



KIM REYNOLDS, GOVERNOR
CHRIS COURNOYER, LT. GOVERNOR

AARON BAACK, INTERIM DIRECTOR

NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS BOARD MEETING

Open Session Minutes

January 12, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present for all or part of the meeting:

Billy Meyers, NHA (virtual)	Fr. Michael Schueller, LMHC (virtual)
Tracy Trotter, NHA (virtual)	Zachary Byrnes, Public Member (virtual)
Karen Bentsen, NHA (virtual)	Kim Hermsen, Public Member

Board Members absent:

Jeffrey Schmidt, NHA	Cindy Dozark, RN
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Staff Present:

Jessica O'Brien	Beth Jorgenson, DIAL Staff (virtual)
Aislinn Phan, DIAL Staff (virtual)	Jenny Klein, Assistant Attorney General (virtual)
Teresa Dornbusch, DIAL Staff (virtual)	Mike Jaeger, DIAL Investigator (virtual)
Charles Hill, Bureau Chief (virtual)	Derrek Ross, DIAL Investigator (virtual)
Kori Grooms, DIAL Staff	Kaylynn Munoz, DIAL Investigator (virtual)

Public Present:

Dr. Natalia Thilges, DMACC (virtual)	Trisha Godzicki, DMACC (virtual)
Michael Ewalt (virtual)	

Call Meeting to Order

Call to Order by Schueller at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance Roll Call by O'Brien and quorum was established. Introductions were made.

No announcements.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the board.

Legislative Update

Hill and O'Brien provided information about the new DIAL bill that will be going into effect in July. The bill will be more streamlined and standardized for all boards. The changes that will affect the board will be renewal cycles and fees.

Discussion and Vote on Meeting Minutes

Motion by Meyers to approve the open session minutes of the October 13, 2025 meeting.

Seconded by Trotter.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed

Petition for Rule Waiver



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Motion by Meyers to approve the Rule Waiver IAC 481-980.2(3a) for Emily Myers.

Seconded by Bentsen.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Closed Session

Motion by Trotter 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; and Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(h) to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as allowable tolerances or criteria for the selection, prosecution, or settlement of cases, which if disclosed would facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law.

Seconded by Hermesen.

Roll call vote taken by O'Brien

Motion passed.

The board entered closed session at 9:15 a.m.

Members of the public left the meeting or were placed in the waiting room.

Motion by Meyers to return to open session.

Seconded by Hermesen.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

The board returned to open session at 10:06 a.m.

Members of the public were not present.

Open Session

Motion by Trotter to approve the closed session minutes of the October 13, 2025 meeting.

Seconded by Byrnes.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Hermesen to keep cases 24-0404, 24-0120, and 25-0171 open as discussed in closed session.

Seconded by Byrnes.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Bentsen to approve cases 23-0408, 24-0338, 25-0090, and 25-0407 as discussed in closed session.

Seconded by Trotter.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

Motion by Byrnes to close cases 25-0413, 25-0420, and 24-0190 as discussed in closed session.



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Seconded by Meyers.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2026.

Adjournment

Motion by Bentsen to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Byrnes.

Vote: Aye: All Nay: None Abstaining: None

Motion passed

O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.