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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BOARD

MEETING Open Session Minutes

AARON BAACK, INTERIM DIRECTOR

March 31, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

Aaron Culley, Social Worker (virtual) Jillyn Kaufman, Social Worker(virtual) Cathy Wargo, Psychologists (virtual) Echo Kent, Marriage Family Therapist(virtual) Cindy West, Public Member (virtual) Maria Loder, Behavior Analyst (virtual)

Staff Present:

Tony Alden, Executive Officer Aislinn Phan, DIAL Staff (virtual) Emily DeRonde, DIAL Counsel Beth Jorgenson, DIAL Staff (virtual) Regan Hodina, Assistant Attorney General Derrek Ross, DIAL Investigator(virtual) Kaylynn Munoz, DIAL Staff Matthew Celentano, DIAL Investigator (virtual) Charles Hill, Bureau Chief Jenny Klein, Assistant Attorney General Mike Jaeger, DIAL Investigator (virtual) Lindsey Browning, Assistant Attorney General (virtual) Jill Stuecker, Division Administrator David Merchan, Assistant Attorney General (virtual) Katrina Lee-Sombarria, DIAL Staff

Public Present:

Dana Kozisek, PhD, LISW, CADC (virtual) Tracy Hopkins (virtual)
Denise Rathman (virtual) Jake Friedrichsen (virtual)
Dani W (virtual) Courtney Ackerson, AMHCA (virtual) Will Anderson (virtual) Misty S (virtual)

Call Meeting to Order

Call to Order by Culley at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call by Alden and quorum was established with 5 members present.

Introductions were made.

Announcements

Executive Officer Alden inquired if the board would be agreeable to agenda items out of order to address in person requestors first. At the next board meeting there will be a discussion about a request to consider an approved supervisor designation.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the board.

Discussion and Vote on Meeting Minutes

Motion by Culley to approve the open session minutes from the Jan. 27, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Kent.

Vote: Aye: Culley, Kent, Wargo Abstaining: Valdovinos, West
Motion passed.



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Reports

Executive Officer- Alden reported about all the advisory committees. The Behavioral Science and Social Work advisory committees reviewed the proposed draft rule changes to Chapter 880 to incorporate language for compact implementation. The Psychology advisory committee recommended the board move forward with the rulemaking process and approve the Notice of Intended Action.

DIAL Attorney- Alden addressed the board about the proposed legislation.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

- Rochean Cofield — IAC 481.880.3(3)c, Examination requirements

Motion by Kent to deny the petition for waiver for examination requirements.

Seconded by Culley.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Other Business

- IAC 481-880.9, temporary licensees

The board had a lengthy discussion.

- Tracy Hopkins — IAC 481.880.7, temp license renewal request

Motion by Kent to approve the request for temp license renewal for one year. Seconded by Culley.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Discussion and Vote to File Notice of Intended Action

Motion by Culley to approve the notice of intended action — IAC 481.880 for Behavioral Health Professionals Licensing.

Seconded by Kent.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Closed Session

Motion by Culley to enter into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d) to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f) to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested

case conducted according to the provisions of chapter 17A.

Seconded by Kent.

Roll Call vote taken.

Motion passed.

The board entered into closed session at 10:17 a.m.

Members of the public were placed into a waiting room.

Members of the public left the meeting.



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Motion by Culley to return to open session.

Seconded by Wargo.

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Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

The board returned to open session at 2:40 p.m.

Motion by Culley to approve the closed session from the January 27th meeting. Seconded by Kaufman.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Culley to approve the combo agreement for case 24-0181 as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Kaufman.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Culley to approve the notice of hearing for case 25-0492 as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Kaufman.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Culley to close cases 24-0410, 24-0451, 25-0377, 25-0402, 25-0408, 25-0423, 25-0436, 25-0440, 25-0450, 25-0482, 25-0483, 25-0488, 26-0004, 26-0022, 26-0029, 25-0342, 25-0416, 26-0015, 26-0021, 26-0023, 26-0028, 26-0031, 26-0039, 26-0048, 26-0053, 26-0071, 26-0077, 26-0096, 26-0099, 26-0030, and 25-0430 as discussed in closed session.

Seconded by Kaufman.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Culley to keep open cases 26-0037, 25-0453, 25-0443, 25-0336, 25-0270, 22-0340, 22-0356, and 25-0157 as discussed in closed session.

Seconded by Valdovinos.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

Motion by Culley to approve the notice of hearing and statement of charges for case 25-0469 as discussed in closed session.

Seconded by Valdovinos.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.



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Adjournment

Motion by Culley to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m. Seconded by Valdovinos.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None
Motion passed.

The next meeting for the board will take place May 26, 2026.

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