

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES – February 14, 2022

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION. The Chair, Dr. Tim Tesmer, called an emergency meeting of the State Board of Health to order at 1:00 PM on February 14, 2022. The meeting was held by telephone. Copies of the agenda were mailed electronically to board members prior to the meeting, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website. The following members were present: Russell Crotty, OD; Shane Fleming, MSN, RN; Diane Jackson, APRN; John Kuehn, DVM; Donald Ostdiek, DPT; David Reese, MHA; Timothy Tesmer, MD; Dan Vehle; Joshua Vest, DPM. Quorum met.

Staff in attendance: Monica Gissler, Tim Wilson

Board members not in attendance: Joel Bessmer, MD; Michael Kotopka, DDS; Colton Palmer, PMHNP; Mark Patefield, PharmD; Daniel Rosenthal, PE; Robert (Bud) Synhorst, Med; Doug Vander Broek, DC.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Dr. Tesmer asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the meeting today. Mr. Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Kuehn; voting yes: 9 (Crotty, Fleming, Jackson, Kuehn, Ostdiek, Reese, Tesmer, Vehle, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

Rules and Regulations Committee – Dr. Vest, Committee Chair, reported. Regulations were reviewed with staff during the morning committee meeting.

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/DHHS-Regulations.aspx>

- 172 NAC 12 – Licensure of Emergency Medical Services – Tim Wilson, Program Manager. <https://www.nebraska.gov/nesos/rules-and-regs/regtrack/proposals/2524.pdf>
The purpose of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Medical Services licensure is to protect public health and safety for those who utilize Emergency Medical Services. Title 172 NAC 12 provides the requirements to license and operate an Emergency Medical Service in the State of Nebraska. This regulation also sets forth the requirements to be licensed, maintain that licensure, standards an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) must adhere to. This program operates pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 38-3801.

The proposed changes set forth are emergency regulations to alleviate the burden the EMS Services are experiencing with purchasing used ambulances. The emergency regulations specifically change section 004.01 Ambulance Standards to allow for the purchase of used ambulances. These changes were worked on together with the Department and the Board of Emergency Medical Services. A public hearing was held January 27, 2022, with no comments made. The EMS Board approved the proposed regulations on February 11, 2022.

There was a Committee motion for approval: voting yes: 9 (Crotty, Fleming, Jackson, Kuehn, Ostdiek, Reese, Tesmer, Vehle, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

Professional Boards Committee – Dr. Crotty, Committee Vice Chair, presented. They conducted one interview by telephone earlier in the day. Dr. Crotty made a committee

motion to appoint Lynlee Medhi of Omaha as a Public Member on the Board of Dentistry, for a partial term that begins on February 14, 2022 and runs through November 30, 2024. Voting yes: 9 (Crotty, Fleming, Jackson, Kuehn, Ostdiek, Reese, Tesmer, Vehle, Vest); voting no: 0; not voting: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, Mr. Reese made a motion to adjourn, with a second by Mr. Fleming; all in favor by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM. Minutes were taken by Monica Gissler, and are scheduled for approval by the State Board of Health on March 21, 2022.

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