

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 30, 2022**

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson in the Husker Conference Room, of the Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was held In-Person and by WebEx. The following members answered the initial roll call:

Tamara Dolphens, PA-C, Chairperson
Nicole Schwensow, PA-C - Vice Chairperson
Merle Henkenius, Secretary

Absent: Corrigan McBride, MD
John Massey, MD

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened. Present from the Department was Jesse Cushman, Program Manager and Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General and T. J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General; Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, with the DHHS Licensing and Investigations by WebEx and Kathleen Kruger and Mark Meyerson, Investigators with the Investigation Unit by WebEx.

Dolphens announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Committee 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 September 16, 2022.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Henkenius moved, seconded by Schwensow, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Massey and McBride. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schwensow moved, seconded by Henkenius to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2022 as written. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Massey and McBride. Motion carried.

2022 LEGISLATION UPDATES

There were no comments at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Jesse noted that he will be looking at the PA Regulations to make revisions due to LB390 Reciprocity.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Schwensow moved, seconded by Henkenius to go into closed session at 2:03 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Dolphens, Henkenius and Schwensow. Voting nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Massey and McBride. Motion carried.

The committee members returned to Open Session at 2:46 p.m.

APPLICATION(S) REVIEW – OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review at this time.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next Physician Assistant Committee meeting is scheduled November 18, 2022.

The schedule for 2022 is listed on the DHHS website:
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Dolphens, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Nicole Schwensow, PA-C, Vice-Chairperson
Physician Assistant Committee