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**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCING MEETING**  
**Board of Mental Health Practice**  
January 5, 2024

**1. ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Virtual Conferencing Meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Susan Meyerle, at 9:00 a.m. at the at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level Morrill 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 12.18.2023 and revised on 12.20.2023.

Meyerle 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, Chair  
Sara Batter, Member  
Dale Battleson, Secretary  
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member (in room)  
Paul Davies, Member (in room)  
Renea Gernant, Member  
Janeen Gill, Vice-Chair  
Scott Stocking, Member (in room)  
Amanda Milander-Mace, Member (in room)

**Members Absent (0):**

**Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Abby -Assistant Attorney General  
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor  
Juliann Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney  
Clair Covert-ByBee, Program Manger, Licensure Unit

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Czaja-Stevens, moved, seconded by Gernant, to adopt the minutes of 12.1.2023 with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

#### **4. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Batter, to enter into closed session at 9:04 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, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9:05 am Czaja-Stevens exited room  
9:19 am Czaja-Stevens entered room  
9:30 am Harrison exited room

9:39am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter into open session.

#### **5. OPEN SESSION**

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

##### **Conviction Reviews:**

##### **Reginald Bollinger – Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner:**

**MOTION:** Battleson moved, seconded by Gill, to recommend issuance of the license the same terms as the currently in place on the Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Master Social Worker. Basis current probation. . A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Czaja-Stevens (1). Motion carried.

##### **Hannah Tangeman - Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and Master Social Worker:**

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Battelson, to recommend to issuance without any terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

#### **6. Education requirements (172 NAC 94 .007 and 38-2123)**

The board discussed what information would need to be submitted to show training equivalency, they would need a detailed syllabus, course description and Instructor bio, verification of course completion and a practicum documentation.

It was suggested that the Department reach out to Veteran Affairs to see what information would be able to be obtained by a service member.

#### **7. FAQ review**

The board reviewed the current FAQ's and determined no additional information was needed for them at this time. The board was given information from Department legal on who to send questions to when they receive them.

#### **8. Public comment: No comments**

#### **9. UPDATES AND REPORTS:**

- Legislation 2024  
Social Work compact was introduced to legislation (LB822) BY Senator Blood. The board will have a special meeting January 19 to discuss their standing of the bill.
- Association and Committee Updates:
  - a. AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>  
Meyerle reported she would be attending

- b. Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>  
Meyerly reported she would be attending the January 10 meeting
- c. AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>  
Battleson reported no updates
- d. ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>  
Batter reported ASWB exam is being worked on.  
March is Social Work Month
- e. Justice Behavioral Health Committee  
They have not been meeting
- f. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)  
Oldehoeft reported, they are attached no additional information

#### **10. By-Laws**

Board discussion, No changes to be made

#### **11. Annual Business**

Election of Officers

**MOTION:** Battleson moved, seconded by Batter nominate Gill as Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Batter, Battleson, Gill, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Gernant, Milander-Mace, Stocking (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Meyerle (1). Motion carried.

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

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

#### **12. ADJOURN**

Meyerle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19am pm; the next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2024.

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Sara Batter, Secretary  
Board of Mental Health Practice  
Summarized by: Licensure Unit