

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2025

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairperson, Adam Kuenning, at 9:01 a.m. on October 24, 2025, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the roll call:

Adam Kuenning, JD, LLM, Chairperson
Wesley Zeger, DO, Vice-Chairperson
Rachel Blake, MD
Jodanne Hedrick, DO
Brian Keegan, MD
John Massey, MD (joined at 9:05 a.m.)
Public Member Position – Vacant

Absent: Mark Goodman, MD, Secretary

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Program Manager and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator with the Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Deric Goldstein, Intern with the AG Office; Hayley Alvarado, Randy Clark, Trevor Klaassen and Mark Meyerson, Investigators with the Investigation Unit and Ellie Rohr, DHHS Department Attorney.

Kuenning 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 on the Bulletin Board at the entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building October 14, 2025.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Blake moved, seconded by Hedrick to approve adoption of the agenda with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE APPLICATION(S) CONSENT AGENDA

Blake moved, seconded by Zeger, to have the following applications removed from the Application Review Consent Agenda:

Kim, Hwi Young, MD – Physician Initial application
Wigington, Gregory, MD - Physician Reinstatement and removal of limitation application
Wik, Daniel, MD – Reinstatement after Discipline requesting removal of limitation application

Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman and Massey. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

2025 LEGISLATION UPDATES

Paul Henderson, Vice President, Advocacy & Regulation, In-House Counsel with the NMA (Nebraska Medical Association) was present to discuss and provide updates to the Board for the 109th Legislature.

NMA is helping the State apply for the funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHT). Nebraska should receive at least 100 million each year for five years. To learn more go to:

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/rural-health-transformation-rht-program>

LB527 - Adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act and change provisions relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited health service organizations, and insurance companies

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/Slip/LB527.pdf>

Hopefully this will be effective January 1, 2026

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Currently there are no updates for the Board.

PRESENTATION BY DR. PATTERSON, NEBRASKA MEDICINE

UNMC and NE Medicine are recruiting qualified and experienced physicians to serve as members of their faculty to participate in GME and clinical programs. Those physicians identified by UNMC and NE Medicine would submit the TVFP (Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit). The applicant would need to be approved by the Board of Medicine and Surgery and the DHHS Department.

If the TVFP physician expresses their desire to stay in Nebraska for the long term, UNMC will assist the physician in gaining the necessary steps for permanent licensure.

PRESENTATION BY CHARLIE SHEFFIELD, AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL SPECIALTIES (ABMS)

The ABMS is the leader in Board certification for Specialty Medicine. There are 24 independent member boards, 38 specialties and 89 sub-specialties.

*To qualify you must have achieved initial board certification:

There are **four** elements with one program:

- Professionalism and professional standing
- Lifelong learning and self-assessment
- Assessment of knowledge, judgment and skills
- Improvement in medical practice

Six ABMS/ACGME core competencies:

- Medical knowledge
- Practice-Based learning and improvement
- Patient care and procedural skills
- Systems-Based practice
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Professionalism

FSMB (Federation of State Medical Boards) supports the use of and encourages state boards to recognize a licensee's participation in an ABMS Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program as an acceptable means of meeting CME requirements for license renewal.

Recognizing specialty certification for CME:

- Allows physicians to simply submit their certification status and certifying organization instead of submitting CME hours for potential review/audits
- Certifying organization confirms active participation in continuing certification for individual physician, ensuring participation in ongoing educational requirements

ABMS program benefits:

- Assists in reducing physician burnout by eliminating redundant practice requirements
- Ensures medical education is meaningful and relevant to individual practice
- Supports goals of ongoing learning for physicians and public accountability
- Reduces administrative burden of medical boards to audit and review individual physician CME

For more information regarding the ABMS go to: <https://www.abms.org/>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Kuenning noted one change to the minutes of the meeting from September on page 1. The minutes stated that Dr. Massey attended the meeting by WebEx when in fact he was present in person. So that will be updated in the minutes.

Zeger moved, seconded by Keegan to approve the September 12, 2025, minutes with the noted correction.

Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman.

Abstain: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Wigington and his Attorney, Erin Pemberton note that they are present and available to the Board if the Board has any questions for them as the Board reviews Dr. Wigington's application.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Goodman moved, seconded by Hedrick, to go into closed session at 10:03 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Adam Kuenning Recused himself at 10:09 a.m.

Adam Kuenning Returned at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Massey Recused himself at 10:34 a.m.

Dr. Goodman Returned at 10:47 a.m.

Board Break at 11:00 a.m.

Board Returned at 11:20 a.m.

The Board members returned to Open Session at 12:10 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Physician Initial Application(s) (1)

KIM, HWI YOUNG, MD – application for Initial license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Hedrick moved, seconded by Massey to recommend tabling the application for additional information.

Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman.

Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Physician Reinstatement Application(s) (1)

WIGINGTON, GREGORY, MD – application for reinstatement of his license to practice Medicine and Surgery and removal of the limitation. Massey moved, seconded by Hedrick to recommend approval of the reinstatement of his license to practice Medicine and Surgery, subject to April 13, 2022, probationary terms and conditions including the limitation. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Physician Reinstatement after Discipline Requesting the Removal of the Limitation Application(s) (1)

WIK, DANIEL, MD – application requesting removal of the limitation on his license to practice Medicine and Surgery. Hedrick moved, seconded by Keegan to recommend denial of the request to remove the limitation on his license. Basis for the denial is due to the lack of evidence to support removal of the limitation. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman. Abstain: Massey. Motion carried.

PRACTICE QUESTION(S)

A. Can a licensed Esthetician use the Tixel machine for epidermal rejuvenation without a medical director?

The Board's opinion is that this procedure is the practice of medicine and surgery, therefore, to perform this procedure it would be necessary to be licensed as a Physician.

APPOINTMENT of a BOARD MEMBER to the PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

Massey moved, seconded by Hedrick, to appoint Dr. Blake to continue as the designated Board of Medicine member for the Physician Assistant Committee for the term of 2026 to 2030. Voting aye: Blake, Hedrick, Keegan, Kuenning, Massey and Zeger. Voting nay: None. Absent: Goodman. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

FYI – EMERGENCY SYSTEM for ADVANCE REGISTRATION of VOLUNTEER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (ESAR-VHP)

The Board recognizes the importance of the ESAR-VHP program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2025, in the Husker Conference Room at the Hampton Inn & Suites. To see a complete list of the projected schedule for the 2026 schedule, visit the DHHS website:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Kuenning, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Wesley Zeger, MD, Vice Chairperson
Board of Medicine and Surgery