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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling  
January 25, 2024

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Amy Eigenberg, Chair, at 9:01 a.m., in the Lower Level Goldenrod Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the State Office Building Lobby on 1.9.2024.

The following members answered roll call:

**Members Present (7):**

Lori Cleveland, Member  
Terry Duffy, Member  
Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair  
Amy Eigenberg, Chair  
Jill Colegrove, Secretary  
Tom Maxson, Member  
Anthony Veronee, Member

**Members Absent (1):**

Brian Bierschenk, Member

**Staff and Others Present (8):**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit  
Matt Gelvin, DHHS Program Manager  
Anna Harrison, DHHS Compliance Monitor  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Abigail Hoy Nissen, Assistant Attorney General  
Julianna Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney  
Mark Meyerson and Trevor Klassen-investigations

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Cleveland moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Colegrove, Maxson (5). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Eigenberg, Veronee (2) Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

**Introduction of new Member Anthony Veronee**

**4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Duffy, to enter into closed session at 9:04 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Eigenberg repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

9:05 am Cleveland exited room  
9:18 am Cleveland entered room

9:49 am Meyerson exited room

10:14 am Harrison, exited room  
10:15 am Klassen exited room  
10:17 am Harrison entered room

10:35 am After Board Member agreement, Eigenberg stated the meeting is now in open session  
10:35 am Board break  
10:50 am Board returned to open session

## **5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT**

### **OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements**

#### **Tina Owens- PLADC**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy, to issue without any terms or conditions.

A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7).  
Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

#### **Shane Reilly-- PLADC**

**MOTION:** Maxson moved, seconded by Cleveland, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken.  
Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0).  
Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

## **4. Updates, New Business, and Reports**

1. Updates, New Business, and Reports
  - a) Legislation 2024  
LB1417-moving The Board of Alcohol and Drug into the Board of Mental Health Practice  
Board discussion regarding this move
  - b) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report  
No report
  - c) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>  
Maxson reported on the annual conference
  - d) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)  
No additional information as they are attached

## **5. Annual Business**

- a) Meeting dates for 2024 (1.25, 4.25, 7.25 and 10.24)  
Board agreed to dates as indicated
- b) Elections and Appointments (officers, investigative consultant, IC&RC representative, and education reviewers)

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Colegrove, to recommend Gehrig as Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to recommend Maxson as Vice Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend Duffey as Secretary. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

IC&RC representative-Maxson  
Education Reviewer-Eigenberg  
Investigation consultant-Colegrove and Cleveland

Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas <https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings>

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Gehrig, To approve the method of noticing meetings as the same used during 2023 (post agenda on the Licensure Unit's website and lobby bulletin board, and forward to any requesters). . A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

Per Diem Payments (Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-171 – attached to agenda)

**MOTION:** Duffy moved, seconded by Colegrove, To approve the approve the Per Diem as attached to the agenda. . A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Eigenberg, Colegrove, Maxson, Veronee (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk (1). Motion carried.

- e) Board goals for 2024
  - a. Jurisprudence exam
  - b. Discipline guidelines
  - c. By-laws

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Eigenberg announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 12:05pm.

Summarized by:  
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator