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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**Board of Mental Health Practice**  
September 8, 2023

**1. ROLL CALL AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Meeting of the Board of Mental Health Practice was called to order by the Chair, Susan Meyerle, at 9:02 a.m. at the at the Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lower Level, Goldenrod 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 8.15.202 and revision on 9.1.2023.

Meyerle 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 (8):**

Susan Meyerle, Chair  
Dale Battleson, Secretary  
Rebecca Czaja-Stevens, Member  
Janeen Gill, Vice-Chair  
Sara Batter, Member  
Paul Davies, Member  
David Hof, Member  
Cassandra Dittmer, Member

**Members Absent (1):**

Renea Gernant, Member

**Others Present:**

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Juliann Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney  
Dina Mekic, Program Manger, Licensure Unit

Public (on WebEx and in room)

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Hof moved, seconded by Batter, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with corrections)**

**MOTION:** Davies, moved, seconded by Gill to adopt the minutes of 7.7.2023. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9:03 am Cue and Krueger – Investigations entered the room

9:04 am Klaassen – investigations entered the room

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4. Applicant Nohora Andrade and Attorney Bryon Brogan, present Ms. Andrade's application for a 3<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Mental Health Practitioner License.

Ms. Andrade presented why she was unable to obtain her 3,000 hours and successful passage of the National Mental Health examination.

Board discussion with Ms. Andrade explained the regulations.

Lester clarified with Ms. Andrade that she did understand the regulations.

9:09 am Wiehn – investigations entered the room

9:09 am Cue exited the room

9:13 am Cue entered the room

9:16 am Meyerson-Investigations entered the room

**5. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to enter into closed session at 9:32 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: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**6. OPEN SESSION**

Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

**Nohora Andrade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Provisional Mental Health Practitioner**

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Nebraska Regulation 172 NAC 94 003.02 and Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-2123. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**7. CLOSED SESSION - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**MOTION:** Gill moved, seconded by Czaja-Stevens, to enter into closed session at 9:43 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: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

9:47 am TJ O'Niell- Assistant Attorney General

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9:51 am Krueger exited room

9:53 am Batter exited room

9:56 am Batter entered room

10:09 am Batter exited room

10:11 am Batter entered room

10:13 am Mekic exited room

10:24 am Mekic entered room

10:45 Board entered break

10:53 board returned to close session

**8. OPEN SESSION**

Board agreed to enter open session 11:42 am Application Reviews, Recommendations, and Report Out

**Laura Pryon-Reinstatement -Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner**

**MOTION:** Czaja-Stevens moved, seconded by Hof, to recommend issuance of the license with a Censure, \$500 Civil Money Penalty and completion of the Jurisprudence within 30 days. Basis for recommendation: unlicensed practice for 286 days. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

**Reginald Bollinger- Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and Certified Master Social Worker**

**MOTION:** Dittmer moved, seconded by Batter, to recommend issuance of the license the same terms as the currently in place on the Provisional Mental Health Practitioner and Provisional Certified Master Social Worker. Basis current probation. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Battleson, Batter, Gill, Meyerle, Dittmer, Czaja-Stevens, Davies, Hof (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gernant (1). Vacant position: (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

11:50 am Public joined the meeting via WebEx

**9. Code of Ethics-Defer to December board meeting**

**10. UPDATES AND REPORTS:**

**a. Association and Committee Updates:**

- AASCB <http://www.aascb.org>

Hof updated with a new that states are reporting that new applicants are inpatient

Meyerle is on planning meeting for 2024 conference, no monthly meeting scheduled at this time.

- Counseling Compact <https://counselingcompact.org/>

- a. Meyerle updated board on Compac 28 states have approved the Compac
- b. They are currently working on Bylaws and late 2024 commission to work with applicants.

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

Battleson will be attending the conference in September.

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

Batter updated the board that a testing will fall under PSI in 2024 and should have more information after the annual meeting.

- Justice Behavioral Health Committee

Gill reports no updates or scheduled meetings currently.

**b. 2023 Counseling Regulator Boards Summit**

Meyerle updated the board that they are looking at qualification for supervision and a presentation was done at the summit regarding Psychedelic Therapy and to always treat a session as if it is being recorded.

**c. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, Licensure Statistics, Examination Pass/Fail Report (see agenda for reports)**

**Public comment:**

**Members Hof and Dittmer announced they will not be renewing when their terms expire.**

**7. ADJOURN**

Meyerle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 am; the next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2023.

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