

These minutes have been approved by the Board on 10.14.2022

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCING MEETING**  
**Board of Mental Health Practice**  
August 26, 2022

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Virtual Conferencing Meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Susan Meyerle, at 9:08 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level B, 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 website on 08.16.2022.

The following members answered roll call:

**Members Present (9):**

Susan Meyerle, Chair (in room)  
Dale Battleson, Secretary (in room)  
Cassandra Dittmer, Member (in room)  
Janeen Gill, Vice-Chair (on phone)  
Sara Batter, Member (in room)  
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member (in room)  
David Hof, Vice Chair (on phone)  
Mychelle Martinez, Member (on phone)  
Paul Davies, Member (on phone)

**Members Absent (1):**

Laurie Andrews, Member

**Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit, (in room)  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General, (in room)  
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General, (in room)  
Anna Harrison, Compliance Coordinator (on phone)  
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Attorney (on phone)  
Public (in room)

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dittmer moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Batter, Czaja-Stevens, Davies (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Czaja-Stevens, moved, seconded by Davies, to adopt the minutes with corrections from 7.08.2022. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Batter, Czaja-Stevens, Davies (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**4. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

- Implementation of LB 752  
[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=47046](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=47046)
  - (38-131) - Criminal Background Checks for LIMHP applicants  
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/laws/statutes.php?statute=38-131>
  - Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Social-Work-Practice.aspx>

Oldehoeft updated that directions relating to Criminal Background Checks by Fingerprint for LIMHP's (as required by LB 752) is being worked on.

Meyerle updated the board on the compact summit that members can attend virtually on 9.20.22 or 9.22.22

- Executive Order 22-02 Expires 9.30.2022 <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Nebraska-Guidance-Documents.aspx>
- Association and Committee Updates:
  - AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Meyerle reported they are meeting today.

- AMFTRB <http://www.amftrb.org>

Battleson reported the next AMFTRB meeting is in September and will be an in-person meeting in Louisville KY.

9:15 AM Andrews entered via phone

- a. ASWB <http://www.aswb.org>

Batter reported she attended ½ the meeting due to a time zone issue, there is a Compact draft language available

- b. Justice Behavior Health Committee:

Gill updated the meeting scheduled was cancelled, she will be attending the September 28-30, 2022, conference in Omaha for the 2022 Annual meeting.

- Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report, and Administrative Penalty Fees Assessed.

Reports attached to the meeting agenda

9:19 am Public exited the room

## **5. CLOSED SESSION - INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**MOTION:** Batter moved, seconded by Battleson, to enter into closed session at 9:20 a.m. to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Meyerle repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Andrews, Batter, Czaja-Stevens, Davies (10). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9:24 am Cue and Meyerson, Investigations entered room

9:25 am Wiese, Investigations entered room

9:49 am Batter exited the room

9:54 am O'Neill exited the room

9:55 am Batter and O'Neill entered the room

11:43 am Meyerson, Cue and Wiese exited the room

10:44 am Break

10:51 am Return from break

11:02 am Lester entered the room

11:02 am Czaja-Stevens, exited the room  
11:24 am Czaja-Stevens, entered the room

11:26 am Verbal agreement from all board members to enter into open session.

**6. OPEN SESSION - REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REPORT OUT**  
**Applications and Reinstatement Applications**

**Corey Allmendinger - Certified Social Worker:**

**MOTION:** Dittmer moved, seconded by Davies, to issue without terms and conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Batter, Davies (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews (1). Abstain: Czaja-Stevens (1). Motion carried.

**Melinda Potter - Provisional Mental Health Practitioner:**

**MOTION:** Batter moved, seconded by Dittmer to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Batter, Czaja-Stevens, Davies (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**Katherine Lambeth - Reinstatement without discipline Provisional Mental Health practitioner and Provisional Certified Master Social Worker:**

**MOTION:** Dittmer moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to defer to the next meeting. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Dittmer, Gill, Hof, Martinez, Meyerle, Batter, Czaja-Stevens, Davies (9). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Andrews (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meyerle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.; the next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2022.

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Dale Battleson, Secretary  
Board of Mental Health Practice  
Summarized by: Licensure Unit