

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 03, 2022, 1:00 P.M. CT

Host Location:

Varner Hall Lower Level, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Burke Brown, Palmyra District OR-1

Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools

Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School

Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Non-Voting):

Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Cassandra Joseph, South Sioux City Public Schools

Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education

Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media

VOTING MEMBERS & LIAISONS PRESENT VIA VIDEO – PARTICIPATION ONLY:

Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02; Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools; Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College; 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; Gregg Robke, ESU 4; 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 1:10 p.m. There were 6 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. The Meeting Notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on July 14, 2022. The agenda was posted to the NITC Web site on July 14, 2022. The Open Meetings Act link was sent along with the meeting materials.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETING*

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 06/15/2022 MEETING*

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NITC UPDATE

The July meeting NITC meeting was cancelled. Due to the July cancellation the nomination of the new Council members and Council's action items were not approved. The next NITC meeting will be in early November.

CYBERSECURITY COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

(Moved up in the agenda to accommodate speaker's schedules.)

Rick Haugerud, Assistant Vice President of IT Security Services for the University of Nebraska, provided a presentation regarding cybersecurity goals, initiatives, and collaborative efforts.

Andy Boell, Chair of the Northeast Nebraska Network Consortium, provided a presentation regarding the consortium's formation and its cybersecurity initiative. The consortium is pleased that the ESU perspective is involved in solutions discussions. The consortium is interested in having a representative from the Education Council serve on their consortium. The consortium is developing a charter.

Members agreed with the concept of the K20 perspective and collaboration. It was suggested to adding public libraries as well. Another issue to address regarding cybersecurity is governance and the institution's policies and procedures. It would be helpful if all institutions had similar policies and procedures. Geographic location and the size of schools will affect policies and procedures. Conducting audits was another recommended area to discuss. Funding and cost have always been an issue for institutions. More funding is needed.

Patrick Wright, State Information Security Officer, informed the council that federal funding will be available soon for cybersecurity initiatives. NEMA will be the grantor of the 4-year funding. They will be establishing a committee to assist them with the application process. More information about the committee and funding will be coming out soon.

TASK GROUP REORGANIZATION

Rationale for Proposed Group Structure
Consider Approval of New Task Group Structure

No quorum was present to conduct official business, but the council proceeded with discussion.

A couple of the challenges with the Council's task groups are leadership of a task groups, time involved, size of the task group. All members are busy with their positions and serving on task group would involve more time. Need members who are committed and dedicated to the council and its action items. It was difficult to reach quorum for the task group meetings. Alternates can also serve on the task force groups.

In discussions with the former NITC Education IT Manager and the co-chairs, to reach achievable results, they proposed that there be a task force assigned to each of the 6 action items.

The members expressed concerns about having 6 task groups, as well as getting 6 members to chair a task group. To assure participation, it was suggested to have the task group meetings coincide with the Education Council meetings. Task groups could meet before or after the meeting.

Emerging technologies, former action item, it was recommended to invite guest speakers inform the council.

This agenda item will be discussed further at the October meeting.

GEER I PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Kingery reported that the following projects were approved:

- Network Nebraska Backbone Upgrade.
- DDoS Mitigation Appliances
- Eduroam Year 2 dues
- Eduroam Year 3 dues were built into the Network Nebraska budget
- Eduroam equipment and labor costs. eduroam has seen an increase in participation from 30% to 40% since the announcement of the funds
- Broadband automated speed test. The first testing has been completed and the project has posted metrics. Mr. Needham stated that the ESU's may want to look at the Eduroam projects. Eduroam.us website has information regarding participants.
- TV white space. The project is looking for sites within ESU 10 as a site test location.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS (if time permits)

There were no updates to report from the following: University of Nebraska, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Nebraska Public Media, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Nebraska State Colleges. Cheri Polenske has been hired as the Chief Information Officer for the State College systems. She is already in contact and working with other state colleges.

Public K-12 and ESUs. Mr. Needham reported that there has been a lot of focus on security and working on the GEER projects.

Private/Denominational K-12. Mr. Hamersky reported that they have also been busy this summer working on funding opportunities.

Nebraska Department of Education. Chris Struebing reported that at the E-rate Coordinators meeting in Alliance, there were lots of questions regarding E-rate eligibility of WIFI on school buses. She will be in contact with the E-rate coordinators in the schools for their input and recommendations.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no other business.

CONSIDER DATE(S), LOCATION(S) AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting is scheduled for October 19th, at 9 a.m. This will work out for the Co-Chair due to being in Lincoln for an ESU NOC meeting that afternoon. The ESU meeting is scheduled at Lincoln Public Schools. The NITC staff will be in touch with LPS about a meeting room. Ms. Kingery will send out a meeting invite to council members to hold this date and time on their calendars.

Agenda items for the October meeting will include:

- Discussion on Task Groups
- Higher Ed Co-Chair
- Education IT budgets review and recommendation(s) to the NITC (If they are any that are submitted.)

ADJOURNMENT

Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the Becca Kingery, Interim Education IT Manager, with the Office of the CIO.