

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**Board of Mental Health Practice**  
November 1, 2024

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by Czajas-Stevens, Vice-Chair, at 9:01 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Goldenrod Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. 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 10.24.24 and 10.31.24.

Czaja-Stevens stated that there is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room and available at the link listed below on the agenda.

The following members answered roll call:

**Members Present, (9)**

Susan Meyerle, Member  
Dale Battleson, Member  
Paul Davies, Member  
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member, Vice-Chair  
Amanda Milander-Mace, Member  
Sara Batter, Member, Secretary  
Adrian Martin, Member  
Renea Gernant, Member

**Members Absent (1):**

Scott Stocking, Member

**Others Present:**

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit  
Jessica Dean, Administrative Technician, Licensure Unit  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Melissa Johnson-Wiles, Assistant Attorney General  
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Attorney  
Katherine Amyot, DHHS Department Attorney via Webex

Anna Harrison, DHHS, Licensure Unit Compliance Monitor

Mark Meyerson, Tavor Klassen, Carla Cue, Kathy Krueger, Dennis Scott-Investigations

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

9:02 am Scott Stocking entered

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Gernant moved, seconded by Battleson, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (1). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES September 6, 2024**

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the minutes, with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Martin, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: Gernant (1). Motion carried

**4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Gernant, to enter into closed session at 907 a.m. to hear discussions of a confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Meyerle Gernant (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

9:07am Davies, Mylander-Mace exited  
9:08am Davies, Mylander-Mace entered  
9:09am Czaja-Stevens exited  
9:11 Czaja-Stevens entered  
9:46am Scott exited

10:26 moved for break  
10:37 back from break  
11:08am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter open session.

## 5. OPEN SESSION

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

### Pamela Helem-reinstatement

**MOTION:** Battleson moved, seconded by Batter, to deny. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Meyerle (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

### Eric McDougle-reinstatement

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Gernant, to deny. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Meyerle (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

### Jason Dotzler-reinstatement

**MOTION:** Batter moved, seconded by Battleson, to deny. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Meyerle (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

## 6. UPDATES AND REPORTS:

### a. Legislation:

Loving updated the board on the Art Therapy Regulations and the status of them being wrote.  
Loving talked about the next steps on the regulations.

### b. Association and Committee Updates:

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Meyerle asked for funds to pay for the meeting.

**MOTION:** Gernant moved, seconded by Davies, for the board to provide funds to pay for the AASCB meeting. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gernant, Martin, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Meyerle (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (1) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried

Discussed issues that were mentioned in the AASCB meetings.

- Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>

Meyerle update the board on what was discussed for requirements for the LIPC license.

- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>

Battleson reported on the conference that occurred in September in Baltimore.

- ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>  
Loving mentioned a second meeting in February and that there are now 22 states participating in the compact.
- c. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)
7. Public Comment-no comments

**ADJOURN**

Czajas-Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2025.

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Board of Mental Health Practice  
Summarized by: Sean Loving Licensure Unit