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April 17, 2024 Meeting Agenda
Nebraska Public Media Conference Room

9:00 AM	1. Call to Order, Electronic Posting, Location of Open Meeting Law Documents, Roll Call, Introductions	Co-Chairs
9:05 AM	2. Consider approval of the Agenda for the April 17, 2024 meeting*	Co-Chairs
9:08 AM	3. Consider approval of the Minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting*	Co-Chairs
9:10 AM	4. Public Comment	Co-Chairs
9:15 AM	5. Network Nebraska Update	B. Kingery
9:35 AM	6. Current Legislation	Co-Chairs
9:45 AM	7. Statewide Technology Action Items*	Co-Chairs
10:45 AM	8. Subsector Reports (if time permits)	Co-Chairs

        A. University of Nebraska
        B. Nebraska State Colleges
        C. Nebraska Community Colleges
        D. Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities
        E. Public K-12 and ESUs
        F. Private/Denominational K-12
        G. Nebraska Public Media
        H. Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
        I. Nebraska Department of Education

11:15 AM	9. Other Business/Announcements	Co-Chairs
11:20 AM	10. Consider Location(s) for the June 19, 2024 Meeting	Co-Chairs
11:25 AM	11. Agenda Items for the June 19, 2024 Meeting	Co-Chairs
11:30 AM	12. Adjournment	Co-Chairs

* Indicates an expected action item.

The Council will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

LB61   **Introduced By:** Brandt   **Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications
   Topic: Authorize leasing of dark fiber and eliminate certain powers of the Public Service Commission
   Potential Impact:
      Would allow certain public entities to license dark fiber and amended regulations surrounding the purchase,
      lease, and license of such infrastructure.
   Notes: Carryover, priority bill, advanced to E&IR   **Status:** Approved by Governor 3/18/24

LB865   **Introduced By:** Bostelman   **Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications
   Topic: Require annual reports to the Nebraska Broadband Office
   Potential Impact:
      On or before July 30, 2024, and by July 30 each year thereafter, each provider operating in this state shall
      submit a report to the Nebraska Broadband Office that provides specific information regarding each standard
      Internet service plan advertised by the provider and the rates associated with each such plan.
   Notes: Carryover   **Status:** Incorporated into LB1031

LB1031   **Introduced By:** Bostelman   **Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications
   Topic: Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund, dark fiber
   leases, and broadband telecommunications services.
   Potential Impact:
      Speeds must be capable of 100/20 Mbps to qualify for support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund
   Notes: Emergency declared, made priority bill   **Status:** Passed Legislature 4/11/24, awaiting Governor

LB1063   **Introduced By:** Halloran   **Committee:** Education
   Topic: Require approval by the voters of the school district prior to expenditure of special building funds as
   prescribed
   Potential Impact:
      Requires a vote approval for improvements or the purchase of equipment for any existing school property to
      appear on any Special Election or General Election ballot.
   Notes: **Status:** No further action at this time

LB1300   **Introduced By:** Bostar   **Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs
   Topic: Adopt the Pacific Conflict Stress Test Act and the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act
   Potential Impact:
      Outlines provisions and potential restrictions related to equipment or investments that might be at elevated
      risk from foreign adversaries.
   Notes: Emergency declared, made priority bill   **Status:** Passed legislature 4/11/24

LB1302   **Introduced By:** Lippincott   **Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs
   Topic: Adopt the Cybersecurity Preparedness Act
   Potential Impact:
      Rewrite of LB651 from the 2023 term that reduced the fiscal note.
   Notes: Emergency declared   **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB1336](#)   **Introduced By:** DeKay   **Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications

Topic: Change provisions of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act and transfer certain powers and duties to the Nebraska Broadband Office

Potential Impact:
   Transfers certain responsibilities from the PSC to the Broadband Office

Notes: Emergency declared   **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB1389](#)   **Introduced By:** Bostar   **Committee:** Revenue

Topic: Provide for a personal property tax exemption for broadband equipment as prescribed

Potential Impact:
   Allows the exemption of broadband equipment from personal property tax under specific circumstances

Notes: **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB1417](#)   **Introduced By:** Brewer   **Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs

Topic: Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds

Potential Impact:
   Creation of Commission for K-12 Education/Elimination of the ESU CC. Elimination of the NITC Tech Panel with duties passed on to the NITC. Elimination of the Rural Broadband Task Force.

Notes: ESU CC language removed   **Status:** No further action at this time

Carryover Bills from Last Term with No Updates in 2024

[LB238](#)   **Introduced By:** Bostelman   **Committee:** Education

Topic: Include virtual school students in the state aid to schools formula

General File: No   **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB635](#)   **Introduced By:** Albrecht   **Committee:** Education

Topic: Provide requirements regarding access to digital and online resources provided for students by school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission

General File: No   **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB638](#)   **Introduced By:** Albrecht   **Committee:** Education

Topic: Adopt the Nebraska K-12 Cybersecurity and Data Protection Act

General File: No   **Status:** No further action at this time

[LB650](#)   **Introduced By:** McDonnell   **Committee:** Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs

Topic: Allow certain cybersecurity records to be withheld from the public

General File: Yes   **Status:** Incorporated into LB43, Approved by Governor 3/27/24

Current	Group Recommendation (Drop Down)	Changes Proposed(if selected 'amend' from dropdown)
Strategic Initiative: Network Nebrsaka Action Item# 2		
"The Education Council, OCIO/NITC staff, and Network Nebraska support staff will sufficiently and appropriately communicate to, and in support of, current and potential Network Nebraska Participants."	No Changes	
Deliverables:		
communication strategy; conduct periodic participant survey	No Changes	

Proposed New Action Items	Proposed Strategic Initiative (Drop Down)	Proposed Deliverables

Here are the committee notes. We have some recommendations that require others to help.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WBjo9xgsd25uhd5jdgjgSf-OsOj011ER_Knpcj6w0ZM/edit?usp=sharing

Current	Group Recommendation (Drop Down)	Changes Proposed(if selected 'amend' from dropdown)
Strategic Initiative: Digital Education Action Item# 1		
Help ensure the success of Nebraska digital education	No Changes	
Deliverables:		
inventory current use, future promotion of effective practices, connect constituencies to promote improvement	Amend	inventory current use, future promotion of effective practices, connect constituencies to promote improvement, **establish a common definition of digital education that applies to a broad range of constituents, determine factors relevant to measuring the success of digital education**
Strategic Initiative: Digital Education Action Item# 2		
Expand awareness and address the need for equity of access as it relates to digital education	No Changes	
Deliverables:		
inventory current use, future promotion of effective practices, connect constituencies to promote improvement	Amend	inventory current use, future promotion of effective practices, connect constituencies to promote improvement, **address professional development for teachers broadly and collaboratively, focus on affordability initiatives**

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Current	Group Recommendation (Drop Down)	Changes Proposed(if selected 'amend' from dropdown)
Strategic Initiative: Network Nebraska Action Item# 1		
Prepare for the future of Network Nebraska as a statewide, secure, multipurpose, high capacity, scalable telecommunications network that shall meet the demands of state agencies, local governments, and educational entities as defined in section 79-1201.01	Amend	~~Prepare~~ **Develop a comprehensive plan** for the future of ~~Network Nebraska as~~ **Nebraska's telecommunications infrastructure, designed to be** a statewide, secure, multipurpose, **high-capacity, and** scalable network that ~~shall meet the demands~~ will **effectively address the needs** of state agencies, local governments, and educational institutions as defined in section 79-1201.01.
Deliverables:		
liaison with NNAG and CAP to provide insight and guide decision-making regarding services, and associated business models	Amend	Liaison with **Nebraska State Unicameral**, NNAG, CAP, **and Core Partners** to provide insight and guide decision-making regarding services, identified Intiatives and associated business models.
Strategic Initiative: Network Nebraska Action Item# 3		
Identify needs and deliver advanced services to Network Nebraska members, including security, cloud computing, and education infrastructure, to meet the growing needs of its membership	Amend	Enhance Network Nebraska's services to effectively meet the diverse needs of its members by providing advanced offerings such as security solutions, cloud computing capabilities, and robust educational infrastructure. By prioritizing member needs and deploying advanced services in security, cloud computing, and education infrastructure, Network Nebraska can effectively support its membership base and drive innovation and efficiency across the network ecosystem.
Deliverables:		
develop strategies for the delivery of advanced services; incorporate developed strategies into the Network Nebraska business model; implement additional value-add services	Amend	Develop strategies for ~~the delivery of advanced services~~ **advanced service delivery**, ~~incorporate developed strategies~~ **integrate them** into ~~the~~ Network Nebraska's business model, **and** implement ~~additional~~ value-added services **to enhance offerings, membership growth, and membership satisfaction.**

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Statewide Coverage: Ensure seamless coverage across all regions of Nebraska to facilitate reliable connectivity statewide.
Security: Implement robust security measures to safeguard sensitive data and communications exchanged within the network.
Multipurpose Functionality: Design the network to support a wide range of applications and services to meet the diverse needs of state agencies, local governments, and educational entities.
High Capacity: Build a network infrastructure with substantial bandwidth capacity to accommodate current and future data demands.
Scalability: Plan for scalability to accommodate growth and evolving technology requirements over time.

Current	Group Recommendation (Drop Down)	Changes Proposed(if selected 'amend' from dropdown)
Strategic Initiative: Network Nebraska Action Item# 4		
Promote the adoption of statewide cybersecurity practices for Nebraska K-20 education	Amend	~~Promote the adoption~~ of statewide cybersecurity practices for Nebraska K-20 education
Deliverables:		
promote cybersecurity best practices within K-20 community; encourage participation in cyber-related industry events to spread education/awareness	Amend	~~promote~~ **establish recommendations for** cybersecurity best practices within K-20 community; encourage participation in cyber-related industry events to spread education/awareness

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Communicate recommended statewide cybersecurity practices for Nebraska K-20 education	Security	Leverage available resources to reach as many stakeholders as possible