

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9:00AM CT

Host Location:

Central Community College, 3134 U.S. Hwy 34, Grand Island

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MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University

Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska (Alt. for Bret Blackman)

Mr. Burke Brown, Palmyra District OR-1

Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools

Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02

Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School

Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools

Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)

Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College (Host site)

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT: Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media; Gregg Robke, ESU 4; Cassandra Joseph, South Sioux City Public Schools; and Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Greg Maschman, Nebraska Wesleyan University; Leonard Kwapnioski, Columbus Public Schools; Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Dr. Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; and Ed Toner, OCIO

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

The Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. There were 10 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The Meeting Notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on June 14, 2022. The agenda was posted to the NITC Web site on June 14, 2022. The [Open Meetings Act](#) link was sent along with the meeting materials.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 15, 2022 MEETING*

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the June 15, 2022 agenda as presented. Mr. Brown seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Buker-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Brown moved to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Hamersky seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 04/19/2022 MEETING*

Mr. Brown moved to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mr. Rolfes reported that the next NITC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2022. The proposed slate of nominations will be approved at that time.

Higher Education Sector Nominations (7/1/2022-6/30/24 term):

Jeremiah Ourada, Independent Colleges & Universities (New)
Tom Peters, Community College System
Nick Muir, State College System (New)

K-12 Education Sector Nominations (7/1/2022-6/30/24 term):

Gary Needham, Educational Service Units
Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Administrators
Alan Moore, School Board Members
Burke Brown, Public Teachers

[STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN](#) ACTION ITEMS

Council members reviewed and discussed [changes](#) to the Digital Education and Network Nebraska Action Items. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.

Mr. Brown moved approval of the changes to the Digital Education and Network Nebraska Action Items. Mr. Buker seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS

The following sectors provided a report: University of Nebraska, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Public K-12 and ESUs, Nebraska Public Media, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NITC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

OTHER

Mr. Rolfes reminded the Council members that a higher education co-chair still needs to be elected. In addition, he reminded the council that the NITC will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2023.

Mr. Rolfes provided information on federal and state funding opportunities. The Governor's office will be making an announcement soon about the agency or agencies responsible for the NTIA Digital Equity and BEAD grants programs.

Co-Chair Needham proposed an August meeting date change from 8/17/2022 to 8/3/2022. This will be an in-person meeting, and will be an afternoon meeting, 1-3:30 p.m. to all time for members to drive in the meeting.

On July 15th, Mr. Rolfes will be retiring from the State of Nebraska. The National Telecommunication Information Administration (NTIA) approached him to assist Nebraska's broadband efforts and initiatives. He will begin his new position on Monday, July 18th. Council members expressed their congratulations and thanks for his work and dedication to the Council and Network Nebraska.

AGENDA ITEMS AND LOCATION FOR THE WEDNESDAY, 8/3/2022 MEETING

The council agreed to meet on August 3rd, 1-3:30 p.m. Mr. Buker will check on a meeting room at the Innovation Campus. If available, a tour may be offered. Agenda items for the August meeting

- Federal Funding
- Review Charter
- Tentative Co-Chair Caucus for Higher Education, NITC will be approving new members in July
- Task Group Reorganization (This may wait until the October meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DeTurk moved to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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