



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling**

This meeting will be held in-person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion in the Lower Level, Godlenrod Room. This meeting will also be available to the public to participate by WEBEX using this link:

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AGENDA		Posted 10.11.2024
<p><u>Date and Time:</u> Thursday October 24, 2024 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Location:</u> State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14th & M) Lincoln, Nebraska Lower Level Goldenrod Room</p> <p><u>For Information</u> <u>Contact:</u> Sean Loving 402-471-2117 Dhhs.licensure 2117@nebraska.gov</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call <u>Announcement:</u> There is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room. 2. Adoption of Agenda 3. Approval of Minutes 4. Closed Session (approx. 9:15 am): Investigative Reports and Confidential Information <u>Purpose:</u> To hear discussions of investigative and confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. 5. Open Session (approx. 10:00 am) Review, Recommendations and Report Out, Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes, and Reinstatements. 6. Updates, New Business, and Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Legislation b) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report c) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) https://internationalcredentialing.org d) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda) 7. Public Comments 8. Adjournment 	

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2024 Meeting Dates
1.25.2024
4.25.2024
7.25.2024
10.24.2024

Agenda Item 6d

License Statistics:

		SUMMARY COUNT
Profession	License Statuses: License Types	Active
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	799
	Alcohol/Drug Prelim Conviction Review	1
	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	443
	Grand Total	1,243

Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions since 1.1.2024:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT COMPLIANCE LISTING REPORT						
Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor Action Start Date Range: 01/01/2024 to 10/10/2024					Run Date: 10/10/2024 Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Licensee Name	License No	License Type	License Status	Disciplinary Action	Action Start	Action End
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	02/15/2024	02/22/2024
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Probation	03/03/2024	03/03/2025
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Civil Penalty	02/22/2024	02/22/2027
Leikam, Megan Ann	1399	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Suspension	03/03/2024	05/31/2024
O'Brien, Leah K	1383	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Probation	06/22/2024	06/22/2025
O'Brien, Leah K	1383	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	06/10/2024	06/12/2024
O'Brien, Leah K	1383	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Suspension	06/22/2024	09/19/2024
Surrounded, Kelly	1397	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Revocation	Revocation	06/16/2024	
Surrounded, Kelly	1397	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Revocation	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	02/15/2024	06/06/2024
Tucci, Melissa E	1192	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Censure	09/18/2024	
Tucci, Melissa E	1192	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	09/17/2024	09/18/2024
White, Lisa K	1374	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Revocation	Revocation	05/04/2024	
White, Lisa K	1374	Alcohol and Drug Cou	Revocation	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	03/15/2024	04/24/2024
Yunker, Kimberley Kay	P-1890	Provisional Alcohol an	Suspension	Suspension	03/23/2024	
Yunker, Kimberley Kay	P-1890	Provisional Alcohol an	Suspension	Amended Petition	03/12/2024	03/13/2024

Examinations:

EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT			
Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor Date Range: 01/01/2024 to 10/10/2024			Run Date: 10/10/2024 Page No: Page 1 of 1
Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result Status	Number of Candidates per Result Status
IC & RC Written	IC & RC Written Examination	Pass	27
	IC & RC Written Examination	Fail	4

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
July 25, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:12 a.m., in the Lower Level Morrill Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the State Office Building Lobby on 7.8.2024.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (7):

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

Members Absent (1):

Anthony Veronee, Member

Staff and Others Present (8):

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor
Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via WebEx)
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, Denniss Scott-investigations

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to enter into closed session at 9:15 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Veronee (1). Motion carried.

9:51 am Duffy exited room

9:55 am Duffy entered room

9:56 am Scott, Meyerson, Klassen exited room

10:00 am After Board Member agreement, Gehrig stated the meeting is now in open session

10:01 am Board break

10:11 am Board returned to open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Janee Smith- PLADC

MOTION: Maxson moved, seconded by Colegrove, to issue without any terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Veronee (1). Motion carried.

Erica Boeser-- PLADC

MOTION: Eigenberg moved, seconded by Cleveland, to issue without any terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Veronee (1). Motion carried.

4. Updates, New Business, and Reports

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e) Legislation 2024

Loving reported no update

f) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report

No report, the board determined to remove updates for future

g) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>

Maxson reported the annual conference October 21.

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

h) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)

No additional information as they are attached

9. ADJOURNMENT

Gehrig announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Summarized by:

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator