2025.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Deemer, T moved, seconded by Fish, to approve the agenda with the corrections. Voting aye: Buckminster, Deemer, T, Ali-Dinar, Fish, Parker and Willford. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Deemer, D, Antone, and Bryant. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 22, 2025

Willford moved, seconded by Ali-Dinar, to approve the agenda with the following corrections;

Page 1: “vice” was added in front of “chairperson”.

Voting aye: Buckminster, Deemer, T, Ali-Dinar, Fish, Parker and Willford. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Deemer, D, Antone, and Bryant. Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – Closed Session

Fish moved, seconded by Deemer, T, to enter into closed session at 1:08 p.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury

to the reputation of the individuals. Buckminster repeated the motion and purpose. Voting aye: Buckminster, Deemer, T, Ali-Dinar, Fish, Parker and Willford. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Deemer, D, Antone, and Bryant. Motion carried.

5. OPEN SESSION Application review and recommendations (initial licensure, reinstatement, convictions, administrative penalties, and mail ballot reports)

The board returned to open session at 1:38 p.m.

APPLICATIONS

John Kelch – Preliminary Conviction Review

Deemer, T moved, seconded by Parker, to recommend denial of the preliminary conviction review of a Nursing Home Administrator license. The basis of the denial is due to the criminal history of assault. Voting aye: Buckminster, Deemer, T, Ali-Dinar, Fish, Parker and Willford. Voting nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Deemer, D, Antone, and Bryant. Motion carried.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- a) **Legislation:** There are no updates at this time.
- b) **National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB):** <https://www.nabweb.org/home> - Fish mentioned there is nothing to report. The next meeting will be in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which will also include the exam committee meeting.
- c) **LeadingAge Nebraska:** <https://www.leadingagene.org/> - There are no updates at this time.
- d) **Nebraska Health Care Association:** <https://nehca.org/> - Fish mentioned that NHCA, hopefully starting November 1st, the NHA Preceptor training will be offered on demand. The only Preceptor training available is NAB, which costs \$10.
- e) **Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions; License Statistics; and Examinations:** Fish expressed concern about the low numbers in the Nursing Home Administrator profession. She suggested we need to take action to attract more people to the field. She encourages others to get people to become preceptors and promote the profession. Some are participating only for the continuing education credits. The number of people taking the exam was higher before COVID. Since COVID, the number of exam takers has decreased.

Buckminster mentioned that people go through the education but don't take the exam.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There are no public comments at this time

8. ADJOURNMENT

This is the last meeting of 2025. No further information was presented, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

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Summarized by: Heather Ord, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit