

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Friday, July 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CT
Varner Hall - Board Room 3835 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska
Jim Ediger, Hamilton Telecommunications
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Katie Niemoller, Children's Hospital and Medical Center

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College*
Senator Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature
Shane Greckel, Greckel Farms, LLC
Zach Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society
Dan Spray, Precision Technologies, Inc.
* Appeared by virtual conferencing (non-voting).

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Byers, Digital Equity Manager/ NITC Administrative Manager
Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator
Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager II
Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Management Office, IT Supervisor
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 declared present. Meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on June 13, 2023. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on July 7, 2023. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was in the meeting room and a link was included with the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Langer moved to approve the March 10, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Ms. Kingery provided the report.

The Education Council has met on one occasion since the March NITC meeting and will be meeting again on August 30. The established Task Groups have been working toward establishing paths forward to accomplish action items outlined in the Statewide Technology Plan.

The Council has membership vacancies and have approved the following membership recommendations for the NITC's approval:

- Paul Feilmeier, Vice President of Technology Services, Northeast Community
- Cheri Polenske, Chief Data Officer (CIO), Nebraska State College System (NSCS)
- Cassandra Joseph, educator teaching middle school mathematics at South Sioux City.

The Council wanted to acknowledge Dr. Dan Hoelsing for serving on the Education Council.

Commissioner Blackman moved to approve the Education Council's membership nominations. Commissioner Ediger seconded. Roll call vote: Niemoller-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Ediger-Yes, and Toner-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Network Nebraska Update. The Office of the CIO (OCIO) is preparing for the release of several RFPs. The first to be released later this month encapsulates new bids for the bulk of our existing contracts (over 120 leased lit fiber circuits and all leased backbone segments). There will be additional RFPs for internet at the Lincoln aggregation point (to be released closer to November), and another separate RFP for an undetermined number of special construction sites for Nebraska libraries. The goal is to have this RFP released to Procurement in August or September, but largely will be dictated by external stakeholders. The OCIO is working closely with the Governor's office, the Public Service Commission, and the Nebraska Library Commission to do our part to connect the libraries of Nebraska.

Digital Education Update: Participation of eduroam sits at approximately 65% of public schools in the state. There is still substantial growth potential in the non-public sphere and libraries. Earlier this year, the University executed a group connector agreement that allowed higher education partners in Nebraska to also participate in eduroam adding their students, faculty, and staff to ever-growing list of eligible end users to roam and find connectivity in over 2,500 locations in the United States and 33,000 worldwide

Commissioner Langer recommended the OCIO work with NATA (Nebraska Association of Technology Administrators) Group.

GIS COUNCIL

Ms. DunnGossin provided the report.

The Council has a membership vacancy. The GIS Council is reviewing membership to assure the charter reflects the membership requirements established in statute.

Christian Nielsen, Public Service Commission, GIS Specialist for 911, had been nominated to serve on the GIS Council. His nomination will also need to be approved by the Governor's Office.

Commissioner Ediger moved to approve the GIS Council's membership nomination. Commissioner Langer seconded. Roll call vote: Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Toner-Yes, and Ediger-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

GIS update. The State of Nebraska GIS Environment is starting the planning process to move the NEGIS Portal Environment to the Cloud. This will occur in 2 phases. The first phase is to move the image and raster data storage to the cloud, and then utilize ESRI's (Environmental Systems Research Institute) Image Dedicated service to serve up image services to state agencies. This will result in significant cost savings for the state and produce a more reliable product for customer agencies. We are planning to be complete with this by mid-September 2023. The second phase is moving the rest of the NEGIS Portal to a cloud deployment. The GIO team is currently working with Esri and AWS to create a robust deployment plan for NEGIS portal environments. We are planning on completing this deployment and having the State Agencies moved over to the cloud by February 1, 2024. As part of this deployment the NEGIS environment will be upgraded to Portal for ArcGIS 11.1.

The Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources will have their own publishing instance in the new environment. The Department of Transportation is going to linear

referencing system for their highways. Commissioner Toner stated that Nebraska is the only State with collaboration from other agencies state and local. ESRI highlighted NebraskaMAP at their national conference.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL & eHEALTH COUNCIL

Ms. Byers provided the reports.

Digital Equity planning update. The NITC/OCIO received a one-year \$600,000 State Digital Equity Planning grant with a start date of December 1, 2022. States which complete a state digital equity planning grant can apply for a minimum of \$7.2 million over 5 years to implement the digital equity plan and stand up a state grant program.

In order to develop a shared understanding of digital equity and to build capacity to address digital equity in Nebraska, the NITC/OCIO organized 8 webinars in January, February and March 2023 with an additional six webinars scheduled in June and July 2023.

The State Digital Equity Manager and representatives of the economic development districts met on June 8 to plan the agenda for the State Digital Equity Planning Workshop on August 8 in Kearney. The planning workshop will bring together representatives of the regional digital equity planning committees and other stakeholders to draft recommendations for the state digital equity plan.

Holly Woldt from the Nebraska Library Commission has been working with Sam Shaw and Andrew Sherman to gather data on library capacity and digital equity activities and to develop strategies to improve library capacity.

TECHNICAL PANEL

Commissioner Langer provided the report.

Technical standards and guidelines.

Proposal 30. Repeal the enterprise content management standard.

Commissioner Langer introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval.

Commissioner Ediger moved to approve Proposal 30. Commissioner Langer seconded. Roll call vote: Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Toner-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Proposal 31. Amend provisions of the Information Security Policy.

Commissioner Langer introduced the proposal. The Technical Panel recommends approval.

Commissioner Blackman moved to approve Proposal 31. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: Niemoller-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Ediger-Yes, and Toner-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Enterprise projects.

Enterprise project status dashboard report.

Commissioner Langer reviewed the status report and entertained questions.

The Technical Panel is recommending the following projects be designated as enterprise projects pursuant to NITC 1-206. Discussion followed.

- Office of the CIO: Kronos Transition to UKG Dimensions Project.
- Nebraska State Patrol: Message Switching System (MSS) Modernization Project.
- Nebraska State Patrol: Computer Aided Dispatch Project.

Commissioner Blackman moved to designate the projects as enterprise projects. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Commissioner Toner provided the report.

PRESENTATION: OCIO PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Mr. Weekly provided a presentation on the activities of the OCIO's Project Management Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion followed regarding offering eduroam to K-12 students to have access at home. Commissioners were interested in continuing this discussion at a later date.

Future meeting dates of the NITC will be November 9, 2023; March 8, 2024; and July 12, 2024.

ADJOURN

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

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