



## NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA Board of Mental Health Practice

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Call-in information: 1-408-418-9388; Meeting number (access code): 2485 439 9084

AGENDA		Posted:3/24/25
<p><b>Date:</b> Friday <b>April 11, 2025</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Location:</b> State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14<sup>th</sup> and M Street) 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Room 3H Lincoln, Nebraska</p> <p><b>For Information Contact:</b></p> <p>Jessica Dean 402-471-4918 or <a href="mailto:Jessica.dean@nebraska.gov">Jessica.dean@nebraska.gov</a></p>	<p>1. <b>ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER</b> <u>Announcement:</u> 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.</p>	
	2. <b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	
	3. <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	
	4. <b>CLOSED SESSION (approx. 9:30 a.m.)</b> Confidential Information <u>Purpose:</u> To hear discussions of confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals	
	5. <b>OPEN SESSION (approx. 11:30 a.m.)</b> Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out (mail ballots)	
	6. <b>Public comment</b>	
	7. <b>UPDATES AND REPORTS:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation 2025</li> <li>Association and Committee Updates:</li> <li>AASCB <a href="http://www.aascb.org">http://www.aascb.org</a></li> <li>Counseling Compact <a href="https://counselingcompact.org/">https://counselingcompact.org/</a></li> <li>AMFTRB <a href="http://www.amftrb.org">http://www.amftrb.org</a></li> <li>ASWB <a href="http://www.aswb.org">http://www.aswb.org</a></li> <li>Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)</li> </ul>	
	8. <b>ADJOURN</b> (Approx. 2:00 pm)	

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<p>All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit and <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx</a></p> <p>If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call (402) 471-2117 (voice), or for persons with hearing impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System, 711 TDD, prior to the meeting date. Advance notice of seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.</p>	2025 Meeting Dates: Meetings start at 9:00 a.m.	
	1/31/2025	7/11/2025
	3/7/2025	9/5/2025
	4/11/2025	11/7/2025
	5/2/2025	

### **Agenda Item 3:**

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** **Board of Mental Health Practice** January 31, 2025

### **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, Otoe 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 1.23.2025.

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, (10)**

Susan Meyerle, Member  
Paul Davies, Member  
Tammy Erickson, Member  
Jen McNally, Member  
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member, Vice-Chair  
Amanda Milander-Mace, Member  
Sara Batter, Member, Secretary  
Adrian Martin, Member  
Renea Gernant, Member  
Scott Stocking, Member

#### **Members Absent (0):**

#### **Others Present:**

Sean Loving, Program Manager, Licensure Unit  
Jessica Dean, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit  
Abigail Niessen, Assistant Attorney General  
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Attorney  
Anna Harrison, DHHS, Licensure Unit Compliance Monitor  
Mark Meyerson, Trevor Klassen, Carla Cue, Brittany Bigham-Investigations

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Gernant moved, seconded by Stocking, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES-November 1, 2024**

**MOTION:** Gernant moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the minutes, with corrections. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

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

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Martin, to enter into closed session at 9:15 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: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10).  
Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

11:08am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter open session.

## **5. OPEN SESSION**

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

### **Barela-Conviction Review**

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter, to issue without limitations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

### **Nicholas Rhamy**

**MOTION:** Stocking moved, seconded by Gernant, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

### **Taiza Reed**

**MOTION:** Batter moved, seconded by Meyerle, to deny due to not meeting qualifications. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

## **6.Public Comment**

no comments

## **7.UPDATES AND REPORTS:**

- a. Legislation:  
LB29,346,332,257,380 and 381 were mentioned.
- b. Association and Committee Updates:
  - AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>  
Meyerle asked for funds to pay for the meeting.  
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)

## **8.By-Laws**

Board discussion, no changes to be made

**MOTION:** Batter moved, seconded by Gernant to accept the By-laws. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

## **9.Annual Business**

Election of Officers

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter nominate Rebecca Czaja-Stevens as Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Czaja-Stevens (1). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Gernant to nominate Sara Batter as Vice-Chair. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Davies, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Czaja-Stevens, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Batter (1). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Meyerle moved, seconded by Batter to nominate Paul Davies as Secretary. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Erickson. McNally, Meyerle, Czaja-Stevens, Milander-Mace, Stocking, Batter, Martin, Gernant (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: (0). Vacant (0) Abstain: Davies (1). Motion carried.

Meyerle will continue to be education consultant.  
Martin will be new AMFTRB representative.  
Batter will continue to be investigative consultant.

## **ADJOURN**

Czajas-Stevens declared the meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm; the next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2025.

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

## **Agenda Item 7:**

### **Active Licenses**

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



#### **SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY LICENSE STATUS**

##### **Mental Health Practice**

	Active	Active-Military	Application File closed	Closed	Deleted	Denied	Denied Renewal	Expired	Expired Credential	Inactive	Lapsed	Non-lic Renewal	Null and Void
Cos Preliminary Conviction Revie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
EO 20-27 Prov Independent MHP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
EO 20-27 Prov Mental Health Pra	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independent Mental Health Pract	3,356	7	277	1	89	15	1	484	0	176	0	9	36
Marriage & Family Therapist	128	0	24	1	2	3	0	75	0	36	1	16	1
Master Social Worker	1,345	1	84	0	9	4	1	422	0	432	43	193	25
Master Social Worker - CMSW	56	0	20	0	8	1	0	40	0	24	0	12	15
Mental Health Practitioner	2,150	6	236	3	154	18	2	2,445	0	1,129	70	340	54
Non-License (Exam applicant onl	22	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Professional Counselor	1,131	1	108	0	21	6	0	917	0	545	65	262	45
Provisional Master Social Worker	524	0	27	0	5	1	0	41	243	11	0	0	1,234
Provisional Mental Health Practiti	1,573	0	151	6	25	20	0	394	1,368	53	1	0	5,093
Social Worker	541	1	71	0	46	9	0	1,072	0	777	205	976	25
Supervised Marriage & Family Th	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	51
Temporary Cert Marriage Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Temporary Mental Health Practiti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,826</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,908</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>6,553</b>

Examinations

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT

EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT

Profession: Mental Health Practice  
Date Range: 01/01/2025 to 03/24/2025

Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result	Number of Candidates
ASWB-Clinical	ASWB-Clinical (formerly AASSWB)	Pass	5
		Fail	2
		ASWB-Clinical total:	7
Jurisprudence Exam	Jurisprudence	Pass	16
		Jurisprudence Exam total:	16
NBCC-NCE	NCE (NBCC)	Pass	11
		Fail	4
		NBCC-NCE total:	15
NBCC-NCMHCE	NBCC-NCMHCE	Pass	5
		Fail	6
		NBCC-NCMHCE total:	11
Report total:			49

Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions

Mental Health Practice				
Mental Health Practitioner				
Stegall, Victoria E	4955			
Bennington, NE				
	Civil Penalty Revocation	3/6/25		38.179 Unprofessional Conduct 38.179 Unprofessional Conduct
Provisional Master Social Worker				
Bhatti, Saira Imran	7738			
Omaha, NE				
	Civil Penalty Revocation	1/2/25	1/2/27	38.179.9 Sexual Abuse,Miscnduct,Exploit 38.179.9 Sexual Abuse,Miscnduct,Exploit
Provisional Mental Health Practitioner				
Bhatti, Saira Imran	13034			
Omaha, NE				
	Civil Penalty Revocation	1/2/25	1/2/27	38.179.9 Sexual Abuse,Miscnduct,Exploit 38.179.9 Sexual Abuse,Miscnduct,Exploit
Gleason, Abby Lynn	13313			
Glenvil, NE				
	Censure Civil Penalty Limitation-Disciplinary	2/26/25		38.178.24 Unprofessional Conduct 38.178.24 Unprofessional Conduct 38.178.24 Unprofessional Conduct
Saegebarth, Michael Alan	12474			
Norfolk, NE				
	Revocation	3/6/25		38.179.9 Sexual Abuse,Miscnduct,Exploit
Nursing				