

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Nebraska Public Media - Board Room
1800 N 33rd St Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, November 8, 2024, 10:00 a.m. CT
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Matthew McCarville, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College
Phillip Doerr, Doerr Farms
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska
Jim Ediger, Hamilton Telecommunications
Nate Watson, Contemporary Analysis
Katie Niemoller, Children's Nebraska

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Zach Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Becker, NITC Executive Administrator and Legal Counsel
Vanessa Castro, Community IT Manager
Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator
Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager II
Patrick Wright, State Chief Information Security & Privacy Officer
Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Management Office, IT Supervisor

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Commissioner McCarville called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on October 4, 2024. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on November 1, 2024. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was in the meeting room and a link to the act was included with the agenda.

INTRODUCTION: STACEY DECKER, GENERAL MANAGER/CEO, NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA

Stacey Decker, General Manager/CEO, Nebraska Public Media, was introduced. Mr. Decker welcome the commission and provided information about his professional career.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF JULY 12, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the July 12, 2024, minutes as presented. Commissioner Doerr seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Blackman arrived at the meeting.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Ms. Kingery provided the report.

Digital Education and Network Nebraska updates.

Network Nebraska. The Office of the CIO (OCIO) has completed the 2023-24 E-Rate application cycle, including the completion of 100 new-builds and upgrades to the network. The Network Nebraska is preparing for the 2024 E-Rate RFP for the upcoming 2025-26 academic year. It will include a new Master Service Agreement; approximately twenty sites will be up for bid, almost exclusively for sites that did not receive feasible bid responses on the most recent RFP. Network Nebraska is working with the GIS team to update our existing GIS map to better track trends in pricing and availability in real time for our members for future planning. The new map will be released in the coming months. Ms. Kingery also entertained questions about eduroam utilization.

Digital Education Update. Digital Education is an area of growth and opportunity, and we expect to see adjustments to action items for the upcoming NITC Statewide Technology Plan. It has been noted by the NITC Education Council that other products or tools need an assessment of use and/or availability to develop a future action plan.

GIS COUNCIL

Ms. DunnGossin provided the report.

Approval of membership nomination. There were no nominations.

GIS update. The State of Nebraska GIS Enterprise amended its Enterprise License Agreement with Esri in July 2024. The agreement will be for 3 years and realigns licenses with anticipated use for state agencies. It reduces the projected cost over that time for the state. The GIS Enterprise continues to work towards migrating GIS resources to the AWS Cloud environment. There are a variety of Upcoming GIS Events:

- GIS Day with University of Nebraska-Lincoln, November 20th.
- Precision Ag Conference at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, November 21st.
- Lincoln Area Joint GIS Day, November 22nd at Lincoln Electrical System. Persons need to register for LES Building. It is a secured building.
- GIS/LIS Symposium April 22-23 in Lincoln, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Speakers are needed for the presentations.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Ms. Castro provided the report.

Ms. Castro informed the Commission that her focus is on securing funding and partnerships for initiatives that promote community skill-building and tech awareness in rural areas, particularly in agriculture. She shared information about the federal grant she applied to in partnership with seven different organizations across the state. She is working on an updated charter and member list for the council to review late spring.

TECHNICAL PANEL

Technical standards and guidelines.

Proposal 32. Amend the application code standard.

Mr. Wright introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Blackman moved to approve Proposal 32. Commissioner Ediger seconded. Roll call vote: Watson-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Barrett-Yes, and McCarville-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Proposal 35. Amend access control provisions of the Information Security Policy.

Mr. Wright introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Doerr moved to approve Proposal 35. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Proposal 36. Amend system security provisions of the Information Security Policy.

Mr. Wright introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Niemoller moved to approve Proposal 36. Commissioner Ediger seconded. Roll call vote: Doerr-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Barrett-Yes, McCarville-Yes, Watson-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Blackman-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Proposal 37. Adopt a new section relating to artificial intelligence.

Mr. Wright introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Watson moved to approve Proposal 37. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: Niemoller-Yes, Watson-Yes, McCarville-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Enterprise projects.

Enterprise project status dashboard report.

Mr. Weekly reviewed the status report and entertained questions.

Close the following enterprise projects: (1) SONAR - State of Nebraska Appropriation Request and (2) OPS Retirement Plan Management Transfer.

The Technical Panel recommends closure of these projects. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Watson moved to close the SONAR project and the OPS Retirement Plan Management Transfer project. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Commissioner McCarville provided an update on the organizational changes at the Office of the CIO.

INITIAL DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO CYBERSECURITY RECORDS

Mr. Becker provided a report on the rules and regulations required to be adopted by the commission. A public hearing will be scheduled to coincide with the commission's March 14, 2025, meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE REVISED STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The commission is responsible for developing and updating a statewide technology plan. At the July 12th meeting, the commission adopted six strategic initiatives to provide the basic structure for the revised plan. The six initiatives are: State Government IT Strategy, Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (renamed as "Geospatial Nebraska"), Network Nebraska, Digital Education, IT Security, and Community Digital Skills. Staff and the advisory councils have developed action items to support each of these initiatives. Staff then prepared a draft revised plan for the commission's approval.

Commissioner Ediger moved to approve the Statewide Technology Plan. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PROGRESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-518 provides, in pertinent part: "By November 15 of each even-numbered year, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission shall submit a progress report to the Governor and Legislature." Staff have prepared a draft report for the commission's approval.

Commissioner Doerr moved to approve the Progress Report to the Governor and Legislature. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: Watson-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Barrett-Yes, and McCarville-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ediger moved to adjourn. Commissioner Barrett seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Ms. Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by staff.