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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
October 24, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Chair, at 9:17 a.m., in the Lower Level Goldenrod 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 10.11.2024.

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
Anthony Veronee, Member

Members Absent (0):

Staff and Others Present (8):

Sean Loving, DHHS Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via WebEx)
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, Dennis Scott-investigations
Public present

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschen, Veronee (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:24 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, Veronee (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

9:24 am Public exited room

9:45 am Scott, Meyerson, Klassen exited room

10:24 am After Board Member agreement, Gehrig stated the meeting is now in open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

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

Jason Dotzler- PLADC

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

Sheri Gall-- PLADC

MOTION: Colgrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny due to prior discipline. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Bierschenk, Veronee (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

6. Updates, New Business, and Reports

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a) Legislation 2024

Jurisprudence Exam-board individually review and report back at the next meeting.

Colgrove discussed proposed budget cuts for Medicaid for counselors.

10:31am break

10:41am return from break

b) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report

No report, the board determined to remove updates for future: Remove for future board meetings.

c) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)

Maxson reported the annual conference October 21. Testing was the main discussion at the conference.

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

No additional information as they are attached

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Gehrig announced the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11.14 am.

Summarized by:

Sean Loving, Program Manager