



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

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AGENDA		Posted 10/16/25
<u>Date and Time:</u>	1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call	Announcement: there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room.
Thursday 10/23/25 9:00 a.m.	2. Adoption of Agenda	
<u>Location:</u>	3. Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2025	
Nebraska State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall S (14 th & M) Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 Lower Level Morrill Room	4. Closed Session (approx. 9:15 a.m.): Investigative Reports and Confidential Information	Purpose: to hear discussions of investigative and confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations.
<u>For Information</u>	5. Open Session (approx. 11:00 a.m.) Review, Recommendations, and Applications.	
<u>Contact:</u>	6. Updates, New Business, and Reports	
Jessica Dean 402-471-4918 Jessica.dean@nebraska.gov	a. Legislation 2025	
	b. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)	
	https://internationalcredentialing.org	
	c. Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (included with agenda)	
	7. Adjournment (approximately 12:00 p.m.)	

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2025 Meeting Dates
1/23/2025
4/24/2025
7/24/2025
10/23/2025

Agenda Item 3

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
July 24, 2025

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:00 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Lincoln, NE 68508. 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 7/14/2025.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (8):

Lori Cleveland, Member
Terry Duffy, Member, Secretary
Amy Eigenberg, Member
Jill Colegrove, Member
Tom Maxson, Member, Vice-Chair
Brian Bierschenk, Member
Anthony Veronee, Member
Victor Gehrig, Member, Chair

Members Absent (0):

None

Staff and Others Present:

Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Dept Legal
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, DHHS Investigators

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Cleveland (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Cleveland (1). Motion carried.

4. SharePoint training

Jen Wolf attended the meeting to discuss the SharePoint login and how to get logged in.

5. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION **CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:02 a.m. to hear discussions of

investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to individual reputations. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Break 10:25 am

6. APPLICATION REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10: 45 OPEN SESSION

Application Review

Brett Avila - Conviction Review

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to recommend that conviction history would not disqualify him from applying. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Amy Batten

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing a license with a probation concurrent with the probation on her LMHP. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Victor Camacho

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to table the discussion and request more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Cleveland (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Abstain: Gehrig (1) Motion carried.

Stephanie Coello

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to table the discussion and request more information A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Jason Dotzler

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to table the discussion and request more information A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Jenna Kennedy

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to lack of good character, conviction history and prior disciplinary history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Brittany Pasch

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to still on probation, conviction history and recent convictions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

LaTisha Ramirez

MOTION: Colgrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend issuing a license without limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Michelle Vega Hernandez

MOTION: Colgrove moved, seconded by Veronee, to recommend denial. The recommendation is due to prior conviction

history, physical or mental incapacity to practice the profession as evidenced by a legal judgement or a determination by other lawful means. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

7. UPDATES, NEW BUSINESS, AND REPORTS

- a. Legislation 2025
 - 1) Loving discussed the plans for combining the Mental Health board and Alcohol and Drug Counseling board in 2026.
 - 2) Loving mentioned LB 29 was passed about evaluating regulations every 5 years.
- b. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve funds for Tom Maxson to attend the annual conference in October 2025. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee, Gehrig, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Loving mentioned working on the JP and will let them approve before it is finalized.

- c. Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached to agenda).

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Loving announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2025, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Summarized by: Sean Loving, Program Manager

Agenda Item 6c

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT



SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS

Alcohol and Drug Counselor

	Active	Application File Closed	Closed	Deleted	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	889	42	1	29	15	412	277	1	30
Alcohol/Drug Prelim Conviction R2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Cou	506	58	1	17	24	560	35	0	114
Total	1,397	100	2	47	40	972	312	1	144

Null and Void	Pending	Reinstatement Pending	Revocation	Suspension	Voluntary Surrender	Withdrawn	Total
23	6	2	27	1	11	44	1,810
0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
1,130	11	0	21	9	9	43	2,538
1,153	19	2	48	10	20	87	4,354

Compliance Listing

Toledo Francisquez, Fredy Jhovany	P-2309	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	04/23/2025	04/23/2026
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Civil Penalty	02/22/2024	02/22/2027

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT



EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Date Range: 07/24/2025 to 10/15/2025

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	Pass	6
IC & RC Written Examination total:			6

Report total: 6

**NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT**



EXAMINATION STATUS REPORT (GENERAL)

Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Exam Dates: 07/24/2025 to 10/15/2025

Licensee / Applicant Name	Exam Battery	Exam Name	Exam Score	Exam Result	Exam Date
Bishop, Katrina Jo	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	692	Pass	08/29/2025
Cramer, Angela Fae	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	677	Pass	08/15/2025
Jackson, Larissa Marie	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	536	Pass	09/02/2025
Lorenzen, Katie Lynne	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	641	Pass	08/05/2025
Wachtel, Jeanette Marie	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	518	Pass	08/15/2025
Williamson, Michael Dean	IC & RC Written Examination	IC & RC Written Examination	587	Pass	08/16/2025