

**NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Nebraska Public Media - Board Room  
1800 N 33rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, July 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. CT

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Matthew McCarville, Chief Information Officer, Chair  
Senator Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature  
Phillip Doerr, Doerr Farms  
Zach Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society  
Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College  
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska  
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools  
Katie Niemoller, Children's Hospital and Medical Center

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jim Ediger, Hamilton Telecommunications\*  
Nate Watson, Contemporary Analysis\*  
\* Appeared by virtual conferencing in a non-voting capacity.

**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 Information Security Officer

**ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on June 7, 2024. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on July 5, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023, MEETING MINUTES**

**Commissioner Langer moved to approve the November 9, 2023, minutes as presented. Commissioner Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS**

**EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Ms. Kingery provided the report.

**Approval of membership nominations.** The Education Council has approved two new membership nominations. Ms. Kingery provided brief biographies on the following nominees: Brandon Eckman, Enterprise Architect, Northeast Community College, representing Community Colleges sector; and Elizabeth Kumra, Ralston Board of Education, representing the Board of Education sector.

**Commissioner Barrett moved to approve the Education Council's two new membership recommendations. Commissioner Mellender seconded. Roll call vote: Niemoller-Yes, McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Barrett-Yes, and Langer-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Digital Education and Network Nebraska updates.** Network Nebraska is in the process of completing the E-Rate application cycle, including the circuit buildout of the sites resulting from 2023 RFP for contracting beginning July 1, 2024. An OCIO Project Manager is working closely with Network Nebraska and the University to track over 100 new-builds and upgrades to the network. Participation Fee Memos reporting the 2024-25 rates are expected to go out in the coming weeks. There will be a rate increase for the Participation fee, as well as an increase in the Interregional Transport Fee. All Network Nebraska backbone segments are expected to upgrade to 10Gbps for increased speed for our members. The commodity Internet cost are expected to remain stable for the next two fiscal years and should see a reduction in cost beginning in 2026.

Senator DeBoer arrived at the meeting.

## **GIS COUNCIL**

Ms. DunnGossin provided the report.

The Council has met twice since the last NITC meeting. The Council voted to retire two actions items—statewide imagery and elevation programs. The USDA has flown NAIP (National Agriculture Imagery Program) collections in Nebraska every other year, and the state is able to buy the imagery for the cost of the download resources (hard drives or nominal download fee). NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) and USGS (US Geological Survey) have collected Lidar covering areas of Nebraska at QL2 (1 meter) and now QL1 (.5 meter) resolutions. These collections are then shared with Nebraska at no cost.

The Council did identify four action items it would like to continue to focus on for the 2024-2026 Statewide Technology Plan, these will be modified and updated for the plan in November. The remaining action items are: Formalize the definition of the Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI) and Data Stewardship, Geodetic and Survey Control Inventory and Assessment, State Land Record Information System, NebraskaMAP: A Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network.

There were quite a few GIS related bills in the last legislative session. GIS Council members had reached out to their representatives related to the bills and discussed options for feedback on the bills for the legislature. According to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-569 and 86-572, the GIS Council should make recommendations to the Legislature related to GIS program initiatives and funding. LB102 granted authority to the Nebraska GIS Council to define the Nebraska State Plane Coordinate System, instead of requiring it to be in statute.

## **TECHNICAL PANEL**

Commissioner Langer provided the report.

### **Technical standards and guidelines.**

### **Proposal 33. Amend the waiver policy.**

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

Discussion followed regarding the types of waivers an agency may want to request.

**Commissioner Mellender moved to approve Proposal 33. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: Blackman-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Barrett-Yes, McCarville-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Mellender-Yes, and Langer-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Proposal 34. Adopt a new section relating to international travel.**

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

Commissioners discussed the proposal, including the requirements of subsection (10) and the need to reset or wipe devices.

**Commissioner Barrett moved to approve Proposal 34 with the following change: move subsection (10) to subsection (2) and renumber accordingly. Commissioner Mellender seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Enterprise project status dashboard report.**

Commissioner Langer reviewed the status report and entertained questions.

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

Commissioner McCarville provided the report.

**Revised strategic initiatives for the Statewide Technology Plan.**

A revised list of strategic initiatives was included in the meeting documents. Once approved, staff will work with the councils to develop action items supporting each of the initiatives and revise the Statewide Technology Plan for approval by the commission.

**Commissioner Mellender moved to approve the strategic initiatives as present. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**BRIEFING ON SECURITY AND PROTECTION MEASURES UTILIZED BY THE NEBRASKA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

**Commissioner Langer move that the commission go into a closed session for the purpose of receiving a briefing on the security and protection measures utilized by the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer. The briefing—if conducted in an open public session—could threaten the security of the systems discussed. Commissioner Mellender seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

The Chair restated that the commission is going into closed session for the purpose of receiving a briefing on the security and protection measures utilized by the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer.

The commission went into closed session at 11:37 a.m.

Commissioner Blackman left the meeting.

The closed session ended at 12:32 p.m.

The Chair stated that the only matters discussed in the closed session were those set forth in the motion to go into closed session. No decisions were made, nor any formal actions taken.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Commissioner Mellender moved that staff review the commission's meeting schedule to consider**

**an increase in meeting duration or frequency. Commissioner Niemoller seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Barrett-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Niemoller-Yes. Results: Yes-6, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

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