NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION
Nebraska Public Media - Board Room
1800 N 33rd St Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, March 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m. CT
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Dr. Matthew McCarville, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Phillip Doerr, Doerr Farms
Jim Ediger, Hamilton Telecommunications
Nate Watson, Contemporary Analysis
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Katie Niemoller, Children's Nebraska
Zach Mellender, Omaha Zoological Society

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Dr. Leah Barrett, Northeast Community College
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska
Senator Wendy DeBoer, Nebraska Legislature

STAFF PRESENT:
Rick Becker, NITC Executive Administrator and Legal Counsel
Casey DunnGossin, GIS Coordinator
Becca Kingery, Education IT Manager
Lori Lopez Urdiales, Office Services Manager II
Abby Eccher, State Chief Information Security and Privacy Officer
Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Management and Business Analysis Administrator
Joe Beer, IT Supervisor
Yvette Coblentz, IT Supervisor
Noah Finlan, OCIO Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer
Prabhakar Vijayarangam, State Data Administrator
Nabor Encarnacion Jr., Office Specialist

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Commissioner McCarville called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on February 14, 2025. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on March 7, 2025. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was in the meeting room and a link to the act was included with the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Mellender moved to approve the November 8, 2024, minutes as presented. Commissioner Langer seconded. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Langer-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, and Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORTS

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Ms. Kingery provided the report.

Digital Education and Network Nebraska updates.

Ms. Kingery provided information regarding the most recent RFP bid process. Twenty-two sites were bid in the 2024 RFP, all twenty-two sites failed to receive successful bids in the "megaRFP" from 2023. All but one site received successful bids this year. Ms. Kingery fielded questions about how specific bandwidths are selected for bid. Ms. Kingery emphasized that the IT professionals at the ESUs and educational entities decide the appropriate bandwidths and gave perspective on how Network Nebraska is unique across the country and multiple bandwidth levels bid out are to ensure the availability for growth. Per Ms. Kingery, Network Nebraska will continue to provide this service in partnership with the University of Nebraska Systems engineering team who is responsible for network monitoring. Commissioner McCarville asked how cybersecurity and I.T support would affect these schools in regards to LB 599 and the JSOC initiative. Ms. Kingery informed the Commission that needs vary across the state, largely based on school district size and region.

GIS COUNCIL

Ms. DunnGossin provided the report.

Approval of membership nominations.

Commissioner Ediger made a motion to approve the membership nomination for the GIS Council. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Langer-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7. No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

GIS update.

Ms. DunnGossin reported that the OCIO GIS team is working with a vendor to revamp NebraskaMap. The GIS would hope to demo updates in July, showcasing functionality. Per Ms. DunnGossin, there are a number of federal programs important to State of Nebraska.

The Boundary working group continues to meet and make progress on the legislative review. GIS Council member organizations continue to review all statues, including those that define county boundaries.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

No report.

TECHNICAL PANEL

Enterprise projects.

Enterprise project status dashboard report.

Mr. Weekly introduced Joe Beer, IT Supervisor. Mr. Beer reviewed the enterprise project status dashboard report.

Close the following enterprise project: Financial Systems Modernization Project (Department of Transportation).

The Technical Panel recommends closure of this project.

Commissioner Ediger moved to close the Financial Systems Modernization Project. Commissioner Niemoller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Langer-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Discussions followed regarding the Kronos Transition to UKG Dimensions project.

Commissioner Mellender made a motion to instruct the Technical Panel to continue contingency

planning for this project, including the possibility of treating this situation as an emergency. Commissioner Watson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McCarville-Yes, Ediger-Yes, Doerr-Yes, Langer-Yes, Mellender-Yes, Niemoller-Yes, Watson-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Commissioner McCarville provided the report, including information regarding plans for the JSOC, JNOC, and OCIO office in Omaha.

PRESENTATION: JOINT SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (JSOC)

Ms. Eccher provided a brief background of her experience and a presentation on the initial plans for the JSOC.

PRESENTATION: STATE DATA FABRIC ROADMAP

Mr. Vijayarangam gave a presentation regarding state data fabric roadmap.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Mr. Encarnacion and reviewed by staff.