



**NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling**

This meeting will be held in-person. The public is welcome to attend any Open Session discussion in the Lower Level, Goldenrod Room. This meeting will also be available to the public to participate by WEBEX using this link:

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AGENDA		Posted 1.9.2024
<p><u>Date and Time:</u> Thursday 1.25.2024 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><u>Location:</u> State Office Building 301 Centennial Mall South (14th & M) Lincoln, Nebraska Lower Level Goldenrod Room</p> <p><u>For Information Contact:</u> Carrie Oldehoeft 402-471-2117 Dhhs.licensure 2117@nebraska.gov</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call Announcement: There is a current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted on the door to the meeting room. 2. Adoption of Agenda 3. Approval of Minutes 4. Closed Session (approx. 9:30 am): Investigative Reports and Confidential Information Purpose: To hear discussions of investigative and confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. 5. Open Session (approx. 11:30 am) Review, Recommendations and Report Out, Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes, and Reinstatements. 6. Updates, New Business, and Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Legislation 2024 b) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report c) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) https://internationalcredentialing.org d) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda) 7. Annual Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Meeting dates for 2024 (1.25, 4.25, 7.25 and 10.24) b) Elections and Appointments (officers, investigative consultant, IC&RC representative, and education reviewers) c) Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings d) Per Diem Payments (Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-171 – attached to agenda) e) Board Goals for 2024 (by-laws, jurisprudence exam, disciplinary guidelines) 8. Adjournment (approx. Noon) 	

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2024 Meeting Dates
1.25.2024
4.25.2024
7.25.2024
10.24.2024

All items known at the time of distribution of this agenda are listed. A current agenda is available at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit and at the following website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at a meeting, please call Carrie Oldehoeft at (402) 471-4918 (voice), or for persons with hearing impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System, 711 TDD, prior to the meeting date. Advance notice of seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

Agenda Item 6d

License Statistics:

		SUMMARY COUNT OF LICENSES BY	
Profession	License Statuses: License Types	Active	Active-Military
Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	828	1
	Alcohol/Drug Prelim Conviction Review	1	
	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	443	
	Grand Total	1,272	1

Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions since 1.1.2023-12.31.2023:

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LICENSURE UNIT COMPLIANCE LISTING REPORT						
Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor Action Start Date Range: 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023					Run Date: 01/09/2024 Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Licensee Name	License No	License Type	License Status	Disciplinary Action	Action Start	Action End
Batten, Amy K	P-2127	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	11/07/2023	03/16/2026
Berry, Cora Simmerman	11	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Temporary Suspension	04/07/2023	05/17/2023
Berry, Cora Simmerman	11	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Petition for Disciplinary Action & Temp Susp	03/31/2023	05/17/2023
Bowlby-Safranek, Aryn Monet	635	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Nondisciplinary Assurance of Compliance	09/03/2023	
Crow, Breanne Emma	P-1549	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	11/21/2023	11/21/2025
Gilreath, Tanesha Shirlon	850	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Revocation	12/31/2023	
Gilreath, Tanesha Shirlon	850	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	08/14/2023	12/21/2023
Kennedy, Jenna Marie	1343	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Revocation	03/11/2023	
Kennedy, Jenna Marie	1343	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Amended Petition	01/20/2023	03/01/2023
Lange, Monique Pamela	P-2129	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Probation	11/15/2023	11/15/2024
Leach, Michael Lee	487	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	05/17/2023	05/24/2023
Leach, Michael Lee	487	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Revocation	05/24/2023	
Leighty, Amber Nicole	P-2004	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Revocation	07/29/2023	
Rodriguez, Andrea Lynn	P-1901	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	01/31/2023	02/02/2023
Rodriguez, Andrea Lynn	P-1901	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Revocation	Revocation	02/02/2023	
Vasser, Jacqueline Lynna	1340	Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Nondisciplinary Assurance of Compliance	06/11/2023	
Yunker, Kimberley Kay	P-1890	Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor	Active	Petition for Disciplinary Action Filed	11/16/2023	

Examinations:

EXAMINATION STATISTICS SUMMARY REPORT			
Profession: Alcohol and Drug Counselor Date Range: 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023		Run Date: 01/09/2024 Page No: Page 1 of 1	
Exam Battery	Exam Name	Result Status	Number of Candidates per Result Status
IC & RC Written	IC & RC Written Examination	Pass	47
	IC & RC Written Examination	Fail	3

These minutes have not been approved by the Board

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
October 12, 2023

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair, at 9:07 a.m., in the Lower Level B (Goldenrod Room), Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 9.26.2023 and revised on 9.27.2023.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (6):

Lori Cleveland, Member
Terry Duffy, Member
Victor Gehrig, Vice-Chair
Tom Maxson, Member
Jill Colegrove, Secretary
Natasha Robinson, Member

Members Absent (2):

Brian Bierschenk, Member
Amy Eigenberg, Chair

Staff and Others Present (5):

Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit (in room)
Dina Mekic, Program Manager, Licensure Unit (in room)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (in room)
Suzanne Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via WebEx)
Julianna Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Attorney (in room)
Kruger, Meyerson, Cue, Klassen-DHHS Investigations (in room)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

4. Updates, New Business, and Reports

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 - a) Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report
 - No updates
 - b) International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>
 - Conference is next week, Robinson and Maxson will be attending
 - c) Reports: Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees (attached with agenda)
 - No discussion

10. Public Comment

6. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

1.25.2024

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to enter into closed session at 9:15 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Gehrig repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

9:22 am Duffy exited room

9:26 am Duffy entered room

9:33 am Krueger, Meyerson, Cue exited room

10:08 am Maxson exited room

10:10 am Cue, Meyerson exited room

9:55 am Cleveland exited room

10:00 am Cleveland entered room

10:27 am Klassen exited room

10:29 am Klassen entered room

10:32 Colegrove exited room

10:35 am Board break

10:50 am Board returned from break

11:02 Klassen exited room

11:06 am After Board Member agreement, Colegrove stated the meeting is now in open session.

7. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

William Oliver-LADC Reinstatement

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: based on no credential to reinstate. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Kayla Lopez-Preliminary Conviction Review

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, that the convictions, as listed on the application, would not disqualify the applicant from obtaining a credential as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Tina Owens-PLADC

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Colegrove, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Matthew Feen-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to defer for more information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Monique Lange-PLADC

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuance of the license with a 1-year probation, employer quarterly reports, random body fluid screening, comply with recommendations of current and future evaluations and the Standard Terms and Conditions of probation. Basis: Conviction History and Substance Use History. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Brad Newill-PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Juan Reyes-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Michelle Hill-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Eric Buckingham-PLADC

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried.

Amy Batten-PLADC

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuance of the license with probation to run concurrent and with the same terms as with the Licensed Mental Health Practitioner credential as issued on 2.8.2023. Basis: Prior discipline history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Motion carried

Breanne Crow- LADC Reinstatement

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Colegrove, to recommend issuance of the license with probationary time period remaining on the previous provisional license, to equal 2 years. Basis: Prior discipline history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Duffy, Gehrig, Robinson, Maxson, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Eigenberg (2). Abstain: Cleveland (1) Motion carried

9. ADJOURNMENT

Gehrig announced the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2024, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Summarized by:
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator

Agenda Item 7B-D

38-171. Board; advisory committee or body; compensation; limitation; expenses.

Each member of a board shall, in addition to necessary traveling and lodging expenses, receive a per diem for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his or her duties, including compensation for the time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business. Traveling and lodging expenses shall be on the same basis as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177. The compensation per day shall not exceed fifty dollars and shall be determined by each board with the approval of the department. Persons serving on an advisory committee or body under section 38-161 shall receive remuneration of expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177, including compensation for time spent in traveling to and from the place of conducting business, and a per diem of fifty dollars.

For Board Consideration (Board Recommendations from 1.9.2020)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. \$50 for meeting prep2. \$50 for each day in attendance at regular board meeting3. \$50 for travel days when overnight stay with meeting attendance4. \$50 Each day of attendance at National Meeting, including travel days when overnight stay5. \$50 for attending Justice Behavioral Health Committee Meeting or other board related meetings, when approved by the Board as the Board representative for the meeting6. \$50 for each educational program application reviewed (270 hours of education) 172 NAC 15-008 |
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PUBLIC MEETINGS; NOTICE AND AGENDA REQUIRED

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E. Section 84-1411 sets out several requirements for the notice which must be given for a public meeting and for the agenda which must be prepared: (1) the public body must give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting, (2) that notice must be transmitted to all members of the body and to the public, (3) the notice must contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice, or a statement that such an agenda, which must be kept continually current, is readily available for inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours.

1. **Notice.** 2020 Neb. Laws LB 148, § 3 placed restrictions on certain public bodies with respect to publication of meeting notices. Under § 84-1411(1)(b)(i)-(iii), governing bodies of political subdivisions and their advisory committees must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on the newspaper's web site. Governing bodies of cities of the second class or villages and their advisory committees must either publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on the newspaper's web site, or by posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in the city or village. The posting locations shall remain the same for each meeting. **For all other public bodies, notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.** Governing bodies of political subdivisions and their advisory committees may, in addition to the requirements set out above, provide notice of their meetings by any other appropriate method designated by the public body. Section 84-1411(1)(c). Section 84-1411(1)(d) requires each public body to record the method(s) and date(s) of such notice in its minutes. Public bodies holding meetings by videoconferencing and telephone conference call, as provided in § 84-1411(2) and (3) respectively, must follow the meeting notification requirements in § 84-1411(1).