

EDUCATION COUNCIL
April 19, 2022 Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 1:00 p.m. CT

Host Locations:

Nebraska Public Media Board Room, 1800 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln NE

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Burke Brown, Palmyra District OR-1
Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02
Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools
Mr. Greg Maschman, Nebraska Wesleyan University
Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09
Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT: Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media

MEMBER/ALTERNATE PARTICIPATION VIA ZOOM: Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska; Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School; Dr. Michael Oltrogge, Nebraska Indian Community College; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 3; and Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Derek Bierman, Doane University; Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Ann Burk, Chadron State College; Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools; Ed Toner, OCIO

CALL TO ORDER, ELECTRONIC POSTING, LOCATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW DOCUMENTS, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS

Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. There were six voting members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. The meeting proceeded with informational items and discussion. The meeting notice was posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) April 14, 2022. The meeting agenda was posted to the [NITC Web site](#) on April 14, 2022.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 19, 2022 MEETING*

Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken. The meeting proceeded with discussion.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 02/16/2022 MEETING*

Tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public members introduced themselves: Jeremiah Ourada, Wesleyan CIO; Nick Muir, Wayne State College CIO; and Michael Oltrogge, Nebraska Indian Community College. Mr. Rolfes introduced Becca Kingery, Education I.T. Specialist for Network Nebraska, from the OCIO. Mr. Needham introduced himself as co-chair. John Dunning, former co-chair is now with the University of Wisconsin. A Higher Education Co-chair will be needed for the Education Council.

CYBER SECURITY UPDATE

Patrick Wright, State Security Officer

Mr. Wright works closely with the NITC and the Technical Panel to develop Security guidelines and standards regarding cybersecurity. Cyberattacks are occurring every 39 seconds. The long-range costs of a cyberattack could take years to recover. Cyber threat actors are becoming more sophisticated. The average in-network dwell time is 17 days before exploitation. Virtual hatches need to be battened down. The K12 sector is very vulnerable but also lack funding, time and knowledge to fully address security. The best way to address these issues is through a coordinated effort, advocate for security funding, and to share information about attacks.

Mr. Wright entertained questions from the council members. The K12 sector would benefit from a “break glass” incident response plan template if it was developed. Mr. Wright has sample plans if any members are interested. Council members recommended that security could be a Network Nebraska value-added service. The network’s advanced services are still under development. Cyber security responsibilities in education are often added to a full-time person’s responsibilities. It needs to a full-time dedicated position and effort to be effective, said Mr. Wright.

STAFF UPDATE

I.T. Legislation. Mr. Rolfes had provided an update in the meeting materials. There were three bills that he pointed out to the council: LB1112, Adopt the Computer Science and Technology Act and provide graduation requirements and academic content standards; LB1144, Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act and the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act; and LB1213, Provide requirements regarding access to digital and online resources provided by school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission for students. LB 1213 did not pass this session.

Education Council Charter Review. The council’s charter was developed in 1999 with the last update done in November 2011. Council members were asked to review the document to determine if any updates need to be made, and if the Council is still following the original guidance. No changes were suggested at this time.

Education Council [Membership Renewals](#). The following members' terms are due to expire on 6/30/2022 but they will be asked if they would like to serve another term. Mr. Rolfes will contact the appropriate entity to confirm.

Vacancy, Wayne State College (Higher Education)

Nick Muir, Wayne State College – Recommended Nominee

Greg Maschman, Nebraska Wesleyan University (Higher Education)

Jeremiah Ourada, Wesleyan University – Recommended Nominee

Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska (Higher Education)

TBD – Recommended Nominee

Tom Peters, Central Community College (Higher Education)

Recommend Renewal

Burke Brown, Palmyra/Bennet Public Schools (K12)

Recommend Renewal

Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Public Schools (K12)

Recommend Renewal

Alan Moore, ESU 3 (K12)

Recommend Renewal

Gary Needham, ESU 9 (K12)

Recommend Renewal

NITC MEETING, MARCH 10, 2022

Education Council [Report](#). Mr. Rolfes shared the report that was given to the NITC at the March 10th meeting.

[Action Item Update](#). A quorum was not present to vote on the action items. Approval of the action items will be on the June meeting agenda.

Council members made the following recommendations for Digital Education Action Items:

1. (Change to) Help ensure the success of Nebraska digital education
 - 1.1 (Discontinue) Conduct a collaborative project to identify the scope and usage of digital education across all levels of education across the state of Nebraska.
 - 1.2 (Discontinue) Identify the metrics and measure the impact of the use of digital education in student academic preparedness.
 - 1.3 (Change and replace 1.1) Inventory the use of learning technologies in Nebraska K-12 schools and promote the effective practices in the use of those technologies (e.g. flipped classroom, blended learning, learning management systems, OER, fully online instruction, etc...)
- 2.2 Identify opportunities and actions to address equitable access for students when away from school or campus.

Council members made the following recommendations for Network Nebraska Action Items:

1. Prepare for the future of Network Nebraska as a statewide, multipurpose, high capacity, **secure (added)**, scalable telecommunications network that shall meet the demands of state agencies, local governments, and educational entities as defined in section 79-1201.01.

2.3 Develop, publish, and maintain a catalog of Network Nebraska services comprised of services offered directly by Network Nebraska **as well as member offered services to other members.**

4. Mr. Rolfes will draft a potential Action Item #4 for the June 15, 2022 meeting to address future cybersecurity needs and activities.

Mr. Rolfes informed the council that the Department of Education has hired a new State E-rate Coordinator and Infrastructure Specialist. Christina Struebing began work with NDE on 3/28/2022 and has been learning about Network Nebraska. She and Ms. Kingery have already been discussing social media options to better advertise and promote Network Nebraska.

STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the action items for the Statewide Technology was tabled until the June meeting. Mr. Rolfes asked members to contact him if they had any new ideas for vignettes to include in the statewide plan.

Discussion occurred about the task groups. They have not met regularly but would like to think about re-establishing the work groups. Further discussion of the task groups will be on the June agenda.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS

Due to time constraint, members were given the option to provide a subsector report. The following agencies provided a brief report: Nebraska State Colleges, Nebraska Public Media, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

NITC meeting, July 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The council will need to develop and approve the action items at the June meeting for review and approval by the NITC.

Other. Mr. Rolfes encouraged council members who are affected to provide comments to the FCC regarding the nationwide E-rate bid portal. Comments will be accepted until Wednesday, April 27th.

AGENDA ITEMS AND LOCATION FOR THE WEDNESDAY, 6/15/2022 MEETING

The following agenda items were recommended for the June meeting:

- Action Items for Statewide Technology Plan

- Membership renewals
- Task Groups

The June meeting will be a Zoom meeting with host site located at Central Community College. The meeting could include a tour of the Network Nebraska aggregation point at College Park for anyone interested.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Tom Rolfes, Office of the CIO.