



NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA PSYCHOLOGY

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	AGENDA Posted: 11/6/2025
<u>Date:</u> Friday, November 14, 2025 <u>Meeting Time:</u> 10:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14th and M Street) Lower Level, Morrill Room Lincoln, Nebraska <u>For Information Contact:</u> Jessica Dean 402-471-4918 or Jessica.Dean@nebraska.gov	1. Roll Call and Call Meeting to Order Announcement: 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. 2. Adoption of Agenda 3. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2025 4. Closed Session (approx. 10:15 a.m.): Investigative 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. 11:00 a.m.): Review, Recommendations and Reports (Applications, Mail Ballot Summary Report if applicable, and Reinstatements if applicable) 6. Public Comment/Questions 7. January Meeting Date 8. Updates/Reports a. Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards https://www.asppb.org b. PSYPACT https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT c. American Psychological Association http://www.apa.org d. Nebraska Psychological Association http://www.nebpsych.org e. Legislation (if applicable) f. Master's Level Psychology License g. Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information (attached to agenda) 9. Adjournment (approx. 12:00 pm)

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Agenda Item 3

These minutes have not been approved by the board.

MEETING MINUTES **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY** **September 19, 2025**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the chair, Stephanie Bruhn, at 10:02 a.m. on September 19, 2025. The meeting was located in the Nebraska State Office Building, Morrill Room, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68508. 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 website on and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building on September 9, 2025.

The following members of the board answered roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT (6)

Stephanie Bruhn, Chair, PhD
Thomas Cardwell, PhD
Deborah Hoffnung, PhD
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary, Public Member
Katherine Linder, PhD
Stacy Waldron, Vice-Chair, PhD

The following board member arrived after roll call: Jennifer Dreibelbis, Public Member (arrived at 10:10 a.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Sean Loving, Program Manager
Maiya Baumann, Program Manager
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Marley Sandberg, DHHS Department Legal
Mark Meyerson, DHHS Investigator
Carmen Skare, Executive Director of the Nebraska Psychological Association

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Hoffnung moved, seconded by Waldron, to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Voting yes: Bruhn, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, Waldron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none.
Absent: Dreibelbis. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2025

Waldron moved, seconded by Cardwell, to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2025 meeting.

Voting yes: Bruhn, Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Waldron, Linder. Voting no: none. Abstain: none.
Absent: Dreibelbis. Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Waldron moved, seconded by Linder, to enter into closed session at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals involved.

Voting yes: Cardwell, Hoffnung, Johnson, Linder, Waldron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

10:05 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.

10:10 a.m. Dreibelbis entered.

10:52 a.m. Meeting returned to open session.

11:27 a.m. Cardwell left the meeting.

5. APPLICATION REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

Nishma Ramos Gonzalez – Provisionally Licensed Psychologist

Waldron moved, seconded by Linder, to deny the application due to the applicant not meeting educational requirements per Nebraska Administrative Code Title 172 Chapter 155 Section 04.01(C)(iii).

Voting yes: Bruhn, Cardwell, Dreibelbis, Hoffnung, Linder, Johnson and Waldron. Voting no: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

6. UPDATES AND REPORTS

a. Association Updates

i. Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <https://www.asppb.org>

ASPPB will hold their 65th Annual Meeting of the Delegates from October 22-26, 2025, in St. Louis, MO. Waldron stated that the discussion at the meeting will include identifying aspects of competency-based supervision which are relevant for jurisdictions with master's level psychology licenses. They will also be discussing the advantages and disadvantages of a Uniform Licensing Act for Psychology. There will also be a vote on the final draft of revisions to the bylaws; the vote will be held at a hybrid meeting for both in-person and virtual attendees. Bruhn will be attending the meeting as the delegate for Nebraska.

ii. PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>

Bruhn will notify PSYPACT of the change in program manager for Psychology. Their next meeting will be held in November. Waldron said that Montana just went live with compact licensure, so there are now 43 total jurisdictions who have joined PSYPACT.

iii. American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>

Linder and Waldron both attended the last meeting of the APA. Waldron attended the summer program review meeting of the APA CoA (Commission on Accreditation), which included discussions of DEI and school accreditation as well as full distance learning. She said the CoA interprets the Department of Education's rules as saying that if distance learning is equivalent to in-person, it will be accredited. This could be an issue for jurisdictions which have in-person requirements for residency. No doctoral distance learning programs have been accredited yet. Linder attended presentations on prescribing psychologists, which prompted Hoffnung to ask what the state and board's positions have been on prescribing privileges for psychologists in Nebraska. Bruhn stated that there hasn't been much progress on the issue, due in part to the objections of other Nebraska licensing boards. There was a general discussion of the surrounding states which grant prescribing privileges to psychologists, including Iowa, and that it would be beneficial to Nebraska licensees if they were allowed to prescribe medication.

iv. Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>

Carmen Skare, Executive Director of the NPA, attended the open session portion of the meeting. The NPA held their fall conference on September 5, 2025. Dr. Skare discussed various upcoming NPA events, including an event on October 10, 2025, titled "Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask First: Mindful Approaches to Preventing Therapist Burnout" and an event on October 31, 2025, titled "Responsible Integration of AI in Psychological Practice." The NPA has tentatively scheduled their spring conference for May 1, 2026, which will be a hybrid in-person/virtual event.

b. Legislation

There were no updates related to legislation.

c. Master's Level Psychology Licensure

Baumann said that this agenda item was added due to the increase in recent inquiries to the Behavioral Health team regarding master's level psychology licensure. Licensure staff have explained to the members of the public who have inquired about master's level psychology licensure that this license type does not currently exist in Nebraska; a doctoral degree is required to become licensed as a psychologist here, although someone with a master's degree may apply for a psychological assistant license. Dr. Waldron distributed printouts from an ASPPB task force titled "Potential Regulatory Implications of Licensing Masters Trained Individuals (PRI-LM)". The task force document includes model legislative and regulatory language. The Board is not able to advance legislation; it would need to come from an organization such as the Nebraska Psychological Association. Dr. Skare stated that the NPA has developed a task force on master's level licensure which includes master's licensed members and representatives from Nebraska schools, including UNL; she said the NPA would like to be included in the conversation about master's level licensure going forward. Dr. Waldron said that the scope of practice for master's level licensure would need to be carefully formulated to avoid overlap with the scopes of practice for other license types within the psychology and mental health fields.

d. Statistics -- examinations, licensing, and disciplinary/non-disciplinary information were provided in the agenda for the meeting.

Baumann said that there has been an increase in applications recently, including applicants from non-APA accredited schools. Waldron said that there used to be an education review form for non-APA applicants which was part of the application and that form was very helpful for education reviewers; Baumann said that a new form could be developed and added to the application information posted online.

e. Baumann introduced herself to the board as the new Program Manager for the Behavioral Health team and provided the new phone number, email address, and fax number for the team, which have been added to the applications which are posted online. The contact information for the new team should be updated on each profession page in the near future. Within the DHHS Licensure Unit, the team that used to include both Behavioral Health and Consumer Services has been split into two separate teams, with Baumann as the Program Manager and Dean as the Health Licensing Coordinator for the new Behavioral Health team.

f. Johnson mentioned that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska has expanded their mental health provider networks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Bruhn declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2025, and will be a hybrid meeting (online and in-person) in case of inclement weather.

Summarized by Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator

Agenda Item 8g

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



SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS

Psychology

	Active	Active-Military	Application File Closed	Deleted	Denied	Expired	Inactive	Lapsed	NonDisc Revocation
30 Days Temporary Practice	17	0	8	1	1	115	1	0	0
EO 20-10 Temp Provisional Psyc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EO 20-10 Temporary Psychologis	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
EO 20-27 Provisional Psychologis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Original Psychology License	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisionally Licensed Psychologi	45	0	4	3	7	259	3	0	0
Psy Courtesy Exam Candidate	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Psychological Assistant	124	0	10	15	5	2	3	0	0
Psychologist	614	1	24	56	9	196	272	14	54
Psychologist Associate	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Psychology Post-Doctoral Superv	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special License Supervisory Regi	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Special Psychologist	2	0	0	1	0	8	121	13	41
Supervisory PLMHP Registration	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Supervisory Registration Form	21	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	0
Temporary Psychologist	2	0	3	5	1	0	0	0	0
Total	834	1	50	88	24	586	400	28	95

Null and Void	Pending	Reinstatement Pending	Revocation	Suspension	Voluntary Surrender	Withdrawn	Total
9	1	0	0	0	0	1	154
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11
404	0	0	0	0	0	0	404
390	5	0	1	0	0	7	724
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
92	0	0	0	0	0	8	259
24	1	1	5	1	13	12	1,297
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
12	0	1	0	0	48	0	247
189	0	0	0	0	0	3	193
101	0	0	1	0	0	0	129
74	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
1,305	7	2	7	1	61	42	3,531

Compliance Listing

Stevens, Nicholas Russell, PsyD	884	Psychologist	Active	Civil Penalty	08/28/2024	08/28/2026
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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT



EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

Profession: Psychology

Date Range: 09/09/2025 to 11/05/2025

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
Psychology Examination	Oral/Written Jurisprudence	Pass	1
Psychology Examination total:			1
Report total:			1