

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 17, 2023**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Nicole Schwensow, PA-C, Chairperson in the Husker Conference Room, of the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was held In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the initial roll call:

Nicole Schwensow, PA-C, Chairperson  
Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Vice-Chairperson  
Merle Henkenius, Secretary  
Rachel Blake, MD

Absent: Corrigan McBride, MD

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Vonda Apking, Program Manager and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General; Juliann Lanphier-Willson, Department Attorney; Kathleen Krueger, Investigator with the Investigation Unit and Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, with the DHHS Licensing and Investigations by WebEx.

Schwensow 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 Committee 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 November 6, 2023.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Henkenius moved, seconded by Dolphens, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Blake, Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: McBride. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dolphens moved, seconded by Blake to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2023, as presented. Voting aye: Blake, Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: McBride. Motion carried.

**2023 LEGISLATION UPDATES**

There were no updates for discussion currently.

**REGULATIONS UPDATE**

There were no updates for discussion currently.

**INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION**

Dolphens moved, seconded by Blake to go into closed session at 2:02 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Blake, Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: McBride. Motion carried.

The committee members returned to Open Session at 2:39 p.m.

**APPLICATION(S) REVIEW – OPEN SESSION**

No applications were presented for review.

**COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

The next Physician Assistant Committee meeting is scheduled January 19, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

The projected schedule for 2024 is listed on the DHHS website:  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Schwensow, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\*signature available upon request\*

Merle Henkenius, Secretary  
Physician Assistant Committee