

**NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
EMERGENCY MEETING**

May 29, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Liquor Control Commission Hearing Room
301 Centennial Mall South - 1st floor
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5046

MINUTES

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order. An Emergency Meeting of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (“Commission”) was called to order by Chairman Bruce Bailey on May 29, 2025, at 1:01 p.m. Also present was Commissioner Kim Lowe, establishing a quorum. Commission Deputy Director LeAnna Prange and Commission Legal Administrator Shannon Nyhoff attended the meeting and assisted the Commission.

Agenda Item No. 2. Compliance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(5) and (6). Chairman Bailey announced that the meeting was being conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Notice was published on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on May 28, 2025. Notice was provided to the news media on May 28, 2025, and updated on May 29, 2025, at 10:10 a.m., describing the subject of the Emergency Meeting as follows: “Consider formal action to suspend without pay an essential commission employee.”

Agenda Item No. 3. Placement of Open Meetings Act. Chairman Bailey announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the south wall in the hearing room above the black filing cabinet.

Agenda Item No. 4. Consider formal action to suspend without pay an essential commission employee. Chairman Bailey reported that the proposed suspension was based on the fact that a federal search warrant was served at the Commission’s office on May 28, 2025, and that the warrant was based on a joint Federal-State investigation into alleged criminal conduct by the Commission’s executive director. Chairman Bailey further stated these alleged offenses relate to the executive director’s fitness and ability to continue to serve in his present position, and that an immediate suspension was necessary, pending receipt of further information. Chairman Bailey moved that the Commission’s executive director be suspended without pay. Commissioner Lowe seconded the motion. Voting For: Bailey, Lowe. Motion carried.

Agenda Item No. 5. Public Comment. Chairman Bailey announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment could do so now. No member of the public indicated a desire to provide comment.

Agenda Item No. 6. Adjournment. With no further business to be taken, Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lowe seconded the motion. Voting For: Bailey, Lowe. Motion carried.

The Emergency Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Bruce Bailey, Chairman

Kim Lowe, Commissioner

LeAnna Prange, Deputy Director