

TECHNICAL PANEL
1526 Building - 4th Floor - Hearing Room 4D
Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, October 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m. CT
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kirk Langer, Chair, Lincoln Public Schools
Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska, ITS
Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications
Jeremy Sydik, University of Nebraska

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA TELEPHONE (DISCUSSION ONLY; NON-VOTING):

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, State of Nebraska

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None.

ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Mr. Langer called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present. Meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on August 21, 2020. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on October 28, 2020. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available in the meeting room.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Sun moved to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Sydik-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes and Sun-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PROJECTS

Enterprise project status dashboard.

Andy Weekly, OCIO Project Manager

Mr. Weekly provided an update on the status of the enterprise projects.

Update on Dept. of Health and Human Services projects.

Dan Gartin, Dept. of Health and Human Services

Mr. Gartin provided an update on the DHHS projects. DHHS has determined that it wishes to close out the original EES project and begin reporting under its new business transformation program known as the iServe Nebraska program. Replacement of the ACCESSNebraska Portal and an incremental replacement of the N-FOCUS system form the basis of Phase 1 of the iServe program.

Mr. Sydik moved to recommend closure of the Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment System project, and to recommend designating the iServe Nebraska program as an enterprise project. Mr. Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Sun-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes and Sydik-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Request for Waiver 20-01, Nebraska Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

Patrick Wright was introduced as the new State Information Security Officer. Mr. Wright has reviewed this request and recommends the request be approved as a permanent waiver for the agency.

Ms. Sun moved to approve Request for Waiver 20-01 with no end date. Mr. Sydik seconded. Roll call vote: Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, Sydik-Yes, and Sun-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A member of the public was on the telephone conference call and asked to be recognized for public comment. Without objection, the Chair revised the agenda to add a public comment session, allowing five minutes per commenter.

Mr. Ron Woerner provided comments to the panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSION ON PROJECT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE 2021-2023 BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS

Mr. Langer provided an overview of the project review process.

At this meeting, the panel will discuss each project and answer the following revised questions: (1) Does the project: (a) create efficiencies and/or (b) reduce or eliminate risks?; (2) Is the proposed technology appropriate for the project?; and (3) Can the technical elements be accomplished within the proposed timeframe and budget?

The panel will also recommend how each project should be prioritized. The commission uses a tier system with the following categories:

- Mandate. Required by law, regulation, or other authority.
- Tier 1. Highly Recommended. Mission critical project for the agency or the state.
- Tier 2. Recommended. Project with high strategic importance for the agency or the state.
- Tier 3. Other. Project with strategic importance for the agency or the state; but, in general, has an overall lower priority than the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects.
- Insufficient Information. Insufficient information to make a recommendation.

After the panel has reached consensus on an initial recommendation for each project, the submitting agency will be given an opportunity to address the panel.

Finally, each project will have a record vote on the final recommendations of the panel.

09-01, Secretary of State, Rules & Regulations Electronic Solution

Mr. Langer led a discussion about the project. Colleen Byelick, Chief Deputy, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Mr. Blackman moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 09-01: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Ms. Sun seconded. Roll call vote: Sun-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes and Sydik-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

09-02, Secretary of State, Notary Public Filing System

Mr. Langer led a discussion about the project. Colleen Byelick, Chief Deputy, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Mr. Langer moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 09-02: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1 and 2, (2) answer “unknown” to question 3, and (3) recommend the

project be prioritized as a Tier 2 project. Mr. Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Sydik-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, and Sun-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

09-03, Secretary of State, Election Night Reporting / Candidate Module System

Ms. Sun led a discussion about the project. Colleen Byelick, Chief Deputy, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Mr. Blackman moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 09-03: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Mr. Sydik seconded. Roll call vote: Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Sun-Yes, and Sydik-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

35-01, Liquor Control Commission, Centralized Alcohol Management Project

Ms. Sun led a discussion about the project. Hobert Rupe, Executive Director, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Ms. Sun moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 35-01: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Mr. Blackman seconded. Roll call vote: Sydik-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, and Sun-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

46-01, Department of Correctional Services, Electronic Health Records

Mr. Sydik led a discussion about the project. The agency was not present for discussion.

Mr. Blackman moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 46-01: (1) answer “unknown” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized in the “Insufficient Information” category. Mr. Sydik seconded. Roll call vote: Sun-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, and Sydik-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

54-01, State Historical Society, Improve Digital Access

Mr. Sydik led a discussion about the project. Jay Shaeffer, IT Infrastructure Support Analyst, and Lindsey Hillgartner, Digital Archivist, were present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel. The agency will provide a more detailed breakdown of the budget for the commission.

Mr. Sydik moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 54-01: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Ms. Sun seconded. Roll call vote: Sydik-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, and Sun-Yes. Results: Yes-4, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

47-01, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, Radio Transmission Project

Mr. Blackman led a discussion about the project. Ling Ling Sun, Chief Technology Officer, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Mr. Blackman moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 47-01: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Mr. Sydik seconded. Roll call vote: Sydik-Yes, Langer-Yes, Blackman-Yes, and Sun-Abstain. Results: Yes-3, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.

47-03 Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, Facility Routing

Mr. Blackman led a discussion about the project. Ling Ling Sun, Chief Technology Officer, was present for discussion and to answer questions from the panel.

Mr. Sydik moved to provide the following comments and recommendations on project 47-03: (1) answer “yes” to questions 1-3, and (2) recommend the project be prioritized as a Tier 1 project. Mr. Langer seconded. Roll call vote: Blackman-Yes, Langer-Yes, Sydik-Yes, and Sun-Abstain. Results: Yes-3, No-0, Abstained-1. Motion carried.

WORK GROUP UPDATES; OTHER BUSINESS

There were no updates.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Rick Becker, Office of the CIO.