

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Nebraska Public Media - Board Room

1800 N 33rd St Lincoln, Nebraska

Friday, July 11, 2025, 10:00 a.m. CT

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Matthew McCarville, Chief Information Officer, Chair

Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College

Sen. Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature

Philip Doerr, Doerr Farms

Nate Watson, Contemporary Analysis

Katie Niemoller, Children's Nebraska

Zachary Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society

Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools

Jim Ediger, Hamilton Communications

STAFF PRESENT

Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator

Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager

Callie Richards, Administrations Program Officer

Vanessa Castro, Digital Equity/NITC Manager

Vickie McElroy, Office Specialist

Marcus Rechtenbach, Attorney III

Abby Eccher-Young, Chief Cybersecurity and Privacy Officer

Bryce Bailey, Deputy CISO

Joe Beer, IT Supervisor

Nabor Encarnacion Jr, Office Specialist

STAFF ABSENT

Lori Lopez-Urdiales, Office Services Manager II

Rick Becker, NITC executive Administrator and Legal Counsel

Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Management and Business Analyst Administrator

Noah Finlan OCIO Chief Deputy Director

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Commissioner McCarville called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. A quorum was present. The meeting notice was posted to the [NITC website](#) and the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on June 4, 2025. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on June 30, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Nathan Watson moved to approve the July 11, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Bret Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Abstained, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes – 6, No – 0, Abstained – 1. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF TITLE 209, CHAPTER 1 OF THE NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (209 NAC 1) –

RECORDS RELATING TO THE NATURE, LOCATION, OR FUNCTION OF CYBERSECURITY.

Commissioner Doerr made a motion to approve the adoption of title 209 Chapter 1 records relating to cybersecurity. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Ediger–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained–0. Motion carried.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Digital Education and Network Nebraska updates.

Ms. Kingery provided her report regarding Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) and its implementation in Sandy Creek Public Schools. This nationally recognized high school program takes advantage at immersion of real-world professional culture aimed at solving real world problems and is led and mentored by actual industry employers, all the while students receiving high-school and college credit hours at the same time. Ms. Kingery notes that CAPS is an example of how businesses, community, and public education can partner to produce unique learning experiences that can aid in educating future workforce. CAPS operates by working with local businesses and organizations surrounding target community and gives opportunities for students to engage in dual credit classes. CAPS works primarily with farmers and agricultural related fields but notes it's successful implementation in other career fields such as businesses, government, healthcare and law. Ms. Kingery cited Blue Valley School District in Kansas City and its innovative use of open field classrooms and its limited use of traditional closed field classrooms. When questioned as to how funding for Blue Valley District's open field classrooms was achieved, Ms. Kingery stresses that funding had occurred over time and was not immediate. Ms. Kingery also provided a brief update on Network Nebraska update.

Approval of Membership Nominations

No motion for Membership Approval was made. Per Ms. Kingery, would like to address membership nomination in November NITC Meeting.

Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager, reviewed the Education Council Report and entertained questions.

GIS COUNCIL

Approval of Membership Nomination.

Scott Peters has been recommended by the Nebraska GIS Council (June 4th vote) to replace Matt Tinkham on the GIS Council role for an at-large representative for key sector – Professional Surveyor [GIS Council Charter - 6.2.18 (f)(25)].

Commissioner Mellender made a motion to approve the Membership Nomination for the GIS Council. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackma –Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained – 0. Motion carried.

GIS Update.

Ms. DunnGossin provided her report regarding the importance of the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) modernization process (Datum Update). Ms. DunnGossin stresses importance of Datum Update due to its potential impact involving but not limited to future interactions with spatial data (Google Maps, Apple Maps). Ms. DunnGossin goes on to provide an example of Nebraska's spatial data distortion due to one coordinate system. Current projection systems will be replaced with new Datum systems, and will implement 25 local projection regions, further reducing

data distortion.

Ms. DunnGossin stressed the importance of minimizing data distortion for surveying county and parcel lines, the latter of which is of particular importance due to its potential impact on local taxes. Datum update scheduled for release either between quarter 4 of 2025 or early 1st quarter of 2026. Due to federal job cuts, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Geodetic Survey (NGS), of which the latter falls under the former, has seen dramatic job losses of key personnel who provide necessary resources and knowledge to facilitate successful Datum update. Major obstacles that can occur during a Datum update can include Nebraska CORS network not as robust when compared to other states, and inaccurate spatial data already present in Nebraska's spatial data system. Per Ms. DunnGossin, all parcel lines will need to be recollected, and all physical survey markers (trees, stones) will need to be geolocated to provide new survey landlines and new property line landmarks. Mrs. DunnGossin also provided necessary broadband updates.

Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator, entertained questions.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Vanessa Castro, Digital Equity and NITC Manager, reviewed the community council report and entertained questions. Ms. Castro provided a brief update regarding cancellation of federal grants. Ms. Castro also makes note of the cancellation of the digital equity grant. When pursuing different avenues regarding additional funding, Ms. Castro makes note of Investment Connection, a community and economic development program that shares proposals directly with financial institutions, government agencies, corporations, and community foundations. Ms. Castro presented the "Digital Futures" initiative, emphasizing workforce development of project and connection of digital skills and economic mobility at the Investment Connection event.

Further updates involve the creation of Tech Ready Nebraska, in association with Nebraska Library Commission. Ms. Castro also introduced a new charter for new community council and made note that the charter must be approved by commission prior to implementation. Further discussions involving number of people necessary to make up new council occurred.

Senator DeBoer proposed new amendment(s): that new council shall consist of 1 member from state government and 1 member from local government; 1 member from K-12 education and 1 member from higher - ed post-secondary, from quorum consists of 50% voting members or their alternatives. Roll Call for passing of Collective Amendments: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained–0. Amendments passed. Roll Call for approval of Charter: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Ediger–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained–0. Charter passed.

TECHNICAL PANEL

Technical Panel Standards and Guidelines.

Commissioner Langer was not present during the meeting and could not offer proposals of Standards and Guidelines. Commissioner McCarville presented proposals on his behalf.

Proposal 39. Amend the Accessibility Policy.

Commissioner Doerr made a motion to amend the accessibility policy. Niemoller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Ediger–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained–0. Motion carried.

Proposal 40. General Updates to the Technical Standards and Guidelines.

Commissioner Mellender made a motion to the general updates to the technical standards and guidelines. Commissioner Doerr seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville–Yes, Barrett–Yes, Ediger–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained–0. Motion carried.

Enterprise project status dashboard report.

Discussions followed regarding the Kronos transition to UKG Dimensions. The project is still listed at risk due to previous factors mentioned on March 14, 2025, NITC meeting minutes, in addition to legacy software implementations being put in place by vendor in an effort to extend obsolete, end of life software programs. Commissioner Mellender ask if it was possible to seek another vendor. Mr. Beer mentions financial infeasibility of such an attempt, with Commissioner McCarville commenting that program from vendor was already paid 2 years prior and new software was supposed to be implemented already.

Joe Beer, IT Supervisor, reviewed the status report and entertained questions.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

There was a discussion of the soon to be released RFP with the Secretary of State and Records Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner McCarville introduced Abby Eccher-Young, Chief Cybersecurity and Privacy Officer. Ms. Eccher-Young introduced Bryce Bailey, Deputy CISO of the OCIO. Mr. Bailey provided a brief background of his prior work experience and his experience of working with the OCIO and being introduced to the OCIO staff and leadership teams.

Ms. Eccher-Young provided information about her tasks since starting with the OCIO, including visiting Nebraska counties and analyzing their existing relationships with Cybersecurity, as well as explaining the recent successes regarding the JSOC initiative programs.

Commissioner Watson noted that NITC has an existing cybersecurity subgroup that has not met in a very long time. Watson makes the proposal to restart subgroup again.

Per Commissioner McCarville the former charter of the cybersecurity sub-group would need to be updated and modernize any IT information. Since subgroup already exists, this will not require motion. Commissioner McCarville proposes to introduce new subcommittee dedicated to data and artificial intelligence.

Commissioner Barrett made a motion to introduce new Data and A.I Subcommittee. Commissioner Mellender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: McCarville –Yes, Barrett–Yes, Doerr–Yes, Blackman–Yes, Mellender–Yes, Niemoller–Yes, and Watson–Yes. Results: Yes–7, No–0, Abstained-0. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Mellender moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Watson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Mr. Nabor Encarnacion and reviewed by Marcus Rechtenbach and additional staff.