

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Nebraska Public Media - Board Room
1800 N 33rd St, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, March 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CT
Virtual Conferencing via Zoom

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Senator Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature
Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College*
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Zach Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society
Katie Niemoller, Children's Hospital and Medical Center
Dan Spray, Precision Technologies, Inc.
* Attended by virtual conferencing.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Ediger, Hamilton Telecommunications
Shane Greckel, Greckel Farms, LLC

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Becker, NITC Administrative Manager and Legal Counsel
Anne Byers, Digital Equity Manager/ NITC Administrative Manager
Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator
Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager II
Patrick Wright, State Information Security Officer

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present. The meeting notice was posted to the [NITC website](#) and the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on January 31, 2023. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on March 3, 2023. A virtual conferencing option was added on March 8, 2023. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the meeting room and a link was included with the agenda. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Spray moved to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes as presented. Commissioner Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Barrett- Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer- Yes, Mellender- Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Spray-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Approval of membership nominations. Ms. Kingery presented the following Education Council's nominations for new council members for approval by the NITC:

- Mr. Andrew Buker, representing Public University Representative. Mr. Buker is the Assistant Vice

President of Infrastructure Services for the University of Nebraska System. Mr. Buker brings years of leadership, expertise, and professionalism, as well as previous council experience as he has served as an active alternate for the NITC Education Council since 2018.

- Dr. Jaci Lindburg, PhD., representing Public University Representative. Dr. Lindburg is Associate Vice Chancellor of Innovative and Learning-Centric Initiatives at UNO. As Director of Digital Learning at UNO, Lindburg leads a team of instructional designers, instructional technologists, online learning specialists, and classroom technology engineers to form a robust support environment for faculty who teach online and with technology.
- Ms. Stacy Jolley, representing Nebraska Boards of Education. Ms. Jolley is currently serving on the Millard Public Schools Board of Education and has been an active member since 2018. Her drive to be impactful in her community prior to her role on various Boards is well demonstrated in her involvement as a school volunteer, a member of multiple advisory committees, and a community representative.

Commissioner Barrett moved to accept the nominations of Andrew Buker, Dr. Jaci Lindburg, and Stacy Jolley as NITC Education Council members. Commissioner Langer seconded. Roll call vote: Spray-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Mellender- Yes, Langer- Yes, Blackman-Yes, Barrett- Yes, and Toner-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Network Nebraska Update. The newest Network Nebraska RFP closed for bids January 17, 2023. It contained about 40 leased lit fiber circuits and about 30 Special Construction Matching E-rate Fund circuits for public libraries. Approximately 50% of the special construction sites resulted in actionable bids, which is an improvement from previous RFPs, regardless steps are being taken to promote a greater success rate for future RFPs.

Digital Education Update. Progress continues to be made in the deployment of eduroam across the state. Representatives from the University and the OCIO recently met with Omaha Public Schools to discuss deployment; likewise, the eduroam team has had discussions with Cox Communication regarding deployment on their public hotspots in the Omaha area.

Update education related action items in the Statewide Technology Plan. In June of 2022 the Education Council has reviewed and developed their goals for the statewide technology plan, an action item specific to Cybersecurity was inadvertently not included in the Statewide Technology Plan. The Education Council action items were presented to the NITC for review and approval.

Commissioner Mellender moved to approve the Education Council's revised action items for the Statewide Technology Plan. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: Blackman-Yes, Langer- Yes, Mellender- Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Spray-Yes, Toner-Yes, and Barrett- Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

GIS COUNCIL

Approval of membership nominations. The GIS Council voted to nominate Charlie Lucas as a new GIS Council member representing the Nebraska State Patrol. Mr. Lucas heads up the TraCS and MACH systems. TraCS was originally just the electronic citations system for NSP but has grown to host about 140 agencies on in the state using dozens of forms. MACH was NSP's Vehicle Location system and has now grown to have around 120 agencies across the state and is currently the Computer Aided Dispatch system for NSP.

Commissioner Spray moved to approve the nomination of Charlie Lucas to serve on the GIS Council. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: Barrett- Yes, Toner-Yes, Spray-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Mellender- Yes, Langer- Yes, and Blackman-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

GIS update. Ms. DunnGossin provided a demonstration of NebraskaMap. NebraskaMAP is an open data site built off Esri's Hubsite (basic). This site allows agencies to share data, maps and applications with the

public and even allow for public download and use of authoritative data. The OCIO GIO team is responsible for providing access to GIS software, the portal environments, and sharing enterprise data or data that agencies want to share publicly or with other agencies. The GIO team administers and manages five different portal environments currently. The GIO team works with eleven agencies, who pay into the GIS cost rate and utilize the environments.

LB102 - Change provisions relating to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act and the Nebraska Plane Coordinate System Act. This bill was sponsored by Senator Erdman who worked with Casey Sherlock, the State Surveyor. Three of the 4 sections deal with Land Surveyor Regulations, one section redefines the Nebraska State Plane Coordinate System and was drafted in line with sample legislation provided by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). Ms. DunnGossin was able to attend the hearing and spoke in support of the sections 11-13 of the bill, which details the update for the Nebraska State Plane. Following the hearing Casey Sherlock, the State Surveyor, spoke at the GIS Council about the datum update and how the legislation may be amended to include approval from the GIS Council in the future. As of February 24, 2023 the legislation was moved to general file with a committee amendment making GIS council the approvers of the datum.

LR370 (107th Legislature) - Interim study to examine the coordination and administration of boundary layers in Nebraska. Approximately 800 statutes were identified as needing review to identify the boundary or data steward. The goal is to have the report to the Boundary Working group for review by April 2023.

Ms. DunnGossin entertained questions from the Commission.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Digital Equity planning update. The State Digital Equity Planning Grant has been the focus of both eHealth and Community Council activities. An update on the State Digital Equity Planning Grant was included as part of the broadband update later in the meeting.

eHEALTH COUNCIL

Approval of membership nominations. The eHealth Council has a nomination for a new member, Robert Wagner, Chief Information Security Officer at CyncHealth. Ms. Byers asked for approval of his nomination.

Commissioner Niemoller moved to approve the nomination of Robert Wagner as a new member on the NITC Community Council. Mr. Mellender seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Barrett- Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer- Yes, Mellender- Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Spray-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL PANEL

Enterprise project status dashboard report. Commissioner Langer, Technical Panel Chair, provided the report. There were no major issues to report on the following projects:

- Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network, Nebraska Council of Regions
- iServe, Department of Health and Human Services
- Financial Systems Modernization Project, Department of Transportation
- OPS Retirement Plan Management Transfer, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems
- New Budget Management and Request System, Department of Administrative Services

Commissioner Langer entertained questions from the Commission.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Review of the OCIO's consolidation project (LR406). Commissioner Toner provided a review of the information he provided to the Legislature.

Commissioner Toner entertained questions from the Commission.

BROADBAND UPDATE

Presentations on broadband in Nebraska were provided by:

- Patrick Redmond, Interim Broadband Director;
- Cullen Robbins, Public Service Commission; and
- Anne Byers, Digital Equity Manager

Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

With no further business and without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by staff.