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Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
1:00 pm CST

Zach Beavers / Professional Member
Michael Buffington M.D. / Ex-Officio Member
Michael Sims / Public Member
Nicholas Ortiz / Public Member

Members Present
Nicholas Ortiz
Zach Beavers
Michael Sims
Dr. Michael Buffington

Other Attendees
Russell Burns (ADH)
William Puddephatt (AG)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Zach Beavers (Board Chair) at 1:03 pm CST.

Rollcall: Russell Burns performed a roll call of the meeting attendees.

Review of May 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the previous board meeting.

Motion: Michael Sims — 2nd: Nicholas Ortiz
Vote: 3-0

Financial Report: Russell Burns presented the May to July 2026 Financial Reports. A motion was made and unanimously approved to accept the reports.

Motion: Michael Sims — 2nd: Zach Beavers
Vote: 3-0

Licensure Report & Application Vote:

1. 41 Active Licenses – The licensure report was presented to the board by Russell Burns (Board Director).
2. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the licensure application for Lindsay E. Painton

Motion: Michael Sims — 2nd: Nicholas Ortiz
Vote: 3-0

Complaint 26-001: A motion was made and unanimously approved to have William Puddephatt (A.G. Office) draft a letter reminding the Respondent of the importance of professionalism and courtesy in communication with the public, and the Board Chair would approve the letter before mailing.

Motion: Zach Beavers 2nd: Michael Sims
Vote: 3-0

Additional Business: N/A

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 17, 2026, at 12:00 pm (Noon) CST.

Adjournment: Zach Beavers adjourned the meeting at 1:31 p.m. CST.