

**NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION.** David Reese, Chair, called a special meeting of the State Board of Health to order at 11:30 M on December 18, 2024, over WebEx. Staff were in Conference Room 6-E of the Nebraska State Office Building in Lincoln. Copies of the agenda were mailed electronically to board members and other interested parties prior to the meeting and posted on the Health and Human Services website and bulletin board. The following members were present: Mark Bertch, PT; Russell Crotty, OD; Patricia Kucera, RN; Brett Lindau, DO; Connie Petersen, PhD; David Reese, MHA; Dan Rosenthal; Kimberly Stuhmer, RN, MT; Doug Vander Broek, DC; Dan Vehle. Quorum was met. Staff and others in attendance: Monica Gissler Webb, Maggie Mills  
Board members not in attendance: J. Paul Cook, MD; Jaime Dodge, MD; Staci Hubert, PharmD; Kenneth Tusha, DDS; Jeffrey Wienke, Jr, DPM.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES.** Mr. Reese asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. Dr. Vander Broek made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Petersen; voting yes: 10 (Bertch, Crotty, Kucera, Lindau, Petersen, Reese, Rosenthal, Stuhmer, Vander Broek, Vehle); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Reese thanked the members for taking time to attend this special meeting.

**Rules and Regulations Committee** – Dr. Bertch reported for Dr. Dodge, Committee Chair.  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

Approve the following proposed rules and regulations:

172 NAC 86 – Behavior Analyst. The adoption of this new regulation chapter implements the Behavior Analysts Practice Act. The proposed regulations outline the scope, authority, and definitions of the regulations; sets the requirements to obtain an initial, temporary, and renewal license; establishes the grounds for license denial and disciplinary actions; sets continuing education requirements; specifies what constitutes unprofessional conduct; sets the fees for initial and temporary licenses; and establishes the requirements for having a license placed on inactive status and reinstatement of a credential. Lindsay Braddock clarified that the Continuing Education requirement is 32 hours every two years.

There are currently emergency regulations in place, which these will replace.

Mr. Bertch made a committee motion to approve the review of the proposed rules and regulations for 181 NAC 8. Voting yes: 10 (Bertch, Crotty, Kucera, Lindau, Petersen, Reese, Rosenthal, Stuhmer, Vander Broek, Vehle); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

**Credentialing Review Committee** – Dan Rosenthal and Maggie Mills reported.

1. Occupational Therapy Update. The Technical Review Committee had their second meeting with the applicant group on December 11, 2024. The Public Hearing is scheduled for January 27, 2025 from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM
2. Recommendations for Nurse Practitioners Technical Review Committee Members:
  - Christine Chasek, PhD, LIMHP, LADC,
  - Ally Dering- Anderson, BA, PharmD, RP, FaAIM, FAPhA
  - Darrel Klein, J.D, B.A
  - Wendy McCarty, Ed.D
  - Joshua Schlote, BAS, LVT, VTES
  - Stacy Waldron, PhD
  - Alternates: Larry Hardesty, PhD, MALS, MS Technology Education, and Mark Malesker, PharmD.

Mr. Rosenthal made a committee motion to approve the review of the proposed rules and regulations for 181 NAC 8. Voting yes: 10 (Bertch, Crotty, Kucera, Lindau, Petersen, Reese, Rosenthal, Stuhmer, Vander Broek, Vehle); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

Dr. Wienke will Chair the Nurse Practitioners Technical Review Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** None.

**TOPICS AND PREPARATION FOR NEXT MEETING**. The next regular Board of Health meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2025. Location will be Goldenrod conference room, Lower Level of the State Office Building, in Lincoln.

**ADJOURN**. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler Webb were approved by the State Board of Health on January 27, 2025.

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