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INTRODUCTION

Nebraska has 217 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similar entities (boards). Among the many tasks assigned to them, boards provide oversight of governmental programs, regulate licensed professionals, carry out studies, oversee implementation of new programs, advocate for certain constituencies, and advise state agencies.

In 1997, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council requested that the Legislative Research Office compile and annually update a list of statutorily created boards. This publication contains that list.¹

BOARDS AS AGENCIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Of the statutorily created boards documented in this report, 52 serve as state agencies.

What makes a board a state agency?

The *Nebraska Blue Book* defines state agencies as entities which have their own staffs, are affiliated with no other agency or entity, and appear as distinct items within the state budget. The most recent board/agency—the Nebraska Tourism Commission—was created in 2012 with the passage of LB 1053. (Previously, the commission had been a division within the Department of Economic Development.)

Nebraska state agencies are categorized as “code agencies” or “noncode agencies”; however, neither phrase is statutorily defined, making categorizing agencies more of an art than a science.²

Generally, a “code agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by the Governor. The appointee serves at the pleasure of and answers directly to the Governor. On the other hand, a “noncode agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by board members (who comprise the agency and are usually gubernatorial appointments).

Of the 52 stand-alone, agency boards, six are under the direct control of the Governor and are considered code agencies, and the remaining 46 are considered

- 1 The list does not include: (1) boards created by executive order, by agency rule or regulation, or pursuant to federal mandates, unless enacted via state statutes; (2) governing commissions or councils created pursuant to interstate compacts; or (3) boards created via state statutes that serve local government (e.g., local school boards or boards of directors of natural resources districts).
- 2 The terms “code” and “noncode” harken back to 1919, when the Legislature adopted the Civil Administrative Code. Essentially, the 1919 legislation reorganized the executive branch of state government. The legislation abolished over 20 boards, commissions, and other departmental subdivisions and replaced them with six departments, each headed by a gubernatorial appointee. Those agencies and subsequent, similarly structured agencies came to be called “code agencies.” Because sources disagree on how boards are classified and consistent statutory guidance is lacking, this report uses the Governor's Office classification of code and noncode agency boards, as generally reflected in the *Nebraska Blue Book*.

noncode agencies. Table 2, Appendix B, lists and includes additional information about the 52 agency boards.

OTHER STATUTORILY CREATED BOARDS

Many of the remaining 166 state boards are created or housed within other state agencies. The health profession licensing boards within the Department of Health and Human Services are examples.

However, a significant number of boards defy categorization; they are not full-fledged state agencies nor are they completely under the control of another state agency. The *Nebraska Blue Book* classifies these boards as “other state governmental bodies” and describes them as follows: “[M]iscellaneous boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities and quasi-governmental bodies and bodies with members from more than one branch of state government. None of these entities are full-fledged state agencies, but they have a degree of independence that keeps them from being classified within any department or agency.”³ Among this diverse group of boards are the Environmental Trust Board, the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, and the State Anatomical Board.

All of these boards are listed within the master list of Nebraska Boards and Commissions found in Table 3, Appendix C.

2012 LEGISLATION IMPACTING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

During the 2012 legislative session, the Legislature created 10 new boards and eliminated another two (although both of the eliminated boards were replaced by new boards carrying out similar duties).

New Boards

Nebraska Invasive Species Council (LB 391). The council is given various statutory duties relative to the control of invasive species in Nebraska, including developing and periodically updating a statewide adaptive management plan on invasive species. The Game and Parks Commission provides administrative support. Members serve without compensation and include a range of governmental and private interests. The voting members are appointed by the Governor. Nonvoting, ex officio members represent federal governmental entities and the nonprofit Nature Conservancy.

Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee (LB 820). The committee was created to review, report, and provide recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regarding a federal waiver application DHHS is required to make to allow the state flexibility to try new foster care programs. Members are appointed by the director of the Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) and include representatives of child welfare organizations. (LB 820

³ *The Nebraska Blue Book*, 2010-11, p.717.

was part of the child welfare reform legislative package.) Additional members

include at least one ex officio member appointed by the State Court Administrator to provide the committee information about the court process but who otherwise takes no part in the committee's decision-making. The committee's final report is due December 15, 2012.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee (LB 820). Another of the child welfare reform entities, this committee was tasked with developing a standardized statewide foster care reimbursement rate structure. Committee members include the chief executive officer of DHHS or his or her designee, representatives from each division within CFS, and stakeholders in the foster care system, including foster parents, providers, and advocacy groups. The committee's final report is due December 15, 2012.

Nebraska Children's Commission (LB 821). The commission was created as a "high-level leadership body" and given two overarching jobs: (1) creating a statewide strategic plan to reform the child welfare system; and (2) reviewing DHHS operations as they pertain to child welfare. The commission's 16 members include representatives from all three branches of state government and the private sector. Legislative and judicial members, however, are nonvoting. A chief component of the child welfare legislative bills in 2012, this commission also oversees the two committees created by the passage of LB 820 and two committees created in LB 821. The commission can also create additional committees—either from among its own membership or using other individuals with knowledge of the subject matter to be studied.

Committee to examine state policy regarding prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs to state wards (LB 821). The Children's Commission created pursuant to LB 821 was given authority to organize committees as it deems necessary, but was required to create two committees to study specific areas of legislative interest. LB 821 leaves the specifics of each committee's structure to the commission. This committee is one of those two committees, intended to examine state policy regarding prescription of psychotropic drugs to state wards, including a review of the policy and procedures for prescribing and administering the drugs. The committee is to make its recommendations to the Children's Commission for any changes to policy and procedures.

Committee to examine the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services (LB 821). This committee is the second of two committees the Children's Commission must create on specific issues. This committee must examine the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services, including the role and effectiveness of the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers (YRTCs) within the juvenile justice system and the responsibilities of the administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services. The committee is to make recommendations to the Children's Commission concerning its findings on the role of the YRTCs and the future responsibilities of the administrator.

Foster Care Advisory Committee (LB 998). The committee serves the newly created Foster Care Review Office (which replaced the Foster Care Review Board). The word “advisory” in its name may be a bit misleading, since the committee's specific duties include hiring and firing the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office and supporting and facilitating the office's work. The five-member committee is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. Members can hold no monetary interest in the foster care system and cannot be employees of the Foster Care Review Office, DHHS, a county, a child-caring agency, a child-placing agency, or the courts. Three members are appointed from a list of local foster care review board members; one member is appointed from a list of persons with data analysis experience; and one member is appointed from a list of persons who represent the general public.

Nebraska Tourism Commission (LB 1053). The duty of the commission is to promote tourism in Nebraska. The commission replaces the Travel and Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development. Members of the former Travel and Tourism Division Advisory Committee serve as the initial members of the commission. The Governor, with the approval of the Legislature, appoints successive members. The members represent various segments of the tourism industry and serve four-year terms. Employees of the division remain employees of the commission.

Natural Gas Fuel Board (LB 1087). The board advises the State Energy Office regarding the promotion of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel. The eight members represent natural gas utilities, the transportation and auto industries, labor, and the environment. They are appointed by the Governor, subject to legislative approval, and serve four-year terms. Members are reimbursed for expenses related to their service on the board.

Task Force to Investigate Human Trafficking Issues (LB 1145). The task force is created to investigate human trafficking, the methods for advertising human trafficking services, and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking. The task force also assists in the development of a human trafficking training curriculum for members of the criminal justice system. The task force is established within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and is composed of members of the law enforcement and legal communities, including the Attorney General and the superintendent of the State Patrol, political subdivisions, advocacy groups, and the general public. Members of the task force who are not members by virtue of their jobs are appointed by the Governor for six-year terms. Additionally, members are reimbursed for their expenses.

Eliminated Boards

Foster Care Review Board (LB 998)

Travel and Tourism Division Advisory Committee (LB1053)

Existing Boards

This report does not track every change made to existing boards. However, the following significant changes are briefly noted.

Athletic Advisory Committee (LB 869). LB 869 removes duties pertaining to amateur boxing from the Athletic Advisory Committee and reduces the membership of this committee from six to five to reflect the change.

Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant, and Contract Review Committee (LB 946). The Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant, and Contract Review Committee's name, duties, and membership are changed under LB 946. LB 946 adopts the Community College Aid Act and provides for the distribution of state aid to community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2013-2014.

With the passage of LB 946, the committee is renamed the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee. The committee will direct the distribution of funds from the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant Fund to the state's six community college areas.

The committee is composed of seven members, who are appointed by the agency or community college areas being represented. (Previously, committee members were appointed by the Director of Administrative Services.) Finally, LB 946 increases community college members on the committee from one to three and adds a representative from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to the committee.

Nebraska Capitol Commission (LB 1116). LB 1116 adds the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court as a member of the Capitol Commission, replacing the State Court Administrator. However, the bill provides that the Chief Justice can designate the State Court Administrator as his or her representative on the commission.

NEBRASKA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TABLES

Appendices A, B, and C contain the boards and commissions tables.

Table 1, Appendix A, lists those boards created during the 2012 legislative session. Table 2, Appendix B, lists those boards that are agencies of state government. Table 3, Appendix C, is a comprehensive list of all statutorily created boards tracked by this report. (For reference, termination dates refer to the termination date listed in statute for that particular board; however, terminated boards and commissions continue to be listed until they are actually removed from statute.)

Appendix A

Table 1

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Created by the Legislature in 2012

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
Nebraska Invasive Species Council	LB 391	37-1403			N	
Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee	LB 820	43-4212			N	
Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee	LB 820	43-4208			N	
Nebraska Children's Commission	LB 821	43-4202		6/30/14	Y	
Committee to examine state policy regarding prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs to state wards	LB 821	43-4203			N	
Committee to examine structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services	LB 821	43-4203			N	
Foster Care Advisory Committee	LB 998	43-1302	Yes		Y	
Nebraska Tourism Commission	LB 1053	81-3710	Yes		N	
Natural Gas Fuel Board	LB 1087	66-2001	Yes		N	
Task Force to Investigate Human Trafficking Issues	LB 1145	81-1430			Y	

Table prepared by Legislative Research Office, September 2012

Appendix B

Table 2

Boards as Agencies of State Government

Code agency boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Year Created
Aeronautics Commission (Department of Aeronautics)	3-104	Expenses	5	5 years	1945
Economic Development Commission (Department of Economic Development)	81-1201.02	Expenses	9	4 years	1986 (1967) ¹
Environmental Quality Council (Department of Environmental Quality)	81-1503	Expenses; \$40 per diem	17	4 years	1971
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	81-1416	Expenses	18	6 years	1969
Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Department of Natural Resources)	2-1504	Expenses; \$50 per diem	16	4 years	1937 ²
Parole, Board of	83-188, Const. Art. IV, sec. 13	Annual salary, as fixed by the Governor. Service is considered a full-time job.	5	6 years	1969

1 The Department of Economic Development was created in 1967, along with an Economic Development Committee, which was given advisory duties. Laws 1986, LB 965 replaced the committee with the Economic Development Commission and expanded its role within the department.

2 The Natural Resources Commission was created in 1937 (Laws 1937, c. 8, sec. 4, p. 94) as the State Soil Conservation Committee, later the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. It was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972. The Department of Natural Resources was established in 2000 via the merger of the commission and the Department of Water Resources (Laws 2000, LB 900).

Noncode agency boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540	Expenses; \$50 per diem	5	5 years	Yes	1965
Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1976
Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1965 ³
Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221	Expenses; \$75 per diem	3	3 years	No	1927
Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Expenses; \$70 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	2000
Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191	Expenses	5	4 years	No	1941
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	85-1403 Const. Art. VII, sec. 14	Expenses	11	6 years	No	1976 ⁴
Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604	Expenses; \$25 per diem	9 ⁵	3 years	No	1978
Dairy Industry Development Board	2-3951	Expenses	Set by formula	3 years	No	1992
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	Expenses	9	3 years	Yes	1979
Dry Bean Commission	2-3745	Expenses	9 ⁶	3 years	Yes	1987

³ In 1973, the Legislature repealed the original act and replaced it with new legislation creating a 15-member council.

⁴ In 1990, Nebraska voters approved placing the commission in the State Constitution.

⁵ Additionally, the Director of Agriculture, the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

⁶ The director of the Panhandle Research and Extension Center serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Education, State Board of/Vocational Education, State Board of	79-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 3/ 79-321	Expenses	8	4 years ⁷	No	1952 ⁸
Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-201 Const. Art. VII, sec. 6	Expenses	5	5 years	No	1875 ⁹
Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Expenses	11	4 years	No	1963
Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Expenses	7	5 years	No	1975 ¹⁰
Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428	Expenses; \$60 per diem	8	5 years	No	1937
Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116	Expenses; \$50 per diem	7	3 years	No	1965
Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Expenses; \$25 per diem	7	4 years	No	1971 ¹¹
Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Expenses; \$35 per diem	10	4 years	Yes	1879 ¹²
Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Expenses	5	3 years	Yes	2012
Geologists, Board of	81-3520	Expenses;	7	5 years	No	1998

⁷ The State Board of Education is an elective office.

⁸ A constitutional amendment to create a Department of Education, governed by a Board of Education, was approved by voters in 1952. Legislation the next year established this structure in statute.

⁹ The Nebraska Constitution of 1875 provided for a “board of commissioners for the sale, leasing, and general management of all lands and funds set apart for educational purposes....” It was composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. In 1955, the Legislature changed the board's membership to a body appointed by the Governor, after voters approved the change in a constitutional amendment in 1954.

¹⁰ Prior to 1975, the state Electrical Board was a division within the State Fire Marshal's Office.

¹¹ Laws 1971, LB 776 created an Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee, which over time came to be known as the Gasohol Committee, the precursor to the Ethanol Authority and Development Board, which was renamed simply the Nebraska Ethanol Board in 1993.

¹² The commission originated in 1879 as the Board of Fish Commissioners and has undergone numerous permutations since then. In 1929, the Legislature merged the Bureau of Game and Fish in the Department of Agriculture with the state Park Board to create the Game, Forestation and Parks Commission. In 1967, the Legislature created the position of State Forester and removed oversight of forests from the commission, which then became the Game and Parks Commission.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
		Per diem (set at state employee rate)				
Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002	Expenses	7 ¹³	3 years	No	1981
Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1878 ¹⁴
Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501	Expenses; \$50 per diem	14	4 years	No	1971
Industrial Relations, Commission of	48-803 Const. Art. XV, sec. 9	Expenses; \$475 per diem	5	6 years	No	1947
Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Expenses; \$75 per diem	5 ¹⁵	5 years	No	1969
Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110	Expenses	5 ¹⁶	5 years	No	1957 ¹⁷
Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186	Expenses	6	5 years	No	1967
Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262	Expenses; \$35 per diem	10 ¹⁸	3 years	No	1972 ¹⁹
Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401	Expenses	6	3 years	Yes	1901
Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Expenses; \$12,500 annual salary ²⁰	3	6 years	No	1935

13 The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources are ex officio, nonvoting board members.

14 The Historical Society was founded in 1878, became a state institution in 1883, and a state agency in 1994.

15 The State Treasurer and the executive director of the State Employees Retirement Systems serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

16 The State Surveyor serves as the ex officio secretary of the board.

17 The board became an independent state agency in 1971.

18 The board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and the Governor, or his or her designee, who serves as an ex officio member with the power to vote.

19 The commission was originally known as the Commission on Mexican-Americans.

20 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 53-106 prohibits members of the Liquor Control Commission from holding any other position or office under state law, the laws of other states, or the federal government. The commission is just one of four boards or commissions that is salaried. (The others are the Parole Board, the Public Service Commission, and the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.)

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Expenses; \$50 per diem	9 plus 1 ²¹	3 years	Yes	1957
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Expenses; \$50 per diem	3	4 years	No	1959
Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	Expenses; \$60 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	1963
Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107	Expenses; \$100 per diem	8	4 years	Yes	1909 ²²
Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1995
Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	Expenses; \$50 per diem	9 ²³	5 years	No	1971
Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20	Expenses; \$75,000 annual salary ²⁴	5 ²⁵	6 years	No	1906 ²⁶
Racing Commission, State	2-1201	Expenses	5	4 years	No	1935
Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07	Expenses; \$100 per diem	7 ²⁷	6 years	Yes	1973
Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222	Expenses; \$100 per diem	5	5 years	Yes	1990
State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	85-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 13	Expenses	7 ²⁸	6 years	No	1867

21 The Director of Motor Vehicles serves as the board's chair.

22 The predecessor board was known as the Board of Examiners of Public Accountants; the current board was statutorily established in 1957.

23 The State Investment Officer serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

24 The commission's salary is set by the Legislature.

25 The State Constitution allows the commission to have between 3 and 7 members; the current board lists 5 members.

26 The PSC is another board that has undergone numerous changes over its lifetime. Its lineage traces back to the Railway Commission, which was established in 1885 and composed of state constitutional officers. In 1906, voters ratified a constitutional amendment creating an elective railway commission.

27 The Secretary of State serves as the commission chairperson.

28 The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex officio member; the governor also annually appoints three nonvoting student trustees, one each from the states three state colleges.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Tax Equalization and Review Commission	77-5003 Const. Art. IX, sec. 28	Expenses; Salaried (set by Governor)	3	6 years	No	1995
Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	None in statute	9	4 years	No	2012
University of Nebraska Board of Regents	85-103 Const. Art. VI, sec. 10	Expenses	8	6 years	No	1869
Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302	Expenses	7 ²⁹	5 years	No	1955 ³⁰

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29 The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

30 The Wheat Board was originally created as an advisory committee when the Division of Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing was established in the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1981, legislation was enacted making it an independent agency (Laws 1981, LB 11).

Appendix C

TABLE 3

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses¹	Per Diems²
1.	Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540			Y	\$50
2.	Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Y		Y	
3.	Accreditation Committee, State (Department of Education)	79-703			N	
4.	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of	38-204			Y	\$30
5.	Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y	
6.	Affirmative Action Committee	81-1363			Y	
7.	Aging Advisory Committee	68-1101			Y	
8.	Airline Authority, Nebraska State	3-804	Y		Y	Y ³
9.	Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of	38-308			Y	\$30
10.	Anatomical Board, State	71-1001			N	
11.	Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-224.03			Y	\$50
12.	Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y	
13.	Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Y		Y	
14.	Athletic Advisory Committee	81-8,139.01			Y	
15.	Athletic Training, Board of	38-401			Y	\$30
16.	Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of	38-504			Y	\$30
17.	Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221			Y	\$75
18.	Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204	Y		Y	
19.	Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Y		Y	\$70
20.	Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	48-739	Y		Y	\$50
21.	Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
22.	Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y	
23.	Building Renewal, Task Force for (LB 309 Task Force)	81-174			Y	Y ⁴
24.	Canvassers, Board of State	32-1037			N	
25.	Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			N	
26.	Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32			Y	
27.	Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska State	90-306			N	
28.	Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee	2-5302			Y	
29.	Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903	Y		Y	
30.	Child Death Review Team	71-3406			Y	
31.	Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05			Y	
32.	Children's Behavioral Health Task Force	43-4001		6/30/10	Y	
33.	Children's Commission, Nebraska	43-4202		6/30/14	Y	
34.	Chiropractic, Board of	38-804			Y	\$30
35.	Claims Board, State	81-8,220			Y	
36.	Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	Y		Y	
37.	Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603			Y	
38.	Committee to examine state policy regarding prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs to state wards	43-4203			N	
39.	Committee to examine structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services	43-4203			N	
40.	Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N	
41.	Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Board of Directors	44-4216			Y	Y ⁵

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
42.	Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, State Board to Administer	13-2603			N	
43.	Conveyance Advisory Committee	48-2503			Y	
44.	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	85-1403 Const. Art. VII, sec. 14	Y		Y	
45.	Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604			Y	\$25
46.	Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art, Board of	38-1007			Y	\$50
47.	County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213			Y	
48.	County Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2304			Y	
49.	Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	81-1802	Y		Y	
50.	Critical Incident Stress Management Council	71-7105			N	
51.	Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska	2-3951			Y	
52.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	Y		Y	
53.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission of the	71-4728.03			N	
54.	Dentistry, Board of	38-1106			Y	\$30
55.	Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y	
56.	Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y	
57.	Dry Bean Commission	2-3745			Y	
58.	Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees	79-1104.03			Y	
59.	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y	
60.	Economic Development Commission	81-1201.02			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
61.	Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27,156			Y	
62.	Education, State Board of/Vocational Education, State Board of	79-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 3/ 79-321			Y	
63.	Educational Finance Authority, Nebraska	85-1710			Y	
64.	Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-201 Const. Art. VII, sec. 6	Y		Y	
65.	Educational Opportunity for Military Children, State Council on	79-2204			Y	
66.	Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council	79-1245			N	
67.	Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Y		Y	
68.	Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Y		Y	
69.	Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810			Y	
70.	Emergency Medical Services, Board of	38-1206	Y		Y	
71.	Emergency Response Commission, State	81-15,210	Y		Y	
72.	Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428			Y	\$60
73.	Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y	
74.	Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registered	38-1307			Y	\$25
75.	Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	Y		Y	\$40
76.	Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15,170	Y		Y	
77.	Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116			Y	\$50
78.	Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Y		Y	\$25

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
79.	Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01			Y	
80.	Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Y		Y	
81.	Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee	43-4212			N	
82.	Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	38-1405			Y	\$30
83.	Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Y		Y	\$35
84.	Geographic Information Systems Council	86-570			Y	
85.	Geologists, Board of	81-3520			Y	Y ⁶
86.	Governor's Residence Advisory Commission	72-2101			Y	
87.	Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002			Y	
88.	Grape and Winery Board, Nebraska	53-301			Y	
89.	Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724			N	
90.	Health Advisory Board, (Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles)	60-4,118.02			Y	
91.	Health Professions, Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of	71-6224			Y	
92.	Health, State Board of	71-2601	Y		Y	\$20
93.	Hearing Instrument Specialists, Board of	38-1503			Y	\$25
94.	Highway Commission, State	39-1101	Y		Y	\$20
95.	Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y	
96.	Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830			N	
97.	Housing and Homelessness, Nebraska Commission on ⁷	58-704; 81-1281			Y	
98.	Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, Nebraska Commission on ⁸	68-1605(3)			Y	

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99.	Human Trafficking Issues, Task Force to Investigate	81-1430			Y	
100.	Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501			Y	\$50
101.	Industrial Relations, Commission of	Const. Art. XV, sec. 9 48-803	Y		Y	\$475
102.	Information Technology Commission, Nebraska	86-515	Y		Y	
103.	Information Technology Commission, Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska	86-521			N	
104.	Interagency Management Committee (to the Critical Incident Stress Management Committee)	71-7106			N	
105.	Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y	
106.	Interrelated Water Review Board ⁹	46-719			N	
107.	Invasive Species Council, Nebraska	37-1403			N	
108.	Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N	
109.	Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Y		Y	\$75
110.	Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226			Y	
111.	Jail Standards Board	83-4,124			Y	
112.	Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N	

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113. Judicial Nominating Commission ¹⁰	24-801 Const. Art. V, sec. 21			N	
114. Judicial Qualifications Commission	24-715 Const. Art. V, sec. 28			Y	
115. Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201			Y	
116. Juvenile Justice, Nebraska Coalition for	43-2411			Y	
117. Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110			Y	
118. Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186			Y	
119. Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262			Y	\$35
120. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416			Y	
121. Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board	7-204			Y	
122. Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401			Y	
123. Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Y		Y	\$12,500 annual salary
124. Livestock Auction Market Board	54-1160			Y ¹¹	\$50

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125. Massage Therapy, Board of	38-1704			Y	\$30
126. Medicaid Reform Council	68-948			Y	
127. Medical Home Advisory Council	68-961			Y	
128. Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of	38-1805			Y	\$30
129. Medical Radiography, Board of	38-1903			Y	
130. Medical Review Panel	44-2841			Y	\$50
131. Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-2010			Y	\$30
132. Mental Health Practice, Board of	38-2105			Y	\$30
133. Mental Health Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-814			Y	
134. Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Y		Y	\$50
135. Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	Y ¹²		Y	\$50
136. Natural Gas Fuel Board	66-2001	Y		N	
137. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission	81-12,123		12/31/10	Y	
138. Niobrara Council	72-2007			Y	

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139. Nursing Board, Nebraska Center for	71-1799			Y	
140. Nursing, Board of	38-2204			Y	\$100
141. Nursing Home Administration, Board of	38-2406			Y	\$30
142. Nursing Home Advisory Council	71-6044			Y	
143. Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	38-2505			Y	
144. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Y		Y	\$50
145. Optometry, Board of	38-2603			Y	\$30
146. Pardons, Board of	83-1,126 Const. Art. IV, sec. 13			N	
147. Parole, Board of	83-188 Const. Art. IV, sec. 13	Y		N	Salaried
148. Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel (Department of Correctional Services)	83-4,164			N	
149. Perfusionist Committee	38-2712			Y	\$50
150. Personnel Board, State	81-1318	Y		N	
151. Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee	68-953			Y	

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152. Pharmacy, Board of	38-2808			Y	\$30
153. Physical Therapy, Board of	38-2905			Y	\$30
154. Physician Assistant Committee	38-2056			Y	
155. Podiatry, Board of	38-3003			Y	\$30
156. Police Standards Advisory Council, Nebraska	81-1406			Y	
157. Potato Development Committee, Nebraska	2-1803			Y	
158. Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee, Nebraska	2-3404			Y	\$25
159. Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	Y		Y	\$60
160. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y	
161. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N	
162. Problem Gambling, State Committee on	71-816			Y	
163. Professional Practices Commission	79-861			Y	
164. Propane Education and Research Council	66-1617			N	
165. Psychology, Board of	38-3103			Y	\$30

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166. Public Accountancy, Educational Advisory Committee to the Board of	1-113			N	
167. Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107			Y	\$100
168. Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923			Y	
169. Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	Y		Y	\$50
170. Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	Y		Y	\$20 ¹³
171. Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20			N	\$75,000 annual salary
172. Public Water Supply, Advisory Council on	71-5311			Y	
173. Quality Jobs Board	77-4908			N	
174. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee	20-506			N	
175. Racing Commission, State	2-1201	Y		Y	
176. Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07			Y	\$100 ¹⁴
177. Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222			Y	\$100
178. Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N	

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179. Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force	46-2,140		6/30/12	Y	
180. Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority (Department of Insurance)	44-2837			N	
181. Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	38-3203			Y	\$30
182. Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-967		6/30/13	Y	
183. Rural Development Commission	81-3601			Y	
184. Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654	Y		Y	
185. Safety Center Advisory Council, Nebraska	85-1008			N	
186. School Districts, State Committee for the Reorganization of	79-435			Y	
187. Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3			Y	
188. Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board, Nebraska	44-5261			N	
189. Sports Arena Facility Financing Act, board to administer	13-3102			N	
190. State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	85-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 13			Y	
191. State Fair Board, Nebraska	2-101	Y ¹⁵		N	

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192. State Records Board	84-1204			Y	
193. State Records Board, Technical Advisory Committee to the	84-1205.01			N	
194. Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee	71-8803	Y		Y	Y ¹⁶
195. Substance Abuse Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-815			Y	
196. Suggestion Award Board	81-1348			Y	
197. Tax Equalization and Review Commission	77-5003 Const. Art. IX, sec. 28	Y		Y	Salaried
198. Teacher Education and Certification Advisory Committee	79-808			Y	
199. Technical Committee to Review Statewide Assessment and Reporting Plan	79-760.03	Y		Y	
200. Telecommunications Relay System Act, Special Advisory Committee to Administer the	86-315			N	
201. Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Advisory Board	86-327			N	
202. Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee	43-4208			N	
203. Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	Y		N	
204. Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y	

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205. Truancy Intervention Task Force	79-527.01			N	
206. University of Nebraska Board of Regents	85-103 Const. Art. VI, sec. 10			Y	
207. Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N	
208. Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06			Y	
209. Veterans' Homes Board	80-318			Y	
210. Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-3306			Y	\$30
211. Violence Prevention, Advisory Council to the Office of	81-1447			Y	
212. Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board	46-1217			Y	
213. Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302			Y	
214. Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702			Y	
215. Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N	
216. Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623			N	
217. Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101			N	

Source: Table prepared by Legislative Research Office, July 2012

A “Y” in this column indicates that a provision authorizing expenses exists in the statute creating the board or commission; an “N” indicates the enacting statute makes no mention of allowing expenses. However, Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 81-1178 provides that “Any member of any state commission, council, committee, or board which has been created by statute shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees whether or not specific reference is made to such sections.”

² Unless otherwise noted, per diems listed are the maximum allowable in statute for that particular board. Since some statutes indicate that the permissible per diem is “at least” or “up to”, the actual per diem paid to a given board member could be less than that listed. As per Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 71-112, the professional boards in the various health-related fields receive expenses as well as a per diem not to exceed \$30. Additionally, the per diem and expenses cannot be greater than “is received in fees from the applicants taking the examination in any particular profession.” Each individual board sets its own per diem within those parameters. Additionally, these boards may set per diems and pay the expenses up to this rate for any subcommittees they create.

³ The Nebraska State Airline Authority members “shall receive a per diem as the Governor shall determine.” However, this authority disbanded after overseeing an intra-state air service study issued in 1990 and has not been re-appointed.

⁴ Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is “established by the Governor on a per diem basis. . . .”

⁵ Paid only when traveling for business of the CHIP board, at the rate set by the pool administrator.

⁶ LB 1161 states, “Each member of the board shall receive as compensation the same per diem and travel expenses as other state employees for each day actually spent in traveling to and from and while attending sessions of the board and its committees or authorized meetings of the National Association of State Boards of Geology, or their subdivisions or committees, and all necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Geologists Regulation Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.”

⁷ The Commission on Housing and Homelessness was formed by Executive Order 98-4 and combines two statutorily created advisory committees previously listed as the Housing Advisory Committee to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Affordable Housing Committee, both under the authority of the Department of Economic Development.

⁸ In 2002, the former Advisory Committee on Families with Special Needs Housing became the Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, which serves as the advisory committee to the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program. Its parent agency is the Department of Health and Human Services.

⁹ “The board, when appointed and convened, shall continue in existence only until it has resolved a dispute referred to it pursuant [to statute].”
Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 46-719(1a).

¹⁰ There are actually 33 commissions of nine members each representing the various judicial districts and courts within the state.

¹¹ The Livestock Auction Market Board is a three-person board with one appointed member who receives expenses.

¹² The Legislature confirms the three gubernatorial appointees to the 16-member commission.

¹³ The three lay members of the board are the only members to receive a per diem, which is set at the same rate as that paid to the members of the State Highway Commission.

¹⁴ All members of the Real Estate Commission receive a per diem except the chairman, who is an ex officio member and the Nebraska Secretary of State.

¹⁵ Four of the 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

¹⁶ Committee members who are not employed by Nebraska medical schools receive a stipend per meeting. The amount is determined by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services based on standard consultation fees.