Proposed Rule No. 1. Board Member Leave

Personal time out of the office. Board Members may be out of the office for the purpose of non-essential personal matters when such absence does not unduly interfere with the Board's ability to perform its statutory duties. A non-essential personal matter does not include health-related or weather-related absences, jury duty, or funeral attendance for close family members, as that term is defined by the Nebraska Personnel Rules. Board Members must communicate in advance with the Chairperson and coordinate with each other their scheduled out of the office time to the greatest extent possible so as to insure that a quorum of the Board is available to conduct Board business on any given day.

Health-related absences, jury duty, and funeral attendance. Health-related absences that will exceed 5 working days must be substantiated by written documentation from a health practitioner. To the greatest extent possible, scheduled health-related absences must be communicated in advance to the Chairperson. In the event a Board Member becomes incapable of carrying out his or her duties permanently, such Board Member should advise the Chairperson and the Governor of his or her intent to resign. Weather-related absences should be communicated to the Chairperson when weather conditions prohibit a Board Member from traveling to the Parole Board offices and/or the institution/facility scheduled for that day. Absences for jury duty should be communicated with the Chairperson after receipt of the jury summons. Absences to attend a funeral of a close family member, as that term is defined in the Nebraska Personnel Rules, should be communicated to the Chairperson in advance.