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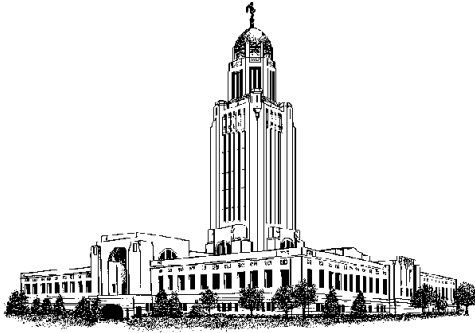
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Dear Reader,

Thank you for your interest in Nebraska government. This 2024 report is required by Nebraska Revised Statute § 50-1301 *et seq.* and contains information about the purpose and scope of operations of many units of our state government that are often overlooked: the many boards, commissions, and councils that have been created in the executive branch of government over the course of the 157 years since Nebraska became a state.

The Committee completes this report by conducting a survey of all applicable entities. All data presented below were provided by those responding on behalf of these government offices to comply with the committee's request. They are reproduced here in substantially unaltered form, with limited formatting changes and a handful of corrections to obvious typographical errors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the name.

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# 911 Service System Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	911 Service System Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Thomas Golden Executive Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission concerning the implementation, coordination, operation, management, maintenance, and funding of the 911 service system and provide input on technical, training and quality assurance standards.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2018
<b>Year Active:</b>	2018
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-1025.01
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	16 Members (14 appointed 2 ex officio)
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	The Public Service Commission
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No



**Qualifications Of Members:**

A. The membership of the Advisory Committee shall consist of: 1. Four representatives of public safety agencies within the state, including: a. an emergency manager, b. a member of a law enforcement agency, c. a member of a fire department, and d. a member of an emergency medical service as defined in section 38-1207; 2. Two county officials or employees; 3. Two municipal officials or employees; 4. Two representatives of the telecommunications industry; 5. Two managers of public safety answering points, one of whom is employed by a county sheriff and one of whom is not employed by a county sheriff; 6. One representative of the Nebraska Association of County Officials; 7. One representative of the League of Nebraska Municipalities; 8. The State 911 Director, who shall serve as an ex officio member; 9. The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member.

**Per Diem:**

No

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Yes

**Term Length:**

3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

All Expire

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Shared Nebraska Public Service Commission

**FY 21-22 Budget:** none

**FY 22-23 Budget:** none  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** none  
**Other Funding Sources:** none  
**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Public Service Commission

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since July 1, 2020, the 911 Service System Committee continues its role in advising the Commission on the implementation, coordination, operation, management, maintenance and funding of the 911 Service System. Specifically, a new Next Generation 911 funding model was developed, recommended, and adopted by the Commission in November of 2020. Additionally, the Committee established a training working group to develop minimum training standards for telecommunicators and in November of 2021 the Commission adopted the recommended training standards that became effective January 1, 2022. In 2023, those training standards were amended to include the requirement that Telecommunicator CPR also be a mandatory component of training. In 2024, the Committee established a working group to develop and recommended standards to allow for callers between 911 and the National Suicide Hotline (988) to transfer calls between the two entities. Those standards became effective in December 2024.

# Abstracters Board of Examiners

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Abstracters Board of Examiners
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Trent Behr
<b>Purpose:</b>	To enforce and administer laws in compliance with the Abstracter's Act, safeguarding the welfare and property of Nebraska citizens by determining the proficiency and competency of abstracters who provide information on the legal status of real estate titles.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All citizens and entities involved in real estate transactions within Nebraska.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Approximately 100 registered abstracters and multiple abstracting firms statewide.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1965
<b>Year Active:</b>	1965
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Established under the Abstracters Act, Nebraska Revised Statutes 76-501 to 76-558
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Operates independently as a state board.

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Five
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	The Governor of Nebraska
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Not required
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Three members must be active registered abstracters with at least five years of experience. One member must be a lawyer experienced in real estate law. One member must represent the public.

**Per Diem:** NA

**Expense Reimbursement:** Members are reimbursed for expenses incurred during official duties.

**Term Length:** Five years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** The board employs a director and may have additional administrative support as needed.

**Shared or Separate:** Operates with separate support staff.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 50000

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 52000

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 54000

**Other Funding Sources:** Funded through license and examination fees.

**Spending Authority:** Authorized to utilize funds for operational expenses, including examinations, licensing, and enforcement activities.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Examination Development and Administration: The Board prepares and grades the Abstracter's examination twice annually, issuing Certificates of Registration to individuals who pass. Licensing and Certification: It issues Certificates of Authority to individuals and firms engaging in abstracting, ensuring compliance with the Abstracters Act. Continuing Education Oversight: The Board mandates that each abstracter completes three hours of professional development every two years, reviewing and approving seminars and continuing education programs to maintain high industry standards. Complaint Investigation: It reviews and investigates complaints against licensees, upholding ethical practices and protecting public interest. Regulatory Compliance: The Board enforces and administers laws in compliance with the Abstracters Act, safeguarding the welfare and property of Nebraska citizens by determining the proficiency and competency of abstracters.

# Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 83-1212.01
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Maximum of 19
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	One (1) representative of a statewide advocacy organization for persons with developmental disabilities and their families;One (1) representative of Nebraska's designated protection and advocacy organization;One (1) representative of the Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities; andOne (1) representative of the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Education, Research and Service 51% shall be persons with

Developmental Disabilities and Family members of Persons with Developmental Disabilities

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Three Years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 0  
**Held FY 22-23:** 8  
**Required FY 23-24:** 0  
**Held FY 23-24:** 7

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 1  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared- Currently tasked with other responsibilities to Administrative Programs Officer I  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** General funds and Medicaid Administration Federal Funds as appropriated to DHHS Program 033 Operations.  
**Spending Authority:** Spending authority is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. The DD Advisory Committee has provided feedback on major and minor DDD initiatives and projects including Waitlist Elimination and regulatory and waiver changes.



# Advisory Council on Public Water Supply

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Advisory Council on Public Water Supply
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Laura Johnson, Administrator, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the Council is to advise and assist the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health in administering the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	1333 Public Water Systems
<b>How Many Served:</b>	1,737,024
<b>Year Created:</b>	1976
<b>Year Active:</b>	1976
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, Chapter 71, Article 53 Statute 71-5311
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	NA
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Professional engineer; licensed physician; two consumers of a public water supply system; two operators of water systems one serving a population of 5,000 or less and one serving a population of more 5,000; one individual who owns a public water system, a member of the governing board of a public or private corporation that owns a

public water supply system, or in the case of a political subdivision that owns a public water supply system, a member of the subdivisions governing board or board of public works or similar board that oversees the operation of a public water supply system

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual and necessary expenses  
**Term Length:** 3 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 0  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 0  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** No  
**Spending Authority:** No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Advisory Council on Public Water Supply has not met since January 2020 and no longer has enough members to form a quorum. Three of the seven council appointments have been vacant since at least July 1, 2020 and all but two of the seven council appointments are vacant today. The remaining members terms will expire on July 30th, 2025. The Department is aware of 4 applications for appointment which have been submitted to the Governors Boards and Commissions program for appointment consideration.

# Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-564
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	17
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Outlined in statute requiring representation from various stakeholder groups
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes

**Term Length:** 2, 3, or 4 years

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 1

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 13

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 1

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** Nebraska General Funds

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority for the fund is established each biennium in the budget bill. Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-517 and 71-472 authorize spending of the funds under the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. Throughout 2024, Alzheimers Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council has been working to create a State Alzheimers Plan to provide legislators and the Governor with a brief background on dementia, the impact of the disease on individuals who have been diagnosed, their families, the health care system in Nebraska, and other topics outlined in statute. The Plan identifies challenges, such as public awareness of brain health, the lack of adequate staffing of medical and non-medical care providers, and the availability of resources and assistance in rural communities, and makes recommendations to address them. The Council will provide the report to the Legislature in the first quarter of 2025. They will begin delving into these issues throughout 2025 and will provide status reports to the Legislature and Governor annually.

# Beginning Farmer Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Beginning Farmer Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Holle Evert (Holle.Evert@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To develop and direct programs to provide increased and enhanced opportunities for beginning farmers and livestock producers. The Board has, to that end, developed the rules and regulations to determine the eligibility for the beginning farmer, livestock producer, and the owner of agricultural assets that will receive the tax credit, as stated in the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act (Act). Under the Act, the Board also determines the application process, the dollar amount of the tax credit, the guidelines and procedures to obtain the tax credit, provides the eligibility certificate to the beginning farmers to submit to their county assessor for an application for a tangible personal property tax exemption, and various other responsibilities
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	37,297Number is based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service 2022 Census identifying operators under 34 and over 65 years of age.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	FY 21-22: 402, FY 22-23: 361, FY 23-24: 268
<b>Year Created:</b>	1999
<b>Year Active:</b>	1999
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	December 31, 2027

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, Sections 77-5201 through 77-5215
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None. The Board is housed within the Department of Agriculture for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governorappoints the 5 members who are not ex-officios.

**Legislative Approval:** Yes, of those appointed.

**Qualifications Of Members:** (1)The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee;(2)The Tax Commissioner or his or her designee.(3)One individual representing lenders of agricultural credit;(4)One individual of the academic community with extensive knowledge and insight in the analysis of agricultural economic issues; and(5)Three individuals, one from each congressional district, who are currently engaged in farming or livestock production and are representative of a variety of farming or livestock production interests based on size of farm, type of farm operation, net worth of farm operation, and geographic location.All of the above are required to be residents of Nebraska.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes, actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** 4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 3

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes, The Department of Agriculture provides administrative support to the Board.

**Shared or Separate:** The Department of Agriculture provides the staff.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$71,020



**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$72,014

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$103,960

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA. The spending authority is in the Department of Agriculture budget.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Attended 61 outreach events reaching approximately 400,000 attendees. 221 Applications received. 130 Approved Issued a total of \$4,693,324 of tax credits for tax years 2021 through 2024. Average tax credit per asset owner: \$6104 NDA is a participant in a community of practice group as part of a USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative grant project, administered by Indiana University and American Farmland Trust, to study land access policy incentive programs. The grant is a three-year project and quarterly meetings began in 2021. Nebraska was the first state to implement a land access incentive program. There are currently five states with land access incentive programs. The program administrator for NextGen attends the meetings. The goals of the project are to compare and contrast programs; highlight successes, wins and best practices; address weaknesses and challenges; and talk shop. A survey of program participants in all five states was conducted in the spring of 2022. Results of the survey are currently being analyzed.

# Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1a)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	1 APRN-Nurse Practitioner (NP), 1 APRN-CRNA, 1 APRN-Certified Nurse Midwife, 1 APRN-Clinical Nurse Specialist, 1 Physician who works with NPs, 1 Physician who works with CRNAs, 1 Physician who works with Certified Nurse Midwives, & 2 public members without any specified qualifications
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years, up to 2 consecutive 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 4

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1b)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 9  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 licensed alcohol and drug counselors who may also be licensed as psychologists or mental health practitioners, 3 licensed alcohol and drug counselors who are not licensed as psychologists or mental health practitioners, 1 psychiatrist, psychologist, or mental health practitioner, 2 public members  
**Per Diem:** Yes

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 5

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Board of Athletic Training

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Athletic Training  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1)(c)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 athletic trainer members, 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years, up to 2 consecutive 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 5  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Athletic Training provided recommendations on licensure of 230 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised and promulgated the chapter of regulations, 172 NAC 17, as a direct result of a scope of practice expansion in legislation.

# Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1d)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Two audiologist members, two speech-language pathologist members, and one public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	Terms of 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms



**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of AudiologySpeech-Language Pathology provided recommendations on licensure of 987 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports.

# Board of Behavior Analysts

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Behavior Analysts  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1e)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 5  
**Who Appoints:** Nebraska Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 Applied Behavior Analyst Members, 1 ABA or Assistant Applied Behavior Analyst Member, and 1 Public Member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** NA

**Held FY 21-22:** NA

**Required FY 22-23:** NA

**Held FY 22-23:** NA

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 8

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Board of Chiropractic

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Chiropractic  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1)(f)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 chiropractic members and 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years, up to 2 consecutive 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 6  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Chiropractic provided recommendations on licensure of 158 persons, including recommendations on all disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure and investigational reports.

# Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art

**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett

**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** blank

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1g)

**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 13

**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** 1 Body Art Practitioner Member, 2 Cosmetologist Members, 1 Cosmetology Instructor Member, 1 Electrologist Member, 1 Esthetician Member, 1 Nail Technician Member, 1 Nail Technology Instructor or Esthetics Instructor Member, 1 Salon Owner Member, 1 School Owner Member, 1 Tanning Salon Owner Member, 2 Public Members

**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Terms of 5-years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 13  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 12  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 8

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art provided recommendations on licensure of 12,905 persons and 2,240 establishments, including recommendations on all disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised the following chapters of regulations to address stakeholder concerns: 172 NAC 34, 43, 44, 45 and 46.



# Board of Dentistry

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Dentistry  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1h)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 10  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 2 public members; 6 licensed dentists, including 1 official or member of the instructional staff from each accredited school or college of dentistry in this state; and 2 licensed dental hygienists.  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 5

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 8

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board reviewed and approved regulations 172 NAC 55 (Dental Office Maintenance) effective date 9152020; 172 NAC 53 (Dental Assistant Licensure) effective date 622024; 172 NAC 56 (Dental and Dental Anesthesia Licensure) effective date 622024; 172 NAC 57 (Dental Hygienist Licensure) effective date 622024; and 172 NAC 58 (Dental Faculty

Licensure) effective date 622024. The board also reviewed and made recommendations on initial licensure applications, reinstatement applications, and investigational reports and addressed several practice questions. The Board made decisions on what clinical examination can be accepted for licensure (for both dental and dental hygiene) for various testing seasons.

# Board of Educational Lands and Funds

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Educational Lands and Funds
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Kelly L. Sudbeck
<b>Purpose:</b>	Serve as Trustee and manager of the lands given to the State in trust by the Federal Government to support the public Schools.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All public school students
<b>Year Created:</b>	1867
<b>Year Active:</b>	1867
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Constitution Art. VII, Sec. 6,7,8,9; NEB.REV.STAT. Sec. 72-201et.seq, and 301et.seq.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	blank
<b>Per Diem:</b>	\$50.00 per day when performing Board business
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 12  
**Held FY 21-22:** 12  
**Required FY 22-23:** 12  
**Held FY 22-23:** 12  
**Required FY 23-24:** 12  
**Held FY 23-24:** 12

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 18  
**Shared or Separate:** blank  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$20,998,632.00  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$21,071,370.00  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$21,071,370.00  
**Other Funding Sources:** Income from operations (no taxes)  
**Spending Authority:** NEB.REV.STAT. section 72-201 et.seq.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Paid approximately \$232,000,000.00 into the public schools. Saved the same amount in real estate taxes for all Counties in the State.

# Board of Emergency Medical Services

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Emergency Medical Services
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-1215
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	17
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	One approved training agency representative member, two physician members, one board-certified emergency physician member, two emergency medical responder members, two emergency medical technician members, one advanced emergency medical technician member, two members at large, two paramedic members, one registered nurse member, one physician assistant member, and two public members

**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 Years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 6  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 5  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 6

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** Nebraska EMS Operations Fund and general funds. Additional info sent to the Committee.

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-51,103 provides spending authority for the Nebraska Emergency Medical System Operations Fund. Spending authority for the General Fund is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. Provided for the recommendation of licensure of emergency care providers and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) services. Provided recommendations on all disciplinary actions. Completed a credentialing review process to successfully added community paramedic and critical care paramedic into statute. Revised Title 172 Chapter 11, 12, and 13. Completed and modified the entire Nebraska State Model Protocols and are made available to EMS providers by a phone app.



# Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1)(k)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	4
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	3 funeral director and embalmer members, 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming provided recommendations on licensure of 419 persons and 255 establishments. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised and submitted chapters of regulations, 172 NAC 67 and 68, to address stakeholder concerns.

# Board of Geologists

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Geologists
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Cole Gressley, Administrative Programs Officer, 402-471-8383
<b>Purpose:</b>	The mission of the Board is to ensure that qualified individuals carry out geological practices in Nebraska to safeguard life, health, and property and promote public welfare. The mission is carried out by Assuring that those who serve the public through the practice of geology have the education and experience needed to be competent in the field, enforcing the Geologists Regulation Act through education and compliance oversight, and providing quality and responsive regulatory services.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Safeguards life, health, and property and promotes public welfare of those in the State of Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	299 professional geologists, 63 organizations, 49 Emeritus licensees and 37 examinees (Numbers are as of December 17, 2024), and the public through public awareness of what geologists do and why licensure is important
<b>Year Created:</b>	1998
<b>Year Active:</b>	1998
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3501 to 81-3541 (The Geologists Regulation Act)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Seven
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor

<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Neb.Rev.Stat. 81-3520 and 81-3521
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	Five Years
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

### Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	1
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	3
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	1
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	5
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	1
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	4

### Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Part-time commitments from eight staff
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Shared - Administrative Service Contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$36,650
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$45,151
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$33,505
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	None-The Board is solely funded from the fees collected from license applications and renewals
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3524

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Total number of licenses/certifications/registrations: - 81 professional geologist licenses, 18 certificates of authorization for geologic firms, 1 temporary permit, and 37 examinees. The Board of Geologists is currently working on revisions to the Geologists Regulations Act to update its licensing requirements to: Reduce the years of experience needed from five to four years to align with national model law. Create a licensure pathway for individuals who are working in an exempt field as outlined in Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3541. Change the requirement of the education board member to allow an individual who is not licensed but meets the definition of a geologist in Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-3509 to qualify for the position. Once the statute revisions have been enacted, the Board will revise Title 171 of the Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) to reflect the statute revisions and other housekeeping issues.

# Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	6
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	3 licensed hearing instrument specialists, 1 otolaryngologist, 1 audiologist, and 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 1  
**Required FY 22-23:** 3  
**Held FY 22-23:** 1  
**Required FY 23-24:** 3  
**Held FY 23-24:** 1

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists provided recommendations on the initial licensure applications of 70 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board proctored three practical examinations annually.

# Board of Massage Therapy

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Massage Therapy
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1m)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	4
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	3 massage therapists and 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms



**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 6  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 6  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 6

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Massage Therapy provided recommendations on licensure of 791 persons, establishments, and schools. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports.

# Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1n)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	1 licensed nutritionist, 1 licensed dietician, 2 licensed dietitian nutritionists, 1 physician, and 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 0  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 8

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy provided recommendations on licensure of 792 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board revised regulations (172 NAC 61) to address stakeholder concerns.

# Board of Medical Radiography

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Medical Radiography  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1o)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 5  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 4 medical radiographers and 1 limited radiographer  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Terms of 5-years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board reviewed and approved regulations (172 NAC 93) that became effective 11/12/2021. The Board reviewed and made recommendations on initial licensure applications, reinstatement applications, and investigational reports. The Board also addressed several practice questions.

# Board of Medicine and Surgery

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Medicine and Surgery
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1p)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	8
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	2 public members; 2 of the 6 professional members must be officials or members of the instructional staff of an accredited medical school in this state; 1 of the professional members must be licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state; and 1 of the professional members must be a physician with experience in practice with physician assistants.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 10

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 9

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 9

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 4

**Shared or Separate:** 2 shared and 2 separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board reviewed and approved regulations: 172 NAC 91 (Perfusionists) effective date 8102021; 172 NAC 92 (Genetic Counselors) effective date 8102021; 172 NAC 89 (Acupuncture) effective date 942021; and 172 NAC 90 (Physician Assistant licensure and Supervision) effective date 12142021. The Board reviewed and made recommendations on initial licensure applications, reinstatement applications, and investigational reports. The Board also addressed several practice questions and continues to participate with the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC).



# Board of Mental Health Practice

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Mental Health Practice  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1q)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 11  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 2 certified master social workers, 2 certified professional counselors, 2 certified marriage and family therapists, 1 certified art therapist, 2 licensed mental health practitioners without an associated certification, and 2 public members  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 6

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 6

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 8

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Mental Health Practice provided recommendations on licensure of 10,624 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised regulations (172 NAC 94) to address stakeholder concerns.

# Board of Nursing

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Nursing  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1r)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 12  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 8 RNs: 1 practical nurse educator; 1 associate degree nurse educator; 1 baccalaureate nurse educator; 2 nursing service administrators; 2 staff RNs; 1 advanced practice registered nurse (APRN); 2 LPNs; and 2 public members.  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 12

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 12

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 12

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 8

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. Revision and Approval of Regulations: 172 NAC 97 Regulations Governing the Approval of Programs of Professional Nursing in Nebraska 2021; 172 NAC 98 Regulations Governing the Practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse 2020 (combined 5 sets of regs into 1 set for all); 172 NAC 99 Regulations Governing the Provision of Nursing Care 2020; 172 NAC 101 Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing 2020. Issuance of Advisory Opinions: 2021 New Opinion - Aesthetic Nursing and 2022 New Opinion Simulation in Nursing Education Programs. Reaffirmations: Abandonment, Analgesic Anesthetic by Catheter, CPR: Nurses Accountability to Perform, Esketamine (Spravato) Direction & Monitoring, Sedation and Analgesia, Safe Practice: Fitness to Practice, Safe Practice: Nursing Roles and Assignments, Sub-anesthetic Ketamine, Team Based Nursing Care, Verbal Orders, Wound Debridement, 2023 New Opinion IV Infusion Therapy, and 2024 New Opinion Nursing Continuing Education. Approval of Nursing Education Programs School Surveys with Approval of Pre-licensure Nursing Programs 2021 Central Community College PN and ADN programs Midland College BSN program 2022 Metro Community College PN and ADN programs Southeast Community College PN and ADN programs Union College BSN program University of Nebraska BSN program all five divisions 2023 Bryan College of Health Sciences BSN program Clarkson College BSN program College of St. Mary PN and BSN programs 2024 Creighton University BSN program Wesleyan BSN program Methodist BSN program Northeast Community College PN and ADN programs Re-entry into Nursing Practice 2024 evaluated existing Refresher Courses approved in NE, while collaborating with Southeast Community College to redevelop their program with a model to be shared with other community colleges. Board staff noted a need for an APRN-NP Refresher course in 2023, so a draft re-entry program was created, based on a successful program in North Carolina. The APRN-NP re-entry program was approved by the Board of Nursing in June 2023 and the APRN Board in July 2023. Licenses Issued 2020 (July 1) APRN-CNS 3, CRNA 15, NP 179 LPN Endorsement 10, Exam 56, Reinstatement 13 RN Endorsement 166, Exam 601, Reinstatement 62 2021 APRN CNM 2, CNS 1, CRNA, 42, NP 457 LPN Endorsement 32, Exam 158, Reinstatement 54 RN Endorsement 389, Exam 1032, Reinstatement 160 2022 APRN-CNS 1, CRNA 45, CNM 7, NP 499 LPN Endorsement 23, Exam 170, Reinstatement 60 RN Endorsement 404, Exam 1140,

Reinstatement 2402023 APRN-CNS 3, CRNA, 69, CNM 5, NP 527LPN Endorsement 38, Exam 296, Reinstatement 51RN Endorsement 256, Exam 1156, Reinstatement 1872024 APRN-CNS 6, CRNA, 87, CNM 17, NP 590LPN Endorsement 40, Exam 324, Reinstatement 38RN Endorsement 530, Exam 1062, Reinstatement 178Licenses Renewed2020 (July 1) RN 12; renewals were on hold per Executive Order2021 LPN 5,2392022 RN 30,882CNM 57, CRNA 653, CNS 67, NP 3,3542023 LPN 4,9052024 RN 31,063CNM 72, CRNA 710, CNS 64, NP 4,147Disciplinary Actions Taken2020 (July 1) 16 cases2021 32 cases2022 27 cases2023 96 cases2024 104 casesNebraska Nursing News, the quarterly publication of the Board of Nursing, has published 14 issues since July 2020. This is the primary communication tool for and with Nebraska Nurses and the public. Moving to an all-online platform in 2025.

# Board of Nursing Home Administration

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Nursing Home Administration  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1s)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 10  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 1 College Faculty Member, 2 Nonprofit Home Members, 1 Physician Member, 2 Proprietary Home Members, 2 Public Members, 1 Registered Nurse Member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 1

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Nursing Home Administration provided recommendations on licensure of 584 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised regulations 172 NAC 106 to address stakeholder concerns.



# Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1t)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	4
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Two occupational therapist members, one occupational therapy assistant or occupational therapist, and one public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 2  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 3  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Occupational Therapy provided recommendations on licensure of 1677 persons, including recommendations on all disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure and investigational reports.

# Board of Optometry

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Optometry  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1u)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 licensed optometrists and 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 2  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Optometry provided recommendations on licensure or certification of 190 persons, including recommendations on all disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure and investigational reports. The Board revised regulations 172 NAC 120 (Licensure of Optometrists) that were approved by the Governor and became effective on 3/21/2022.

# Board of Pharmacy

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Pharmacy
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1v)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	4 actively practicing pharmacists, at least 1 of whom practices within the confines of a hospital; and 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 7  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 6  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 7

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 7  
**Shared or Separate:** 4 are shared, 3 are separate (Pharmacy Inspectors)  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board also initiated a pharmacy workforce survey with UNMC, addressed and clarified national and state recertification for pharmacy technicians, and clarified supervision for remote dispensing pharmacies. The Board revised regulations 172 NAC 131 (Wholesale Drug Distributors) and 172 NAC 134 (Delegated Dispensing), both of which became effective 9/20/2023. The Board planned and hosted a required NABPAACP District V meeting for August 2024.

# Board of Physical Therapy

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Physical Therapy  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1w)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 physical therapist members, 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Physical Therapy provided recommendations on the initial licensure applications of 931 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports.



# Board of Podiatry

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Podiatry  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1x)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 3 podiatrists and 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 1  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Podiatry approved regulations 172 NAC 143 that became effective 12262021. The Board made recommendations to the Department about applications for licensure and investigational reports for possible disciplinary action. Since 712020, 24 podiatrist licenses have been issued and 4 disciplinary actions have been taken against podiatrist licenses.

# Board of Psychology

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Psychology
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1y)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	5 psychologist members, and 2 public members
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 6  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 5

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Psychology provided recommendations on licensure of 828 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board successfully revised regulations 172 NAC 155 to address stakeholder concerns.

# Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1j)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 6  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 1 public member, other 5 members shall have been engaged in environmental health for at least 10 years, responsible charge of work for at least 5 years at the time of appointment and shall be a registered environmental health specialist.  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 1

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund. Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists provided recommendations on licensure of 56 persons. The Board also provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports.

# Board of Respiratory Care Practice

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Board of Respiratory Care Practice  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1z)  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 4  
**Who Appoints:** State Board of Health  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 2 respiratory care practitioners, 1 physician, and 1 public member  
**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 3  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5.5  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Respiratory Care provided recommendations on licensure of 567 persons. The Board also provided recommendation on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports.



# Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Paul Turman, Chancellor 1233 Lincoln Mall, Suite 100 Lincoln, NE 68508 402-471-2505
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Board of Trustees govern the Nebraska State College System including, Chadron State, Peru State, Wayne State and the System Office. The Colleges provide opportunities for the citizens of Nebraska and others from around the country to obtain a college education. Mission statement: The Nebraska State College System serves our students, communities and state by providing high quality, accessible educational opportunities.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All prospective students and all individuals living in communities served by a state college.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	State colleges serve 9,000 students annually and an unknown number of individuals living in communities served by the colleges.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1920
<b>Year Active:</b>	1920
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Constitution, Article VII, Section 13
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor appoints 6 members. The Commissioner of Education is an ex-officio member.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** Resident of Nebraska

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 6 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1 at each college and 1 near the end of each semester

**Held FY 21-22:** 7

**Required FY 22-23:** 1 at each college and 1 near the end of each semester

**Held FY 22-23:** 8

**Required FY 23-24:** 1 at each college and 1 near the end of each semester

**Held FY 23-24:** 6

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$2,507,249

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$2,765,409

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$2,884,554

**Other Funding Sources:** Cash funds, revenue bond program, and federal funds  
Cash funds, revenue bond program, and federal funds

**Spending Authority:** Yes, the Board allocates funds between the three state colleges and the System Office.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Oversaw 14 major capital projects totaling \$146,389,643 Provided guidance and direction to the Colleges and System Office Assured continued accreditation for the three Colleges and individual academic programs Hired new president at Peru State and Chadron State Colleges Oversaw operating budgets totaling \$589,700,853 reported in 2020 over the four years Approved creation of new academic programs and athletic programs Approved issuance of revenue bonds totaling \$24,000,000 Approved issuance of Facilities Corporation bonds in conjunction with the State totaling \$36,020,000 Creation of a Chief Information Officer position Implemented new policies and updated existing policies, as needed.

# Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-108 and 38-167(1aa)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	State Board of Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	3 licensed veterinarians, 1 licensed veterinary technician, and 1 public member
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes
<b>Term Length:</b>	5 years; up to 2 consecutive full 5-year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Licensure fees are deposited into the designated cash fund.  
Additional info sent to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery provided recommendations on disciplinary actions for initial licensure, reinstatement of licensure, and investigational reports. The Board revised regulations 172 NAC 180 (Veterinary Medicine and Surgery) and 172 NAC 182 (Licensure of Animal Therapists), both with an effective date of 11/20/21.

# Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board.

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board.

**Contact Person:** Regina Shields

**Purpose:** The board shall hold hearings and advise the State Fire Marshal on rules and regulations for methods of testing equipment and construction and installation of new boilers required to be inspected by the Boiler Inspection Act and for inspection and certificate fees for such boilers.

**How Many Affectable:** Anyone who owns or operates equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act by the Boiler

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** 1988

**Year Active:** 2024

**Sunset Date:** none

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** 81-5,184

**Parent Agency:** State Fire Marshal

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 7

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** one member who represents owners and users of boilers and has experience with boilers, one member who represents sellers of boilers, one member who represents the crafts involved in the construction, repair, or operation of boilers, one member who represents the insurance industry, one member who is a licensed professional engineer with experience with boilers, one member who represents the interest of public safety, and one member who represents the public. The state boiler inspector shall be a nonvoting member of the board.

**Per Diem:** \$50

**Expense Reimbursement:** mileage and expenses

**Term Length:** 4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 1

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 0

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 1 Full time office specialist

**Shared or Separate:** Separate, but also covers added duties

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 461.44

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 300.0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0.0

**Other Funding Sources:** Boiler Program Cash Fees allowed in 81-5,179

**Spending Authority:** 81-5,187

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has helped guide Agency decisions regarding codes and regulations. The Boiler Division has been under going numerous changes with the previous chief leaving, a deputy position being unfilled for an extended amount of time, the loss of a position, and the addition of all inspections in the Omaha area due to a decision by the city not to fill a position after the retirement of their employee. The Agency proposed to the Board the removal of certain object types from the program due to technology advancements and the Board approved moving forward with those changes. The Board has not met this year due to the lack of a Boiler Chief and the numerous staff transitions.



# Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-7012
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Up to 24. Currently 5 members.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Chief Executive Officer of the Department or his or her designee.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	No more than 24 volunteer members, at least eight of which are women. Members of the Committee shall be from both the private and public sectors and be interested in health care and the promotion of breast and cervical cancer screening. At least one member shall be a breast cancer survivor.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes. Members of the committee are reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** Two years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 1

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 1

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2 (0.1 FTE)

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-7012 establishes the Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund. Cash spending authority is provided to DHHS each biennium in the mainline budget bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Sage Leis
<b>Purpose:</b>	This Committee, created by LB216(2013) and codified at Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4513, is appointed by the Commission to make recommendations to the Legislature and Commission regarding the Bridge to Independence Program, extended guardianship assistance, and extended adoption assistance. The Bridge to Independence (B2i) Advisory Committee has been meeting since July 2013 to make recommendations regarding the creation of a program offering voluntary services and support for youth who have aged out of foster care before attaining permanency. This program was implemented on October 1, 2014, and the Committee continues to make recommendations for improvement. The Committee currently has one active subgroup, the Evaluation and Data Collection workgroup, whose efforts are currently focused on an external evaluation of the B2i program.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	2013
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4513
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	14
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**Who Appoints:** Nebraska Children's Commission

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** The members of the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee shall include, but not be limited to, (a) representatives from all three branches of government, and the representatives from the legislative and judicial branches of government shall be nonvoting, ex officio members, (b) no less than three young adults currently or previously in foster care, which may be filled on a rotating basis by members of Project Everlast or a similar youth support or advocacy group, (c) one or more representatives from a child welfare advocacy organization, (d) one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency, and (e) one or more representatives from an agency providing independent living services.

**Per Diem:** blank

**Expense Reimbursement:** Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses as members of such commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177

**Term Length:** 2 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** blank

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** blank

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** blank

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Children's Behavioral Health Task Force

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Children's Behavioral Health Task Force
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Bryson Bartels, Research Analyst, HHS Committee
<b>Purpose:</b>	NRS 43-4002 (Repealed in 2020) required the Task Force to prepare a children's behavioral health plan and submit to the Governor and the HHS Committee on or before December 4, 2007. The plan included development of a statewide integrated system of care; development of community-based inpatient and subacute substance abuse behavioral health services; strategies for serving juveniles; development of capacity for these services; strategies and mechanisms for the integration of state, federal, local and other funding sources; measurable benchmarks and timelines; identification of necessary statutory changes; and a plan for a data and information system for all children receiving these services. This report was completed December, 2007 and there has been no other statutorily-required reports for this task force. LB 1188, in 2020, repealed the planning requirements since it was completed in 2007.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	NA
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	2007
<b>Year Active:</b>	2007
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	The plan requirements sunsetted in December, 2007, but the task force is still in statute.

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	NRS 43-4001 and 43-4003
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	DHHS

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 9

**Who Appoints:** HHS Committee Chairperson

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** LB 542 (2007) created this task force and plan requirements in 2007. Under LB 542, the membership consisted of the HHS Committee chair or designee; Appropriations Committee chair or designee; 2 community-based behavioral health providers; one regional administrator; 2 representatives advocating for consumers; one juvenile court judge; 2 DHHS representatives; and the Office of Juvenile Services administrator. In 2007, these members were Senator Jim Jensen (chair), Scot AdamsDHHS, Beth BaxterRegion 3, Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich, Senator Lavon Heidemann, Ruth Henrichs, Senator Joel Johnson, Candy Kenney, Todd LandryDHHS, Tom McBride, Kathy Bigsby Moore, and Terri NutzmanDHHSOJS. LB 928, in 2008, required the Chair of HHS Committee to chair this task force instead of the Task Force chair. LB 540, in 2009, removed DHHS representatives and the Juvenile Services Administrator from the Task Force membership. Lastly, LB 381, in 2020, removed members being compensated for actual and necessary expenses.

**Per Diem:** See NRS 81-1174 and 81-1177, traveling and lodging expenses

**Expense Reimbursement:** See NRS 81-1174 and 81-1177, traveling and lodging expenses

**Term Length:** NA

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** No

**Held FY 21-22:** No

**Required FY 22-23:** No

**Held FY 22-23:** No

**Required FY 23-24:** No

**Held FY 23-24:** No

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** NRS 43-4001(3) requires HHS Committee and Appropriations Committee to provide staff support.

**Shared or Separate:** No

**FY 21-22 Budget:** No

**FY 22-23 Budget:** No

**FY 23-24 Budget:** No

**Other Funding Sources:** Health Care Cash Fund may reimburse for travel and lodging expenses. However, there is no public record of meetings and new members.

**Spending Authority:** Health Care Cash Fund, reimbursement for travel/lodging

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** None; there is no public record of meetings since 2007.



# Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs

**Contact Person:** Robert Ford

**Purpose:** The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs shall have the authority to receive and administer funds from state, federal, and other sources. Additionally, the commission shall:(1) Address matters of military significance to Nebraska;(2) Maintain a cooperative and constructive relationship between state agencies and the military and veteran entities in Nebraska as necessary to ensure coordination and implementation of unified and comprehensive statewide strategies involved with, or affected by, the military;(3) Focus on and, when designated, serve as lead agency on:(a) Defense economic adjustment and transition information and activities;(b) Exploring operating costs, missions, and strategic value of federal military installations located in the state;(c) Employment issues for communities that depend on defense bases and defense-related businesses; and(d) Assistance provided to communities that have experienced a defense-related closure or realignment;(4) Advise the Governor, the Legislature, and other appropriate governmental officials on all matters in which the military services and the state have mutual interests, needs, and concerns;(5) Promote and optimize state and United States Department of Defense initiatives that will improve the military value of the Nebraska National Guard, active and reserve military force structure and installations, and the quality of life for military personnel residing in Nebraska;(6) Partner with local communities to conduct ongoing analyses of current and proposed changes to the mission, military force structure, and alignment of the United States Department of Defense;(7) Recommend state, federal, and local economic development projects to promote, foster, and support economic progress through a military presence in Nebraska;(8) Assist the private sector in developing derivative investments, employment, and educational opportunities associated with high technology programs and activities at Nebraskas military installations;(9) Partner with local communities to develop methods to improve private and public employment opportunities for former members of the military and their families residing in this state; and(10) Identify and support ways to provide sound infrastructure, adequate housing, education, and transition

support into Nebraskas workforce for military members and their families, retired military personnel, and veterans.

**How Many Affectable:** Statewide; 1.978M

**How Many Served:** Statewide;1.978M

**Year Created:** 2016

**Year Active:** 2017

**Sunset Date:** None

### Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes 55-601, 55-602, 55-603, 55-604, 55-605, 55-606, and 48-203.

**Parent Agency:** Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs

### Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 11

**Who Appoints:** The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) shall be appointed by the Governor.

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** : (1) The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs is created. The commission shall consist of the following voting members:(a) The Director of Economic Development;(b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;(c) The Director of Veterans Affairs; and(d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a background in business.(2) The commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio members:(a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;(b) The chair of the State Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve;(c) The commander of the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command or his or her designee;(d) The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his or her designee; and(e) The commander of the 557th Weather Wing of

the United States Air Force or his or her designee.(3) The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall designate the initial terms of the members described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section so that one member serves for a term of two years, one member serves for a term of three years, and one member serves for a term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four years and shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments. The terms of the members shall begin on October 1 of the year in which they are appointed unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Appointments to fill a vacancy, occurring other than by the expiration of a term of office, shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose office is vacated.

**Per Diem:** (1) Members of the Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs shall receive no compensation for their services as members of the commission other than their salary, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

**Expense Reimbursement:** Reimbursement for expenses shall be as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

**Term Length:** 4 Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 55-603: The commission shall meet two times each year

**Held FY 21-22:** 2 Held

**Required FY 22-23:** 55-603: The commission shall meet two times each year

**Held FY 22-23:** 2 Held

**Required FY 23-24:** 55-603: The commission shall meet two times each year

**Held FY 23-24:** 2 Held

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Military Affairs Liaison and other NDVA functional (Legal, Finance) and administrative (HR, IT) support as needed (per 55-605)

**Shared or Separate:** Seperate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** FY 21-22 Budget: \$29,680.01 actuals

**FY 22-23 Budget:** FY 22-23 Budget: \$31,052.61 actuals

**FY 23-24 Budget:** FY 23-24 Budget: \$32,889.67 actuals

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Revised Statutes 55-602, 55-604, 55-605.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Annually since 2017, the Nebraska Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs has conducted studies to evaluate military, veteran, and retirement spendings impact on the state economy. The studies provide detailed information about the status of military assets located in Nebraska, including payroll and operations spending at the various facilities across the state. The reports also examine Department of Defense retirement spending and Veterans Affairs spending that takes place in Nebraska. The economic impact is estimated in terms of economic output (business sales), employee compensation (wages and benefits) and employment. The report was provided to the Nebraska legislature and Governor to support proposed legislation and programs.

# Commission on Problem Gambling

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Commission on Problem Gambling
<b>Contact Person:</b>	David Geier
<b>Purpose:</b>	Counseling for Nebraskans and their families affected by addiction to gambling; train and certify counselors; gather and report information about gambling and addiction to gambling in Nebraska.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Approximately 100,000 believed to be gambling in harmful ways.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Approximately 1000 per year, in-person long-term counseling plus short-term screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2013.
<b>Year Active:</b>	2013.
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 9-1001 - 9-1007
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	1 Lawyer; 1 Finance; 1 Education; 1 Health Care; 1 Data Analysis; 2 at large; 2 Consumers of Program Services
<b>Per Diem:</b>	None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Only as allowed by DAS policy.

**Term Length:** 3 years; three positions open each year

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 72117; 92217; 12117; 3118; 51118

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 81718; 111618; 51719 (Feb. meeting cancelled due to weather preventing Commissioner travel to Lincoln)

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 81619; 111519; 22820; 52920

## Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** Admin. support provided by Dept. of Revenue Lottery Charitable Gaming Division

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 1,882,916

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 1,934,784

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 1,939,365

**Other Funding Sources:** None. All cash funded.

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 9-1001; per budget appropriations

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Trained new counselors; expanded available counseling services; disseminated public information about gambling and addiction to gambling.

# Committee of Experts to Advise the Department of Agriculture on the Development of an Assessment Matrix

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Committee of Experts to Advise the Department of Agriculture on the Development of an Assessment Matrix
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Holle Evert (Holle.Evert@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Department of Agriculture on the development of an assessment matrix which may be used by county officials to determine whether to approve or disapprove a conditional use permit or special exception application.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All 93 counties
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	2015
<b>Year Active:</b>	2016
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, 81-2,294
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Agriculture

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Not to exceed ten
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Director of the Department
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Composed of representation from county board members, county zoning, administrators, livestock production agriculture, the University of Nebraska, and other experts determined by the Director.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Law is silent  
**Term Length:** Not specified  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 0  
**Held FY 21-22:** 0  
**Required FY 22-23:** 0  
**Held FY 22-23:** 0  
**Required FY 23-24:** 0  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** None  
**Shared or Separate:** NA  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** NA  
**Spending Authority:** LB106A



## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since July 1, 2016: Following approval of the livestock matrix in 2016, it was posted on the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website for public access. Some county boards in Nebraska have officially adopted the matrix in determining approval or disapproval of conditional use permits or special exception applications. There are also counties who have elected to not officially adopt the matrix but use it as a guideline in making determinations of approval or disapproval of conditional use permits or special exception applications. The exact number of counties using the matrix in some manner is undeterminable since its usage is voluntary and not mandated and there are no requirements to access it online. The Committee met twice, once in 2023 and once in 2024 to review the matrix and discuss possible changes. Following the meeting and receiving public input, slight revisions were made to the document and posted on the NDA website.

# Conveyance Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Conveyance Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Regina Shields
<b>Purpose:</b>	May consult with engineering authorities and organizations concerned with standard safety codes;(2) Shall recommend to the State Fire Marshal rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration, installation, and inspection of conveyances;(3) Shall recommend to the State Fire Marshal qualifications for licensure as an elevator mechanic or elevator contractor and conditions for disciplinary actions, including suspension or revocation of a license;(4) Shall recommend to the State Fire Marshal rules and regulations for temporary and emergency elevator mechanic thirty-day licenses;(5) Shall recommend to the State Fire Marshal an enforcement program which will ensure compliance with the Conveyance Safety Act and the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act. The enforcement program shall include the identification of property locations which are subject to the act, issuing notifications to violating property owners or operators, random onsite inspections and tests on existing installations, and assisting in development of public awareness programs; and(6) Shall make recommendations to the State Fire Marshal regarding variances under section 81-5,217, continuing education providers under section 81-5,235, and license disciplinary actions under section 81-5,237.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Anyone who owns or operates equipment covered by the Conveyance Safety Act
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All of the public; anyone who uses a covered conveyance
<b>Year Created:</b>	2003
<b>Year Active:</b>	2024
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	none

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	81-5,212
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**Parent Agency:** State Fire Marshal

## **Memberships**

**Number Of Members:** 8

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** no

**Qualifications Of Members:** One representative from a major elevator manufacturing company; one representative from an elevator servicing company; one representative who is a building manager; one representative who is an elevator mechanic; and one representative of the general public from each county that has a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants. One member shall be the state elevator inspector.

**Per Diem:** no

**Expense Reimbursement:** Expenses incurred while serving

**Term Length:** 3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 2  
**Shared or Separate:** Separate  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 413.00  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 302.00  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 100.00  
**Other Funding Sources:** Fee Charged as part of the Conveyance Safety Act  
**Spending Authority:** 81-5,212

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has advised the Agency on matters involving: new code adoptions; form revisions, and updated language for both the website and education materials.

# Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Mike Baumgartner
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purposes of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education established by Article VII, section 14, of the Constitution of Nebraska and section 85-1403 are to (1) develop an ongoing comprehensive statewide plan for the operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of postsecondary education, (2) identify and enact policies to meet the educational, research, and public service needs of the state, and (3) effect the best use of available resources through the elimination of unnecessary duplication of programs and facilities among Nebraska's public institutions. The Commission must approve or disapprove all new academic programs and tax-funded facilities at public postsecondary institutions; review all academic programs on a seven-year cycle; review capital and operating budget requests; and collect data and generate reports related to postsecondary education. In addition, the Commission administers the Community College Aid Act and the Community College Future Fund, administers nine state-funded student financial aid and forgivable loan programs, and authorizes the operation of new and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions seeking to operate in Nebraska.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	14 public and 31 private or out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions; Nebraska postsecondary institutions enroll about 175,000 students annually
<b>How Many Served:</b>	For FY 24, all postsecondary educational institutions; 13,507 Nebraska Opportunity Grant recipients, 2,627 ACE Scholarship recipients, 499 CC Gap Assistance Program participants.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1990
<b>Year Active:</b>	1992
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	none

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Constitution Article VII-14; Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1401 to 85-1429

**Parent Agency:** none

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 11

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** Yes, a majority of senators must approve each appointment.

**Qualifications Of Members:** One member from each of the six Supreme Court judicial districts and five at-large members. Members shall be residents of the state or district they represent. No member or member of herhis immediate family may serve on or be employed by a governing board of a public institution or an independent or private university or college.

**Per Diem:** no

**Expense Reimbursement:** yes

**Term Length:** Six years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** at least six

**Held FY 21-22:** six

**Required FY 22-23:** at least six

**Held FY 22-23:** seven

**Required FY 23-24:** at least six

**Held FY 23-24:** six

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 10

**Shared or Separate:** separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$1,421,696 operating; \$22,948,302 NOG; \$2,152,073 CC Gap Assistance; \$1,254,465 Access College Early Scholarship

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$1,565,140 operating; \$24,221,689 NOG; \$3,174,036 CC Gap Assistance; \$1,779,127 Access College Early Scholarship; \$8,021,026 Community College ARPA

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$1,562,882 operating; \$24,448,302 NOG; \$2,002,714 CC Gap Assistance; \$1,566,872 Access College Early Scholarship; \$37,923,704 Community College ARPA

**Other Funding Sources:** Application fees charged to new and out-of-state institutions applying for authorization to operate in Nebraska bring in about \$14,000 per year.

**Spending Authority:** Operating and aid program are appropriated directly to Agency 48. Community college aid is appropriated through Agency 83, which is administered by the Commission.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1412 (9) requires that on or before December 1 of each even-numbered year, the Commission submit to the Legislature and the Governor a report of its objectives and activities and any new private colleges in Nebraska and the implementation of any recommendations of the commission for the preceding two calendar years. The report submitted to the Legislature shall be submitted electronically. Please see the 2024, 2022, and 202 reports at the following locations: <https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/108/PDF/AgenciesCoordinatingCommissionforPostsecondaryEducation25920241122-081716.pdf> <https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/107/PDF/AgenciesCoordinatingCommissionforPostsecondaryEducation25920221122-101833.pdf> <https://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/106/PDF/AgenciesCoordinatingCommissionforPostsecondaryEducation25920201124-163435.pdf>

# Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Gretchen Mills; 301 Centennial Mall South; PO Box 94946; Lincoln, NE; 68509-4946; 402-471-2828
<b>Purpose:</b>	To hear appeals by claimants and to set policy surrounding the Crime Victim's Reparations program.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	791 Claims (546 New Claims, 146 New Direct Medical Provider Claims, 80 Supplemental Claims, 11 Emergency Funding Requests, 8 Resubmissions) were filed since July 1, 2020.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	12 Denied Claims were appealed since July 1, 2020.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1978
<b>Year Active:</b>	1979
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1801 through 81-1842
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	8
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes, for all appointed members.
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Five members of the Crime Commission and three public members. One public member shall represent charitable organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.



**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Four-year term  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Quarterly, or as needed.  
**Held FY 21-22:** 2  
**Required FY 22-23:** Quarterly, or as needed.  
**Held FY 22-23:** 3  
**Required FY 23-24:** Quarterly, or as needed.  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes  
**Shared or Separate:** Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The CVR program has made significant strides in improving its efficiency and accessibility. Weve streamlined the application process with a shorter, more user-friendly form and updated the Rules and Regulations to ensure they are clear, current, and aligned with best practices. Additionally, weve added a new staff member to provide more personalized support and introduced trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to ensure participants are treated with sensitivity, respect, and understanding. To further enhance the program, weve launched a CVR training program to better equip our stakeholders. These enhancements reflect our commitment to continuously refining the CVR program to better serve the community, offering both practical assistance and emotional support for healing and financial recovery.

# Critical Incident Stress Management Council

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Critical Incident Stress Management Council  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-7105  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 5  
**Who Appoints:** NA  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** The council shall be composed of two representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services, the State Fire Marshal, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and the Adjutant General as director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.  
**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** No

**Term Length:** NA

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 1

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Critical Incident Stress Management Council, Interagency Management Committee

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Critical Incident Stress Management Council, Interagency Management Committee

**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett

**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** blank

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-7106

**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 5

**Who Appoints:** DHHS designates two members one from Public Health and one from Behavioral Health, the State Fire Marshal designates one member, the Nebraska State Patrol designates one member, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency designates one member.

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** NA

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** NA  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0  
**Held FY 21-22:** 1  
**Required FY 22-23:** 0  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 0  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** There is no specific spending authority within the statute. General spending authority is derived from the mainline budget bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging

**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett

**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** blank

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-1101

**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 12

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Must be a resident of the planning and service area from which he or she was appointed and shall not be elected public officials or staff of NDHHS or an area agency on aging. One member from each of the eight AAA planning and service areas and four at-large seats. Each Area Agency on Aging shall recommend to the Governor the names

of individuals qualified to represent the senior population of the planning and service area.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 4 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 2  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### Operations

**Support Staff:** No dedicated staff.  
**Shared or Separate:** No appropriation for staff; Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** General funds as appropriated to DHHS Program 033 Operations.  
**Spending Authority:** Spending authority is established each biennium in the budget bill.



## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. The Aging Advisory Committee participated in and approved the 2023-2027 State Plan on Aging, which was submitted to the Administration on Aging, and continues to review the plan's progress annually. In 2022, committee members promoted and participated in listening sessions conducted by the UNO Gerontology Department to assess current services and identify gaps and needs for the 2024-2027 State Plan and annual AAA area plans. The committee also participated in addressing needs identified in surveys and listening sessions, collaborated with aging network partners to advocate for Nebraska's first Ageism Awareness Proclamation, advised staff on special projects and grants to improve services for older adults, and promoted State Unit on Aging and AAA resources, information, and events to the local aging population in their respective areas.

# Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Karen Hoffman, Council Secretary
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council was established by Nebraska Revised Statutes (Neb.Rev.Stat.) 43-3401 to 43-3403 to advise and assist collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of state and federal statutes pertaining to early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision. With respect to the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, and sections 79-1101 to 79-1104, the ECICC serves in an advisory capacity to state agencies responsible for early childhood care and education, including care for school-age children. (Neb.Rev.Stat. 43-3402) With respect to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004, the ECICC serves as the State Interagency Coordinating Council to carry out the functions described in P.L. 108-446 Section 641 (20 U.S.C. 1441). With respect to the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, the ECICC serves as the State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care, as designated by Governor Heineman, to carry out the responsibilities described in P.L. 110-134, Section 642B (42 U.S.C. 9837b).
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	This Council advises & assists state agencies regarding policies & regulations relating to school district early childhood programs, licensed child care, services affecting families of young children with disabilities, & other services.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	The total number of children and families served is not available.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1991
<b>Year Active:</b>	1991-present
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb.Rev.Stat. 43-3401 to 43-3403
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**Parent Agency:** NE Departments of Education and Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** There are 31 positions for appointment on the Council as required by Federal and State Statutes.

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** NA

**Qualifications Of Members:** Must meet requirements listed within IDEA Part C, Head Start for School Readiness Act, and Quality Child Care Act.

**Per Diem:** NA

**Expense Reimbursement:** Allowable for non-state agency members following state reimbursement policies.

**Term Length:** Three years, with members able to request Governor reappointment for one, additional three-year term.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 1

**Shared or Separate:** shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$10,000

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$10,000

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$10,000

**Other Funding Sources:** IDEA Part C, Child Care Development Fund, State General Funds

**Spending Authority:** See above federal and state regulation citations.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Biennial Governors Reports, Annual IDEA Part C Performance Report submissions to the US Department of Education, review and provide recommendations in the areas of early childhood policy, funding and resources, data enhancements, gaps and barriers in services, and coordination and collaboration among programs and agencies. The ECICC also serves as a stakeholder group for grants and reports about early childhood that are required or conducted under statutory authority by state agencies. The Council receives updates on state initiatives and policy related to young children and their families, as well as information about local and regional early childhood programs and services.

# Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Thomas Golden Executive Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission concerning the implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation, and maintenance of enhanced wireless 911 service.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2001
<b>Year Active:</b>	2002
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-461
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9 Members
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	(a) One sheriff;(b) Two county officials or employees;(c) Two municipal officials or employees;(d) One representative from the state's wireless telecommunications industry;(e) One manager of a public safety answering point not employed by a sheriff;(f) One representative of the state's local exchange telecommunications service industry; and(g) One member of the public.(2) The advisory

board shall also include two ex officio members:(a) One commissioner from the Public Service Commission or his or her designee; and(b) The Chief Information Officer or his or her designee.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 3 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 0  
**Held FY 22-23:** 3  
**Required FY 23-24:** 0  
**Held FY 23-24:** 1

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared Nebraska Public Service Commission  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** none  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** none  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** none  
**Other Funding Sources:** none  
**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Public Service Commission

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since July 1, 2020, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board has continued to advise the Commission regarding the administration of the 911 Service System Fund. Over the past several years, many of the advisory duties that the board has performed has been transferred to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. The board now meets only once a year to provide a recommendation on the amount of the annual wireless 911 surcharge.

# Environmental Quality Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Environmental Quality Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Brian Brim, Legal Counsel, Department of Environment and Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Adopt standards, rules and regulations administered by the Department of Environment and Energy (DEE); submit list of candidates to Governor for selection of DEE director.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	NA
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	1971
<b>Year Active:</b>	1971
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1503 (2020)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	17
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Council members represent: the food manufacturing industry; conservation interests; the agricultural processing industry; the automobile or petroleum industry; the chemical industry; heavy industry; the power generating industry; crop production; labor; the livestock industry; county government; municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or



metropolitan class); a professional engineer; a biologist; a representative of minority interests; and a doctor with knowledge about the human health aspects of air, water and land pollution.

**Per Diem:** \$40  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual and necessary expenses  
**Term Length:** 4 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 3  
**Held FY 21-22:** 11162021, 3302022 and 6152022  
**Required FY 22-23:** 2  
**Held FY 22-23:** 11102022 and 6222023  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 11172023 and 6202024

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 0  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared with Department of Environment and Energy  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$9,474.00  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$2,421.00  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$2,421.00  
**Other Funding Sources:** Federal funds  
**Spending Authority:** None. This is considered part of the agency's indirect costs agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** December 15, 2020 Meeting: Approved 2021 Litter Percent Allocations, Approved Amendments to 2021 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. January 27, 2021 Meeting: Approved Amendments to 2021 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. June 15, 2021 Meeting: 2022 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. November 16, 2021 Meeting: Resolution to Increase Borrowing Authority for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities construction Loan Fund (Clean Water State Revolving Fund), Resolution to Increase Borrowing Authority for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Approved 2021 Litter Percent Allocations, Approved Amendments to Title 124, Approved Amendments to the 2022 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. March 30, 2022 Meeting: Approved Amendments to Title 129. June 15, 2022 Meeting: Approved 2023 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. November 10, 2022 Meeting: Approved 2023 Litter Percent Allocations, Approved Amendments to Title 118, Approved Amendments to Title 119. June 22, 2023 Meeting: Approved 2024 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. November 17, 2023 Meeting: Approved Resolution to Increase Borrowing Authority for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Loan Fund, Approved Resolution to Increase Borrowing Authority for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Approved 2024 Litter Percent Allocations, Approved Amendments to Title 117. June 20, 2024 Meeting: Approved 2025 Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List for Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

# Foster Care Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Foster Care Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Monika Gross, J.D., Executive Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Foster Care Review Office (FCRO) is the independent state agency responsible for overseeing the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in out-of-home care through a process that includes case reviews, data collection and analysis and accountability. The FCRO is the authoritative voice for all children and youth in out-of-home care. (43-1301 to 43-1321).
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Nebraska's children and youth in out-of-home care
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Nebraska's children and youth in out-of-home care
<b>Year Created:</b>	1982
<b>Year Active:</b>	1982
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	na

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	43-1301 to 43-1321
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Foster Care Review Office - Agency 70

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** 43-1302 (2) (a)The Foster Care Advisory Committee is created. The committee shall have five members appointed by the Governor. Three members shall be local board members, one member shall have data analysis experience, and one member shall be a resident of the state who is representative of the public at large. The members shall have no pecuniary interest in the foster care system and shall not be employed by the office, the Department of Health and Human Services, a county, a residential child-caring agency, a child-placing agency, or a court.

**Per Diem:** na

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Three year terms - limited to two consecutive terms.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** Monika Gross, J.D., Executive Director - Heidi Ore, Administrative Program Officer II

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** Agency Budget - \$2,498,160 - General, Federal and Cash funds

**FY 22-23 Budget:** Agency Budget - \$2,534,242 - General, Federal and Cash funds

**FY 23-24 Budget:** Agency Budget - \$2,901,620 - General, Federal and Cash funds

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** 43-1301 to 43-1321

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** From July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024, some of the FCRO's accomplishments include: Tracked 33,928 children and youth in out of home care on the FCRO's Tracking System (FCTS) Implemented Data Dashboards containing timely key data measures regarding Nebraska's children and youth in out of home care which is accessible by the public and policy makers. Issued 20 Annual and Quarterly Reports per Statute - four per year Issued 10 Special Studies highlighting relevant subjects concerning children in out of home care such as educational outcomes and youth experience and well-being. Reviewed 22,279 children. These reviews include:  
\*Professional staff reviewing DHHS and other stakeholder documentation on each child\*Citizen review of curated information at local board meetings\*Supervisors overseeing and approving reviews\*Completion of data forms for each child reviewed Issued 155,953 legal documents containing recommendations and up-to-date information to the Judiciary and other legal parties involved in children's cases

# Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee

**Contact Person:** Sage Leis

**Purpose:** Legislative Bill 530 (LB 530), which was signed by Governor Dave Heineman on June 4, 2013, created a new Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee as a committee of the Nebraska Childrens Commission.LB530 requires the committee to review and make recommendations in the following areas:- Foster care reimbursement rates;- Statewide standardized level of care assessment; and- Adoption assistance payments.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** 2013

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4217

**Parent Agency:** Nebraska Children's Commission

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 13

**Who Appoints:** Nebraska Children's Commission

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:**

(2) The Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee shall consist of no fewer than nine members, including:(a) The following voting members: (i) Representatives from a child welfare agency that contracts directly with foster parents, from each of the service areas designated pursuant to section 81-3116; (ii) a representative from an advocacy organization which deals with legal and policy issues that include child welfare; (iii) a representative from an advocacy organization, the singular focus of which is issues impacting children; (iv) a representative from a foster and adoptive parent association; (v) a representative from a lead agency; (vi) a representative from a child advocacy organization that supports young adults who were in foster care as children; (vii) a foster parent who contracts directly with the Department of Health and Human Services; and (viii) a foster parent who contracts with a child welfare agency; and(b) The following nonvoting, ex officio members: (i) The chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee and (ii) representatives from the Division of Children and Family Services of the department from each service area designated pursuant to section 81-3116, including at least one division employee with a thorough understanding of the current foster care payment system and at least one division employee with a thorough understanding of the N-FOCUS electronic data collection system. The nonvoting, ex officio members of the committee may attend committee meetings and participate in discussions of the committee and shall gather and provide information to the committee on the policies, programs, and processes of each of their respective bodies. The nonvoting, ex officio members shall not vote on decisions or recommendations by the committee.

**Per Diem:**

blank

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses as members of such commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177

**Term Length:**

4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:**

blank

**Held FY 21-22:**

4

**Required FY 22-23:** blank

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** blank

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding  
Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank



# Interrelated Water Review Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Interrelated Water Review Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jesse Bradley, Interim Director, Dept. of Natural Resources
<b>Purpose:</b>	Dormant board created to resolve any remaining disputes between Dept. of Natural Resources and any natural resources districts over the content of any integrated management plan or basin-wide plan after utilizing the process described in sections 46-715 to 46-718, Ground Water Management and Protection Act. Board is initiated at discretion of Governor.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	State-wide
<b>How Many Served:</b>	zero
<b>Year Created:</b>	2004
<b>Year Active:</b>	2004
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	none

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	46-719
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Natural Resources

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	five
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	none
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	By statutory formula in 46-719: Governor or his designee, plus one other of his choosing, and 3 members chosen from a list of at least

six nominees named by the Natural Resources Commission with no more than two nominees from the area of the dispute.

**Per Diem:** none

**Expense Reimbursement:** none

**Term Length:** Board exists only until it resolves dispute.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** none

**Held FY 21-22:** none

**Required FY 22-23:** none

**Held FY 22-23:** none

**Required FY 23-24:** none

**Held FY 23-24:** none

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** none designated by statute

**Shared or Separate:** not applicable

**FY 21-22 Budget:** none

**FY 22-23 Budget:** none

**FY 23-24 Budget:** none

**Other Funding Sources:** none

**Spending Authority:** none

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** This is a dormant board authorized for activation at the Governor's discretion by a 2004 statute. When activated, it has certain ad hoc and temporary duties of dispute resolution pursuant to the Ground Water Management and Protection Act (Act). It has never yet been activated, but is integral to the enforcement scheme of the Act.

# Juvenile Services Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Juvenile Services Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Sage Leis
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Juvenile Services Committee (JSC) examines the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services and makes recommendations related to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) and the juvenile justice system of care. In 2017, the JSC and the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) made the decision to collaborate in order to eliminate duplication, coordinate work to support juvenile justice, and make the most responsible use of resources possible.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	2012
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4203
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commision

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	18
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commission
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** The commission shall work with administrators from each of the service areas designated pursuant to section 81-3116, the teams created pursuant to section 28-728, local foster care review boards, child advocacy centers, the teams created pursuant to the Supreme Court's Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, community stakeholders, and advocates for child welfare programs and services to establish networks in each of such service areas. Such networks shall permit collaboration to strengthen the continuum of services available to child welfare agencies and to provide resources for children and juveniles outside the child protection system.

**Per Diem:** blank

**Expense Reimbursement:** Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses as members of such commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177

**Term Length:** 2 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** blank

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** blank

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** blank

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Natural Gas Fuel Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Natural Gas Fuel Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Sarah Starostka, Planning and Aid Division Administrator, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	Created by LB 1087 in 2012 to advise the then, State Energy Office on the promotion of natural gas as motor fuel in Nebraska. The board is to provide recommendations relating to: Distribution, infrastructure, and workforce development for natural gas to be used as a motor vehicle fuel; loans, grants, and tax incentives to encourage the use of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel for individuals and public and private fleets; and such other matters as it deems appropriate.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	NA
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	2012
<b>Year Active:</b>	Not applicable. This Board was never organized due to lack of membership
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 66-2001
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	8
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** One member represents a jurisdictional utility as defined in section 66-1802; one member represents a metropolitan utilities district; one member represents the interests of the transportation industry in the state, one member represents the interests of the business community in the state, specifically fueling station owners or operators; one member represents natural gas marketers or pipelines in the state; one member represents automobile dealerships or repair businesses in the state; one member represents labor interests in the state; and one member represents environmental interests in the state, specifically air quality

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** 4 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 0  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 0  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### Operations

**Support Staff:** No  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared with Department of Environment and Energy  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0



**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** None

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** This board is inactive. Available records indicate that despite the efforts of past gubernatorial administrations to recruit interested parties, there were insufficient applications received to reach a quorum.

# Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	David Hunter 402-471-2522
<b>Purpose:</b>	To Administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Year Created:</b>	1976
<b>Year Active:</b>	1977
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	49-14,105 of the Nebraska Statutes.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor (4) Secretary of State (4) Secretary of State is an ex officio member
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes of appointed members.
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	The Secretary of State is an ex officio member of the Commission. Of the eight appointed members, no more than four may be of the same political party. One must be an independent. No more than three may be from any one congressional district.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** 6 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 5

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 6

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 5

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 8

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** General Fund-\$599,805Cash Fund-\$261,069

**FY 22-23 Budget:** General Fund-\$618,857Cash Fund-\$264,845

**FY 23-24 Budget:** General Fund-\$653,612Cash Fund-\$286,584

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Yes (to administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act)

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Worked extensively with a contractor to create and launch the FirstTuesday online filing system. Virtually all required filings (including Forms A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, B-7, B-9, B-10, and C-1) can now be completed and submitted online and are automatically available for viewing. Previously, only forms B-1, B-4 and B-7 could be completed and submitted online. Potential Conflicts of Interest filings are all now posted and available for viewing online. Campaign finance data can now be searched, exported and downloaded a number of different ways. Updated the main website to a new platform allowing more immediate updates of event information, guides and publications. The Commission has received complaints, conducted investigations, held evidentiary hearings, determined if violations of the NPADA have occurred, and posted enforcement actions on the NADC website. The Commission has also entered into settlement agreements when there have been findings of violations and penalties assessed, which are posted on the website. Furthermore, the Commission has: Issued advisory opinions and staff opinions to those seeking to comply with the provisions of the NPADA, and posted advisory opinions on the NADC website; Responded to every Potential Conflict of Interest submission; Reviewed every Campaign Statement or Report and Statement of Financial Interests filing; Produced, updated and made available in-office and on our website, forms and instructional materials for candidates, committees, lobbyists, public officials and public employees; and, has made presentations and conducted seminars in the areas of campaign finance, lobbying and government ethics.

# Nebraska Aquaculture Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Aquaculture Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Holle Evert (Holle.Evert@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the Board is to promote the aquaculture production industry in the State of Nebraska through education and sharing of information.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	13 licensed potato growers and shippers
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	1993
<b>Year Active:</b>	1994
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute 2-5003
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	6
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Three aqua culturists, one NE Game and Parks Fish Biologist, one Nebr. Dept of Agriculture representative, and one aquaculture industry representative.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes. The four industry representatives shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** Three years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Not Specified

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** Not specified

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** Not specified

**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The board has not held a meeting since 2016.

# Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners

**Contact Person:** Ken Allen

**Purpose:** The mission of the Nebraska Board of Barber Examiners is to examine and provide the licensing of qualified barbers and barber instructors, to enforce the sanitary rules regulating barber shops and barber schools, to develop and approve school curriculum and post-secondary educational requirements for barber instructors, to investigate and resolve consumer complaints and provide the public with a healthy and safe shop environment.

**How Many Affectable:** All Nebraskans

**How Many Served:** Most Nebraskans

**Year Created:** 1927

**Year Active:** Current

**Sunset Date:** None

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** 71-225, 71-228 Neb. Rev. State Statutes

**Parent Agency:** None

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 3

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** 71-221. A board, to be known as the Board of Barber Examiners, is hereby established, to consist of three members appointed by the Governor. Each member shall be a practicing barber who has followed the occupation of barbering in this state for at least five years prior to his appointment, and who is actually engaged in the practice of barbering during the term of his appointment.

**Per Diem:** \$150 per day

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Three years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes, 2

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 181,823

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 184,732

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 192,008

**Other Funding Sources:** None, completely self-funded

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat Statute 71-237 & 71-222.02



## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has designed a program to train barber instructors with the use of online training. We are continually updating the course to create better instructors. The Board has incorporated the use of mass emailing to inform licensees on the latest legislation or other issues such as Covid or license renewal information. The Board has changed the barber theory examination to a national online exam in 2024.

# Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jon Wilbeck, Executive Director; PO Box 95165, Lincoln NE 68509-5165; 402-471-3060
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Board of Engineers and Architects was created to administer the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act which governs the practices of engineering and architecture in the State of Nebraska through licensure and regulation. The mission of the Board of Engineers and Architects is to establish requirements for education, experience, examination and enforcement for the practices of engineering and architecture through timely and quality regulatory services. A thorough review of applications and complaints is fundamental in meeting our mission. Information is an integral element of our enforcement component.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Safeguards life, health, property, and promotes public welfare of those in the State of Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Approximately 9,200 professional engineers, 1,950 architects, 2,450 organizations, 16 temporary engineeringarchitect permit holders, 180 engineer examinees, 1,200 engineer and architect emeritus (at end of FY23-24 fiscal year).
<b>Year Created:</b>	Statutes cited in the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 1997 named the Board as the Board of Engineers and Architects and replaced statutory provisions first enacted in 1937, which created the Board of Ex
<b>Year Active:</b>	1937
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	81-3401 to 81-3455
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 8

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** NA

**Qualifications Of Members:** Three architect members, two appointed after consulting with the appropriate architectural professional organizations and one education member who is a faculty member of the University of Nebraska appointed upon the recommendation of the Dean of Architecture of the University of Nebraska; four professional engineer members, three appointed after consulting with the appropriate engineering professional organizations and one education member who is a faculty member of the University of Nebraska appointed upon the recommendation of the Dean of Engineering of the University of Nebraska; and one public member. Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Each architect or professional engineer member shall have been engaged in the active practice of the design profession for at least ten years, shall have had direct supervision of work for at least five years at the time of his or her appointment, and shall be licensed in the relevant profession.

**Per Diem:** \$100day

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 12

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 11

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 11

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 8 FTE

**Shared or Separate:** Shared - Expenses for the Board and for the programs overseen by the Board are paid from the same cash fund. The State Board of Engineers and Architects employs an Executive Director, and seven full time staff.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$673,751

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$693,833

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$769,246

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** 81-3432

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** In the 2020 Legislative Session, successful passage of LB755 amended the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act (Act) to primarily reduce unnecessary barriers to licensure. It removed the requirement that professional engineer license candidates need to gain four years of experience prior to sitting for their national engineering exam. Candidates still need to gain the four years of experience before licensure, but the board removed it as a prerequisite for admittance to the engineering exam. The bill also removed the requirement that architect license candidates apply to the board for approval to take the national architectural exam, while keeping exam passage as a requirement for licensure. The bill also added degrees from Canadian-accredited institutions as satisfying the education requirement for licensure for both architects and professional engineers. The Board has also updated and modernized its regulations on three occasions since July 2020. In addition to making necessary changes to its rules due to passage of LB755, rules changes included clarifying what information licensees need to include on a set of drawings or plans, removing the need for those who fail an engineering examination four or more times to present evidence of additional education to the Board, increased the amount of qualified educational debt the Board may repay qualified architecture and engineering graduates, additions to the licensee Code of Conduct, and revising rules related to a projects coordinating professional. The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects held special operational planning meetings on May 4, 2021, May 5, 2022, May 4, 2023, and May 24, 2024. Several board members have had the privilege to serve on national boards through their Nebraska-board appointment. Professional engineer board members Jan Bostelman and Jason Suelter served on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES), and architect board member Lenora Nelson served on the board for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Both NCEES and NCARB are organizations composed of state licensing boards like us, and primarily support and advance licensure in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The Board continues to see large increases in its compliance workload. The Act mandates that projects of a certain size and complexity must involve licensees if the project constitutes the practices of engineering or architecture. Prior to FY2016-17, the Board averaged about 20 active compliance cases per year. Since then, and with increased partner agency support, the Boards active caseload averages 43 active compliance cases and reviews

hundreds of plans for compliance with the Act per year. The compliance caseload was large enough that the Board sought and was approved to hire an additional FTE to assist with the compliance caseload. The Board honors newly-licensed architects and professional engineers with a ceremony at the Capitol each November. At the ceremony, the Board presents new licensees with their license wall certificate. The ceremony is extremely well-received by new licensees, their families, and architectural and engineering professional organizations; and is a testament to the states commitment to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. In 2022, the Board began regular online webinars, held on a quarterly basis. Topics of these ranged from reviewing renewal and continuing education requirements for regulated licensees to reviewing Act requirements that stipulate when an architect or professional engineer is required on a project. The latter webinars were targeted to local building officials to both make them aware of the Board and to be a resource for project owners in their locality when a project involving the practices of engineering and architecture is built. In 2023, the Board reduced operating expenses by moving its licensee newsletter from a printed publication to electronic.

# Nebraska Brand Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Brand Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Don Arp, Jr.
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the Nebraska Brand Committee is to protect Nebraska brand and livestock owners from the theft of livestock through established brand recording, brand inspection, and livestock theft investigation.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	1941
<b>Year Active:</b>	83
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	54-191
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5 voting, 2 ex officio
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	At least three appointed members shall be active cattlemen and at least one appointed member shall be an active cattle feeder. The Secretary of State and the Director of Agriculture, or their designees, shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the brand committee. The appointed members shall be owners of cattle within the brand

inspection area, shall reside within the brand inspection area, shall be owners of Nebraska-recorded brands, and shall be persons whose principal business and occupation is the raising or feeding of cattle within the brand inspection area.

**Per Diem:** NA  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 4 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4  
**Held FY 21-22:** 5  
**Required FY 22-23:** 4  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 4  
**Held FY 23-24:** 5

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 76 full and part time  
**Shared or Separate:** blank  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$5,640,220  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$5,718,731  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$6,085,150  
**Other Funding Sources:** Cash fees only  
**Spending Authority:** blank



## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Moved several brand law violations to waivable citation. Continue to use paperless inspection system.

# Nebraska Center for Nursing Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Center for Nursing Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1799
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	16
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	10 members at least 3 of whom are Registered Nurses, 1 of whom is a LPN, 1 of whom is a representative of the hospital industry, and 1 of whom is a representative of the long-term care industry; 1 nurse educator recommended by the Board of Regents; 1 nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Community Colleges Association; 1 nurse educator recommended by the Nebraska Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and 3 members recommended by the State Board of Health.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 3 years; no more than 2 consecutive terms

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 7

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared with Board of Nursing

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$140,000

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$140,000

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$140,000

**Other Funding Sources:** Professions and Occupations Cash Fund

**Spending Authority:** Cash spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriations bill. Additional information provided to the Committee.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. In 2023, the Nebraska Center for Nursing (NCN) kicked off a campaign to market nursing. The Learfield campaign has energized the marketplace by using the NCN website to connect prospective students to nursing schools and licensed nurses to the Nebraska job market representing every county in Nebraska. The NCN also entered a partnership with the Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) to expand clinical training sites for nurses in Nebraska and other nursing promotional activities. The centerpiece of this partnership was creation of a shared clinical model to create new clinical education sites for nursing students in critical access hospitals in Nebraska, in collaboration with local schools of nursing, in a true practice-academic partnership. In the first year, nine rural Nebraska hospitals and six academic institutions began collaborating via this model for an increase of 108 additional nursing students admitted to programs in fall 2024. This innovative model also includes student travel and housing expenses for the rural clinical rotations, as well as clinical instructor education. Other projects launched in the NCNNHA partnership include an infusion of simulation equipment for Nebraska approved schools and hospital-based programs, a joint effort that provides simulation equipment access to both rural settings and schools. Statewide onboarding of nursing students is under review to develop a new system that streamlines student credentialing for clinical sites across the state. A new student nurse internship has also been launched to provide rural hospitals an opportunity to host nursing students and develop relationships that lead to potential local job placement upon graduation from a nursing program. In the first year of this program, 16 student nurses completed their internship, with 11 of 16 being hired fulltime while completing their nursing degree.

# Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1903  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 9  
**Who Appoints:** Governor  
**Legislative Approval:** Yes  
**Qualifications Of Members:** Representing each Congressional District and categories of expertise.  
**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** The term of each appointed board member shall be three years, except that of the board members first appointed, two, including the at-large member, shall serve for three years, three shall serve for two years, and two shall serve for one year.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** None per statute, although there is contracted support through NCFF as approved by the Board.

**Shared or Separate:** External

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** The reimbursement shall be paid from the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund. This is Cash Funded via Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-1906.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority for the Fund is established each biennium in the budget bill. Expenditures are limited by statute to \$250,000 per year and are controlled by the Child Abuse Prevention Board.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Nebraska Child Support Advisory Commission

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Child Support Advisory Commission

**Contact Person:** Megan Kielty

**Purpose:** To conduct a quadrennial review of Nebraska's child support guidelines.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** 2000

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** None

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-3342.05

**Parent Agency:** blank

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 12

**Who Appoints:** Nebraska Supreme Court and Executive Board

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-3342.05

**Per Diem:** None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1174 to 81-1177

**Term Length:** blank

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:**

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** Judiciary Committee Staff

**Shared or Separate:** blank

**FY 21-22 Budget:** NA

**FY 22-23 Budget:** NA

**FY 23-24 Budget:** NA

**Other Funding  
Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank



# Nebraska Children's Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Sage Leis
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Nebraska Children's Commission was created as a result of LR37, an investigation by the Health and Human Services Committee that identified a number of gaps in the service delivery model for children and families. One of the LR's many significant findings was that a lack of clear vision and overarching planning for the provision of services for children has created a fragmented system. To remedy this problem, the legislature created the Nebraska Children's Commission. The Nebraska Children's Commission was created in 2012 by the Nebraska State Legislature to provide a permanent leadership forum for the collaboration for child welfare and juvenile justice reform among the three branches of government and public and private stakeholders at the state, regional, and community levels.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	2012
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4202
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Foster Care Review Office

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	15 Voting Members
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor's Office

<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	blank
<b>Per Diem:</b>	NA
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses as members of such commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177
<b>Term Length:</b>	Two Years
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

### Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	4
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	4
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	4

### Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	2
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Shared
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$190,000
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$190,000
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$208,894
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	NA
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	blank

## Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2020: blank

# Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Erin Wasserburger; erin.wasserburger@nebraska.gov; 402-471-3998
<b>Purpose:</b>	This group serves as an advisory committee to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Membership on the committee is established in Nebraska Statute and reflects the requirements of the JJDP Act.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	193,089 youths 11-17 years of age in 2022. 480,998 youths 0-17 years of age in 2023.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	6,100 youth served by Community-based Act and Juvenile Services funded programs.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1985
<b>Year Active:</b>	1985
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-2412; 43-2413
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	13
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Geographically or professionally related to different capacities in working with Juveniles.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 1 to 3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$30,000

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$30,000

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$30,000

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Yes, the committee has the power to allocate and spend money on program objectives.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice helps with funding recommendations through the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid and the Juvenile Services Commission Grant Program grants. These grants have a combined funding amount of \$6,362,300 each year that is distributed to counties, tribes, and non-profit agencies. These funds assist with providing prevention and intervention type services for youth under the age of 19 at risk of becoming juvenile justice system involved across the state of Nebraska. An annual Governors report is completed by the Coalition outlining the accomplishments for the years. This report also includes a breakdown of the funding recommendations and allocations. Coalition members attend an annual conference sponsored by OJJDP in order to provide a voice for Nebraska and bring back innovative and new practices that could be implemented within the committee. Beginning in 2022, Nebraska was approached by OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan about returning to participation in the Title II Part B Formula Grant Program, which brings additional funding to Nebraska for programs and interventions to reduce juvenile justice system involvement and improve outcomes for the young people in Nebraska. The Coalition and the Nebraska Crime Commission worked together to write a three-year plan, examine data, identify priority areas, and complete the application process. Nebraska was awarded a Title II Part B Formula Grant in December 2023. Moving forward, the Coalition will be instrumental in reviewing applications, guiding funding decisions, reviewing updated data, and recommending policy and programmatic changes through Title II and the state juvenile grants.

# Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Carlos Servan, Executive Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Commission Board governs the state agency entitled Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI). NCBVI provides vocational rehabilitation and independent living services to blind persons so that they may be employed and full participants in society; works to enlarge economic opportunities for blind persons, increase the available occupational range and diversity for the blind, and to stimulate other efforts to aid blind persons to stay or to become self-supporting; and to assist senior blind persons to remain independent in their homes.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	State-Wide Nebraska; Approximately 30,000
<b>How Many Served:</b>	2249
<b>Year Created:</b>	2024
<b>Year Active:</b>	2024
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-8601 to 71-8616
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** The Board shall consist of members having reasonable knowledge or experience in issues related to blindness. At least three board members shall be blind persons. One member shall be a member or designee of the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska; one member shall be a member or designee of the American Council of the Blind of Nebraska; and one member may be a member of another

**Per Diem:** \$70 per day

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Seperate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$6,666,078

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$6,734,455

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$7,276,546

**Other Funding Sources:** Enrichment Foundation Grant (Omaha) and Social Security Reimbursement



**Spending Authority:** No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Services for Adult who are Blindvisually ImpairedThe Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) has extended its services to senior blind individuals, promoting independence and a higher quality of life, while preventing unnecessary placement in nursing homes. Since 2020, NCBVI has successfully closed 1,231 cases for independent living clients over the age of 55. Additionally, NCBVI has assisted 182 clients in securing integrated, competitive jobs since 2020. To further support our mission, NCBVI has received \$1,848,836.78 in Social Security reimbursements.LB-527 and Transition Services for Blind StudentsThe passage of LB-527 in 2021 mandates the start of transition services for students with disabilities at age 14, instead of the previous age of 16. Since July 2021, NCBVI has served 246 blind students and continues to maintain multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Department of Education, the Center for the Education of Children who are Blind and Visually Impaired, and WIOA partners. These collaborations help ensure seamless services for blind youth.Support During the PandemicDuring the COVID-19 pandemic, NCBVI supported blind Nebraskans by providing: Technology and Internet Access: Computers and internet connections to enable individuals to stay connected with their communities and loved ones. Financial and Moral Support: Assistance to blind students to help them successfully finish their academic year, and support for blind adults to continue living independent and productive lives.Nebraska Business Enterprises (NBE)The Nebraska Business Enterprises program has seen growth in recent years, with the addition of twenty new locations in state buildings. Additionally: Micro Markets: Five new micro markets were established in different state buildings, along with one micro market at the USSTRATCOM building at Offutt Air Base. Increased Employment Opportunities: These expansions have led to greater employment and higher earnings for blind entrepreneurs.Alliance Enterprises -AWARE Case Management SoftwareSince 2020, the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) has partnered with Alliance Enterprises, the host of our AWARE case management software, to complete various customization projects aimed at enhancing the overall user experience for our staff. These improvements include: Enhanced Search Functionality: Added searching for Nebraska State Accounting numbers (Address Book

Numbers) within AWARE to assist our Business Office in quickly finding payments and consumers. Integration with State Accounting Software: Developed an interface between the State Accounting software (Enterprise One) and AWARE to eliminate manual data entry and reduce duplicative work. Authorization Enhancements: Improved the authorization process for quicker data collection of purchases. Randolph-Sheppard Program Software: Upgraded software for our Nebraska Business Enterprise Randolph-Sheppard program to improve Federal reporting accuracy. Streamlined Service Reporting: Enabled the ability to record multiple services in one record, allowing for streamlined reporting of staff-provided services.

# Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness
<b>Purpose:</b>	To serve as the advisory body on housing and homelessness near homelessness issues and to make recommendations on the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Shelter Grant Program and Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund to the Governor and the Legislature.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Statewide
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Statewide
<b>Year Created:</b>	1998
<b>Year Active:</b>	26
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Applicable

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Executive Order 98-4, Section 3
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Economic Development

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	15
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	blank

**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 3  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 4  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 4  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 4  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** Yes (Nebraska Department of Economic Development)  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** 0  
**Spending Authority:** 0

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Annual review and input on the NAHTF QAP Annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Proclamation Annual NAHTF and HSATF Awards - This award was created to showcase projects that are impacting communities/individuals. This encourages, stimulates and promotes diverse ways of looking at housing development to address housing needs. Projects are recognized at the NIFA Innovation Expo. Nebraska 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness - DED provided funding to write this plan in 2015 and the Commission oversees and reviews the progress of said plan. The State Continuum of Care Committee oversees this effort. Grant Applications and Awards - The Commission provides letters of support for grant initiatives which are either required by federal grant opportunities or increase leveraging of grant applications. The Commission was a necessary part of the Youth Homeless Demonstration Partnership Program Grant and the YESI Grant. Legislative Advocacy - The Policy and Issue Committee reviews legislative activity and advocates through letters to Senators, Appropriations Committees and providing public input at hearings on housing policies and legislative changes to support housing and homelessness. Education Awareness on the NAHTF and HSATF Flyer created to show the economic impact of dollars and jobs created with the Trust Funds. Community Tours - The commissioners meetings are held across the state followed by tours of NAHTF and HSATF Projects. Commissioners have been able to identify, evaluate and apply best practices based on successful project outcomes, value and positive impact that the Trust Funds are making on homelessness, housing development, population and business development. oNorfolk Community TouroNorth Platte Community TouroLincoln CenterPointes CenterPlace and Campus for Health and Wellbeing and Neighborworks Lincoln Driving Tour of Housing Development ProjectsoOmaha The Cottages at Siena FrancisoFremont CareCorps LifeHouseoHastings Community Tour

# Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care
<b>Contact Person:</b>	John Turner
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Continuum of Care Committee provides recommendations regarding the needs of individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. The committee proposes possible strategies to address these needs and to prevent and end homelessness in the future.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Statewide
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Statewide
<b>Year Created:</b>	1998
<b>Year Active:</b>	1998
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Applicable

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Executive Order 94-6
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Economic Development and Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5 Commissioners plus others (Membership is voluntary based on subject matter interest.)
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** No  
**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** No  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 4  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 4  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 4  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### **Operations**

**Support Staff:** No  
**Shared or Separate:** NA  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** NA  
**Spending Authority:** NA

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Will email you a list of accomplishments.

# Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Scott W. Shafer
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Commission on Indian Affairs was established in 1971 and consists of 14 Indian commissioners appointed by the Governor. Additionally, the commission has four ex-officio member representing the Pawnee tribe, Oglala Sioux, Ioway, Sac and Fox. The commission's statutory mission is to do all things which it may determine to enhance the cause of Indian rights and to develop solutions to problems common to all Nebraska Indians. It is the state liaison between the four headquarter tribes of the Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago Tribes of Nebraska. It helps ensure the sovereignty of both tribal and state governments are recognized and acted upon in a true government-to-government relationship. The commission serves off-reservation Indian communities by helping assure they are afforded the right to equitable opportunities in the areas of housing, employment, education, health care, economic development and human civil rights within Nebraska. All goals of the commission are accomplished through advocacy, education and promotion of legislation.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	In theory any citizen of the State of Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	As an agency we are not a direct service provider
<b>Year Created:</b>	1971
<b>Year Active:</b>	1971
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	The Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs (NCIA) was created by LB 904 of the 82nd session of the Nebraska Legislature on May 22, 1971. The Indian Commission statutes are outlined in sections 81-2504 R.R.S.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None



## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	14
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Each of the four Nebraska tribes select two representatives to serve, however the Nebraska Governor ultimate appoints.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	None
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Must be an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	\$50
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes, for approved board related or incurred expenses such as travel and in line with State Accounting guidelines
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 years
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

## Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	4
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	3
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	4

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	2
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Shared
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	225,825
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	230,128

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 236,225

**Other Funding Sources:** Agency can solicit private donations, gifts and grants. None received in the last biennium.

**Spending Authority:** 81-2503. Commission; legal entity; executive director; qualifications; office. The commission shall be a legal entity with the power to receive and administer funds from state, federal, tribal, and other sources, 81-2514. State assistance to politic

## **Accomplishments**

### **Since January 1, 2020:**

Passage of LB 213 Water Bill (2024): Worked with Senator Raybould and others to have funds prioritized to the Santee Sioux tribe to address critical water quality issues in the community.

Passage of LB 1288 Tribal Mental Health Commitment Orders (2024): Worked with Senator Raybould to pass a bill making it possible for tribal protective custody orders to be recognized and allow transport to off reservation facilities for treatment.

Chief Standing Bear Prize and 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day (2023): In partnership with the non profit Chief Standing Prize for Courage celebrated the honoring of Nebraska State Senator Tom Brewer as prize recipient. This event also served as NCIAs 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day event.

Omaha Chief Big Elk Sculpture (2023): Consulted with City of Omaha and artist Benjamin Victor on the creation of a sculpture honoring Omaha Chief Big Elk.

Search for Gravesites at Genoa Indian School (2023: )In partnership with History Nebraska State Archeologist and in consultation with tribal stakeholders, an initial dig was conducted in an identified location of interest. Nothing was found, and additional consultations and planning continues.

Passage of Appropriations Bill Establishing Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Liaison in Nebraska Attorney Generals Office (2023): This bill established a permanently funded position based in the Nebraska Attorney Generals office for a dedicated MMIP liaison tasked with outreach, education and liaison work addressing issues related to missing Native men, women and children.

Search for Gravesites at Genoa Indian School (2022): In partnership with History Nebraska State Archeologist and Midwest Archeological Center conducted ground penetrating survey of identified possible burial locations of Native students.

Indigenous Peoples Day (2022): Acting as a supporting partner with The Chief Standing Bear Project assisted in the planning and implementation of a Standing Bear Courage Prize awarded to Native American Actor Wes Studi at an October event for 250 attendees. The prize event was the 2022 Indigenous Peoples Day event.

Completion of and Public Airing of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Documentary (2022): Utilizing private donations and grants, produced a documentary about the legacy of Dr. Susan La Flesche with the premier airing in September. In partnership with the Lied Center for the Performing Arts this movie is also available as a curriculum tool available for use by teachers across the state of Nebraska.

Passage of LR 271 Standing Bear Justice Administration Building (2022): Worked with State Senator Tom Brewer and director of state administrative services to introduce and pass a resolution to rename state administrative services building the Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building. Dedication ceremony held on July 21st, 2022 unveiling Standing Bear sculpture, mural and new building signage.

Sovereign Native Youth Leadership Academy (2022): Partnership with UNLs Mid American Transportation Center to hold annual Youth Leadership Academy for 20 students in Lincoln, Nebraska.

NCIA Executive Director Honored as Lincoln Rotary 14 Nebraskan of the Year (2022): Honored as a Nebraskan who has distinguished themselves through service to others in keeping with ideals of Rotary International. These Nebraskans have shown honesty, integrity and concern for others through leadership and significant contributions to their profession and their communities.

Passage of LR 280 Boarding School Survivors (2022): Worked with State Senator Patty Pansing Brooks to introduce a resolution acknowledging the survivors of the Genoa Industrial School and other boarding schools in the state along with their families and communities.

Executive Director selected to serve on AIANTA board (2021): NCIA Executive Director gaiashkibos has been selected as new member for American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association, representing the Central Plains Regions.

2021 Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration (2021): NCIA played lead role in the development and presentation of Indigenous Peoples Day Celebrations including a tribal flag dedication in the Nebraska State Capitol (est. attendance 150) and Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte sculpture unveiling in Lincoln, Nebraska on Heritage Plaza-Centennial Mall South (est. attendance 400).

Recipient of Nebraska Department of Education ESSR Grant (2021): NCIA received an initial grant of \$49,500 with a commitment of two additional years of \$50,000 each to address Native American student educational achievement challenges. Report was compiled and completed 2022.

Passage of LB185 to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for public health aid (2021): LB 185 provides equitable funding of \$531,000 for the Fred LeRoy Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Omaha.

Passage of LB 528 Community College Gap Assistance Program (2021): LB 528 was passed to make changes to the Community College Gap Assistance Program The program provides assistance to low-income students who are enrolled in non-credit programs of study in identified high-need occupational areas and for-credit programs of study in the same occupational areas that are too short term to be Pell-eligible.

Passage of LR 128 (2021): Resolution which encourages the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University to respect the wishes of and requests from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska and descendants of Chief Standing Bear for repatriation of Chief Standing Bear's tomahawk to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Awarding of Five Chief Standing Bear Scholarships (2021): Distributed five Chief Standing Bear scholarships of \$5,000 totaling \$25,000 to Nebraska Native students.

UNMC Public Health Endowed Chair Named After Susan and Susette La Flesche (2021): Worked with the University of Nebraska Medical Centers College of Public Health to name the Public Health Endowed Chair after Susan and Susette La Flesche

US Civil Rights Mascots Hearings (2020-21): Worked in partnership with U.S. Civil Rights Commission to conduct three public hearings to hear testimony and explore issues related to the use of Native mascots at Nebraska schools. A 22 page report was issued by the Nebraska Advisory Committee of the U.S Commission on Civil Rights.

Development and Distribution of Tribal Crona Comics (2020-21): CRONA Pandemic Comics is a collection of short comics and essays developed to help Native youth understand the complexities of living through a viral pandemic. NCI partnered with UNL and Native artist Henry Payer to develop culturally appropriate story educating youth about the Coronavirus. Comics are being distributed to tribal schools and students free of charge.

Passage of LB 848 Addition of Indigenous Peoples Day and Tribal Flags Permanent Placement (2020): This bill recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of the people indigenous to the lands that are now known as the Americas, including Nebraska, and the many contributions of such people. The flags of the four Nebraska headquartered tribes will be placed in the Warner Legislative Chamber flag. Additionally the flags historic to Nebraska will be placed in the Memorial Chamber on the fourteenth floor of the State Capitol.

Standing Bear Documentary (2020): A documentary recounting the process of nominating Chief Standing Bear for inclusion in Statuary Hall in Washington, DC was created and subsequently premiered to the public at an event at the Lied Center in Lincoln, Nebraska in November, 2020. The Lied started offering the documentary to Nebraska Schools in 2021.

# Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

**Contact Person:** Bryan Tuma, Executive Director; Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; 301 Centennial Mall; P.O. Box 94946; Lincoln, NE; 68509-4946 531-893-0405

**Purpose:** The commission shall educate the community at large to the problems encountered by law enforcement authorities, promote respect for law and encourage community involvement in the administration of criminal justice. The commission shall be an agency of the state, and the exercise by the commission of the powers conferred by the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1415 to 81-1426.01 shall be deemed to be an essential governmental function of the state.

**How Many Affectable:** Law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100) and their respective employing agencies (approximately 118); 68 county jails across the state and three juvenile facilities; 93 county attorneys and their deputies; all judges across the stat

**How Many Served:** Law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100) and their respective employing agencies (approximately 118); 68 county jails across the state and three juvenile facilities; 93 county attorneys and their deputies; all judges across the stat

**Year Created:** 1969

**Year Active:** 1969

**Sunset Date:** NA

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1416

**Parent Agency:** Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 19

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** Yes, for all appointed members.

**Qualifications Of Members:** The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of more than two hundred thousand population; the chief of police or director public safety of a city of two hundred thousand population or less; a county sheriff; a county attorney; a county commissioner; a mayor or city manager; a person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile delinquency; the chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council; the chairperson the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice; and six members, one of which must be a woman, from the public at large. The membership of the commission shall represent varying geographic areas and large and small governmental subdivisions.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 6 years. For those serving by position or status, no member shall serve beyond the time when he or she holds the office, employment, or status by reason of which he or she was initially eligible for appointment.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Yes
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	None
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	No

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska Crime Commission oversees the administration of all law enforcement training and certification standards for Nebraska. This effort is addressed in concert with the Police Standards Advisory Council and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Revisions to the administrative requirements associated with citizens reporting allegations of misconduct as defined in Nebraska Revised Statute 81-1403(6) are found in Nebraska Administrative Code Title 79, Chapter 9. Significant progress has been made to refine the process to address the investigation of informal complaints which could be grounds for revocation of a law enforcement officers certification. The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice took steps to modify the agency website to post the statutorily required list of decertified officers and the basis for those revocations. Efforts to implement hiring bonuses for new law enforcement officers was implemented beginning in 2023. In addition, the Law Enforcement Officer Attraction and Retention (LEAR) program began issuing payments in 2023 to 2800 law enforcement officers.

# Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education 402-471-0020 gary.timm@nebraska.gov
<b>Purpose:</b>	<p>The committee oversees state funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant Fund. The fund provides grants to community colleges for applied technology and occupational faculty training, instructional equipment upgrades, employee assessment, pre-employment training, employment training, and dislocated worker programs benefiting the state. Grants also are available for programs or activities to enhance student performance in degree, certificate or diploma completion, retention our foundations education, or the collection, reporting, analysis and utilization of student data. Legislation passed in 2015 expanded the oversight responsibility of the committee to include the Community College Gap Assistance Program effective July 1, 2016. The Gap Assistance programs primary goal is to address workforce shortages in high-need occupations in Nebraska, as well as to train those already employed in these in-demand areas and increase their advancement potential. Community colleges can award gap assistance to students taking non-credit courses that could lead to jobs in one of these occupations. Because these students are not enrolled in programs for credit that lead directly to a degree, they're not eligible for federal financial aid.</p>
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All current community college students
<b>How Many Served:</b>	2,465 Gap Assistance students have benefited.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2012
<b>Year Active:</b>	2012
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None



## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-1539 (Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant) and Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-2010 (Gap Assistance Program)

**Parent Agency:** Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** Seven, consisting of one representative each from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor, and Department of Education, as well as three representatives from the community college

**Who Appoints:** Participating agencies and community colleges

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** See "Number of Members" question above. Participating agencies and community colleges choose their representatives.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** No

**Term Length:** Two years for community college representatives; no defined term length for agency representatives.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	0
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	blank
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$500,000 Grant; \$2,000,000 Gap Assistance
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$500,000 Grant; \$2,000,208 Gap Assistance
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$500,000 Grant; \$2,002,714 Gap Assistance
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	The Community College Gap Assistance Program is funded through State Lottery revenue, with an initial appropriation beginning July 1, 2016.
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	Spending authority lies with the Coordinating Commission through the appropriation process.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** No grant proposals received during timeframe. The Gap Assistance program had 369 approved academic programs among the six community colleges as of September 20, 2024. Since July 1, 2020, the Gap program has approved 1,732 applicants with 75% completing training and with 165 either waiting to participate or currently enrolled. The most recent Gap Assistance Annual Report can be found at <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/gap>.

# Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board (Nebraska Corn Board)

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board (Nebraska Corn Board)
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Kelly Brunkhorst
<b>Purpose:</b>	It is the purpose of the Nebraska Corn Resources Act to provide the authorization and to prescribe the necessary procedures whereby corn producers in this state may finance programs to achieve the activities expressed in the act.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	21,500
<b>How Many Served:</b>	21,500
<b>Year Created:</b>	1978
<b>Year Active:</b>	1978
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	2-3601 - 2-3635
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	blank

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	8 by Governor, 1 elected (at-large)
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	(a) are citizens of Nebraska, (b) are at least twenty-one years of age, (c) have been actually engaged in growing corn in this state for a

period of at least five years, and (d) derive a substantial portion of their income from growing corn.

**Per Diem:** \$50  
**Expense Reimbursement:** yes, per State of Nebraska guidelines  
**Term Length:** 3  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4  
**Held FY 21-22:** 5  
**Required FY 22-23:** 4  
**Held FY 22-23:** 5  
**Required FY 23-24:** 4  
**Held FY 23-24:** 5

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 6  
**Shared or Separate:** Seperate  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 11,212,139  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 9,850,377  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 9,104,743  
**Other Funding Sources:** interest, royalties  
**Spending Authority:** 9,900,000

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Expanded & updated retail infrastructure across Nebraska and California for higher level blends of ethanol; Partnered on expanding livestock industry in Nebraska; supported on farm research affecting over 1.3 million acres annually; hosted trade teams from several different countries to showcase Nebraska corn and value added products; undertaking communication to enhance farmer reputation and ethanol education that reaches 21 million consumers annually; supporting grower leaders on national and international boards - extending the influence of Nebraska; partner in expanding trade with cooperators that return \$21 for every dollar invested or where value added exports contributed over \$150 per acre; funded applied research that increases efficiency or increased net income (some with 20% savings of key inputs); funded basic research into potential new uses including national competition programs that could result in millions of bushels of additional demand

# Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Perky Schoenhals; perky.schoenhals@nebraska.gov ; (402) 471-2194
<b>Purpose:</b>	This group serves as an advisory council to the Nebraska Crime Commission. Membership on the committee is established in Nebraska Statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	350
<b>How Many Served:</b>	350
<b>Year Created:</b>	1980
<b>Year Active:</b>	1980
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 23-1213 to 23-1222
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	11
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Douglas County attorney, Lancaster County attorney, one professor of law or forensic science, 2 county commissioners or supervisors, 4 county attorneys or deputies from counties other than Douglas or Lancaster counties, 1 county sheriff or chief of police, and 1 certified forensic pathologist.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Four-year term  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2  
**Held FY 21-22:** 1  
**Required FY 22-23:** 2  
**Held FY 22-23:** 1  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 1

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes  
**Shared or Separate:** Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** No

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The County Attorney Standards Advisory Council monitors attendance and the reporting of statutorily mandated continuing education requirements for all county attorneys. The council has

formulated and established new guidelines to promote uniform and quality death investigations for county coroners.



# Nebraska Craft Brewery Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Craft Brewery Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Casey Foster
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the board is to: (1) establish a public forum to provide any manufacturer of beer or producer of agricultural products used in the brewing process the opportunity, at least once annually, to discuss with the board its policies and procedures; (2) keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which will clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the board and to make these records available for examination upon request by members of the public; (3) authorize and approve the expenditure of funds collected pursuant to section 4 of this act; (4) serve as an advisory panel to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission in all matters pertaining to the beer industry; and (5) adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out sections 1 to 5 of the act.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Not Specified
<b>Year Created:</b>	2016
<b>Year Active:</b>	2016
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 53-501 53-505
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Goveror

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** All board members shall be (a) citizens of Nebraska, (b) at least twenty-one years of age, and (c) either engaged in or previously engaged in the manufacture or the wholesale or retail sale of beer in this state or engaged or previously engaged in the production in this state of agricultural products that are utilized in the brewing process. The board shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Governor on a nonpartisan basis. At least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer than ten candidates submitted by the Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild or its successor organization. In addition, at least two board members shall be selected by the Governor from a list of no fewer than ten candidates submitted by the Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska or its successor organization. The Director of Agriculture or his or her designee and the executive director of the Nebraska Tourism Commission or his or her designee shall be nonvoting, ex officio members of the board.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes. All voting board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities as members of such board pursuant to 81-1174 to 81-1177.

**Term Length:** Three years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 3

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Yes
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Both. For administrative purposes, the Nebraska Beer Industry Promotional Fund is located in the Department of Agriculture. The department provides staff assistance to fulfill the clerical responsibilities associated with board activities.
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$232,407.47
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$234,140.26
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$146,836.17
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	None
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	Yes

## Accomplishments

<b>Since July 1, 2020:</b>	<p>Overview of Activities for FY 21-22The Board of Directors held three meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2021, and ended June 30, 2022. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The revenue enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$260,218; \$118,149.23 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.</p> <p>Overview of Activities for FY 22-23The Board of Directors held three meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2022, and ended June 30, 2023. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The revenue enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$234,977; \$133,350.24 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.</p> <p>Overview of Activities for FY 23-24The Board of Directors held three meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2023, and ended June 30, 2024. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and</p>
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promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The revenue enabled the board to fund several meaningful projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraskas craft brewery industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$249,802; \$216,674.26 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement. More details regarding the Nebraska Craft Brewery Board can be found at <https://craftbreweryboard.nebraska.gov>.

# Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Holle Evert (Holle.Evert@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	Maintain and expand domestic sales of milk and dairy products, develop new products and new markets, improve methods and practices relating to marketing or processing of milk and dairy products, and inform and educate consumers of sound nutritional principles including the role of milk in a balanced diet.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All dairy farmer
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All dairy farmers
<b>Year Created:</b>	1992
<b>Year Active:</b>	1999
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, 2-3951
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Governor

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Seven
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Members of the board shall: 1. be residents of Nebraska, 2. be at least twenty-one years of age, 3. have been actually engaged in the production of milk in this state for at least five years, and 4. derive a

substantial portion of their income from the production of milk in Nebraska.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Members of the board shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** Three years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2, once every six months

**Held FY 21-22:** 3

**Required FY 22-23:** 2, once every six months

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2, once every six months

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** Contracts with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and Midwest Dairy for support services. Promotional contracts are in place with Southwest Dairy and Midwest Dairy for promotion and research projects.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$1,494,692

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$1,494,692

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$1,468,961

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** FY 21-22, FY 22-23, FY 23-24: \$1,640,000 spending authority the board can allocate funds to promote, educate and conduct research to increase the consumption of milk and milk products.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Nebraska dairy farmers pay checkoff of fifteen cents per hundred-weight of milk they produce. The checkoff is collected by the first purchaser of each producers milk. Five cents is sent to the National Dairy Board which provides funds for the national Unified Marketing Plan (UMP) developed by Dairy Management, Inc. The other ten cents is paid to the Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board (NDIDB). The NDIDB funds USDA qualified program organizations for dairy promotion activities. The NDIDB is itself a USDA qualified program organization. During the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, NDIDB funded the following two qualified program organizations: 1. Midwest Dairy Association (Midwest Dairy). Under contract, Midwest Dairy implemented programs intended to contribute to the betterment of Nebraskas dairy farmers and the states dairy industry, including 1) the local components of the UMP, 2) the national UMP funding commitment, and 3) other promotion programs in Nebraska consistent with the interests of Nebraska dairy producers. Programs funded during the period are further described in the Promotion Highlights of the Annual Report. 2. Southwest Dairy Farmers (Southwest Dairy). Under contract, Southwest Dairy began implementing Mobile Dairy Classroom programs in Nebraska. Programs are further described in the Report of Activities. Nebraska Dairy Promotion HIGHLIGHTS July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Dairy Management Inc. (DMI), which represents and implements the priorities, strategies, and programs of the national dairy checkoff program, works on behalf of Americas dairy farmers, including the approximately 80 farmers in Nebraska to protect and grow sales and trust in dairy foods, dairy farmers, and the dairy community. The foundation of this work is a nationwide Unified Marketing Plan that DMI develops and implements in partnership with 14 dairy promotion organizations including Midwest Dairy to align national and local dairy promotion strategies and activities focused on action in the following core priorities: Domestic Sales & Innovation: Develop technology-powered breakthrough science and innovations that advance U.S. dairys wellness and product leadership. Exports: Positioning U.S. dairy as a consistent, preferred supplier in key global markets. Reputation: Taking a louder, more proactive, and competitive approach to sharing dairys indispensable

role as a source of human nourishment and societal and planetary health. MIDWEST DAIRY PROMOTION IN ACTION: Midwest Dairy focuses on dairy promotion plans developed at the national level, as well as a variety of state-specific initiatives developed for various local key audiences to drive demand and confidence of dairy foods nationally, regionally, and locally. Our goal is to bring dairy to life by giving consumers an excellent dairy experience. Midwest Dairy's annual report demonstrates the impact of Midwest Dairy's strategic plan across three business objectives; increase dairy sales, grow trust in dairy, and advance research in dairy, and three foundational objectives; create checkoff advocates, develop farm and community leaders for dairy, as well as enhance company culture at Midwest Dairy. Midwest Dairy has partnered with select retail and foodservice partners throughout 2023 to drive over 38 million pounds of incremental milk while reaching consumers with our dairy messaging. Midwest Dairy also worked with partners to share dairy's sustainable nutrition story to consumers to help make the connection from farm to table. Midwest Dairy reached out to thought leaders, including sustainability and nutrition professionals, to share resources in a variety of languages and communication methods to educate on the unmatched nutrition that dairy foods provide across the lifespan. Additionally, Midwest Dairy pursued research benefiting our product priorities, supported the national Undeniably Dairy campaign to reach over 393 million consumers and worked to develop young dairy leaders.



# Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Hoa Phu Tran Revenue Economist Manager 301 Centennial Mall South Lincoln, NE 68509 402-471-5896 Keisha Patent Legislative Fiscal Analyst PO Box 94604 Lincoln, NE 68509-4604 402-471-2263
<b>Purpose:</b>	Develop a consensus projection of economic activity in Nebraska and provide an advisory forecast of General Fund revenue receipts.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	The Board affects most, if not all, Nebraskans since the consensus General Fund revenue forecast is used to set the operating budget for the State of Nebraska.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Serves the entire State of Nebraska by producing the official General Fund revenue forecast, which aids in determining the budget.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1984
<b>Year Active:</b>	1984
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 77-27,156
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the Nebraska Department of Revenue

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Five members are appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and four members are appointed by the Governor.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Members of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board shall demonstrate expertise in the field of tax policy, economics, or economic forecasting.

**Per Diem:** None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 4 Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Two

**Held FY 21-22:** Two

**Required FY 22-23:** Three

**Held FY 22-23:** Three

**Required FY 23-24:** Two

**Held FY 23-24:** Two

### Operations

**Support Staff:** No

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** None

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since July 1, 2020, the board has met in July 2020; October 2020; February 2021; April 2021; October 2021; February 2022; October 2022; February 2023; April 2023; October 2023; February 2024; and October 2024. At each of these meetings the board provided a consensus forecast of economic activity in Nebraska and determined the forecast of the General Fund revenue receipts.

# Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Environmental Trust Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Karl Elmshaeuser
<b>Purpose:</b>	Neb. Rev. State. 81-15,168 It is the intent of the Legislature to establish the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the purpose of conserving, enhancing, and restoring the natural physical and biological environment in Nebraska, including the air, land, ground water and surface water, flora and fauna, prairies and forests, wildlife and wildlife habitat, and natural areas of aesthetic or scenic values. The current and future well-being of the state and its citizens is vitally dependent on a safe and clean environment and requires a dynamic, proactive approach to address environmental needs. The trust shall complement existing governmental and private efforts by encouraging and leveraging the use of private resources on environmental needs with the greatest potential impact on future environmental quality in Nebraska. The trust shall develop a long-range environmental focus which encompasses the vision of all Nebraskans regarding the future of the environment and shall join public and private efforts in achieving the collective environmental goals of Nebraska's citizens.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Residents and visitors of the State of Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Potentially all Nebraska citizens Grants have been funded in 93 counties of Nebraska
<b>Year Created:</b>	1992 - LB1257, 45
<b>Year Active:</b>	1993
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,167 to 81-15-176
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**Parent Agency:** NA As per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,170, the Game and Parks Commission shall provide administrative support, including, but not limited to, payroll and accounting functions, to the board.

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 14 members (5 specified agency directors and 9 citizen members)

**Who Appoints:** Governor appoints nine citizen members

**Legislative Approval:** Approval of a majority of the Legislature for the nine citizen members

**Qualifications Of Members:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,170 The Nebraska Environmental Trust Board is hereby created as an entity of the executive branch. The board shall consist of the Director of Environment and Energy, the Director of Natural Resources, the Director of Agriculture, the secretary of the Game and Parks Commission, the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, and nine citizens appointed by the Governor with the approval of a majority of the Legislature. The citizen members shall begin serving immediately following notice of nomination and prior to approval by the Legislature. The citizen members shall represent the general public and shall have demonstrated competence, experience, and interest in the environment of the state. Two of the citizen appointees shall also have experience with private financing of public-purpose projects. Three appointees shall be chosen from each of the three congressional districts.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Members are reimbursed for expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

**Term Length:** Citizen members - 6 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Four

**Held FY 21-22:** Nine

**Required FY 22-23:** Four

**Held FY 22-23:** Six

**Required FY 23-24:** Four

**Held FY 23-24:** Six

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** Four

**Shared or Separate:** Separate As per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,170, the Game and Parks Commission shall provide administrative support, including, but not limited to, payroll and accounting functions, to the board.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$20,676,142

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$21,187,314

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$21,309,636

**Other Funding Sources:** Nebraska Lottery, and as per Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,173, any gift, grant, bequest, royalty, and donation.

**Spending Authority:** Yes - Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-15,174 and 81-15,174.01 allow utilization of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund and Nebraska Environmental Endowment Fund.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** From July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024, the Trust has awarded over 257 grants totaling \$67,346,931. In 2023, LB 814 authorized \$14,000,000 to be transferred from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund (\$7,000,000 transferred in FY 23-24 and \$7,000,000 transferred in FY 24-25). These awards fall under the purpose of conserving, enhancing, and restoring the natural physical and biological environment in Nebraska, including the air, land, groundwater, and surface water, flora and fauna, prairies and forests, wildlife, and wildlife habitat and natural areas of aesthetic or scenic values. In 2021, the Trust 22 Committee was established and sought assistance from the Nebraska Center for Operational Excellence to enhance NET's processes. At least twelve items were found in NETs rules and regulations that needed to be addressed. - In May 2022, the Title 137 Committee was created to focus on procedures, policies, and efficiencies in the rules. The committee also concentrated on ensuring that Title 137 was in alignment with state statutes. In September 2022, the Title 137 Committee established a process to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the steps outlined in state law. In October and November 2022, public listening sessions were conducted in each Congressional District to allow the public to provide feedback on revisions needed for NETs rules and regulations. A fourth listening session was conducted via Zoom in December 2022 for those unable to attend in person. After navigating through the review and approval process, revisions to Title 137 became effective on August 12, 2023. Updates to the Bylaws of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board, Board Policies, and the Grant Contract were approved by the NET Board. In July 2023, the Board Office moved to a new location at 2077 N St, Suite 310. The new office space complies with ADA regulations. The new office complies with ADA regulations, and provides space for board, committee, and grantee meetings. Annual Reports for the Nebraska Environmental Trust are submitted to the Nebraska Legislature online and can be found at <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/reports/bcsurveyview.php>

# Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Paula Gardner, Executive Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) is a quasi-judicial administrative agency of the State of Nebraska created by state law for the purpose of receiving, investigating, rendering formal determinations on, and conciliating charges of unlawful discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations. The NEOC provides information and assistance in the matters of civils rights law compliance to citizens and organizations upon request.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	State of Nebraska population
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Since July 1, 2020, 25,000 served directly and over 50,000 served indirectly
<b>Year Created:</b>	1965
<b>Year Active:</b>	1965
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	na

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-1116
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	The NEOC is an independent, non-code agency. There is no parent agency.

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7 Commissioners
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	no



<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Qualifications of the members are determined by the Governor.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Commissioners receive \$50 per day
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Commissioners receive expense reimbursements
<b>Term Length:</b>	3-year terms
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

## Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	The statute does not require a specific number of meetings
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	9
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	The statute does not require a specific number of meetings
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	10
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	The statute does not require a specific number of meetings
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	10

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	The NEOC has 4 support staff.
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	separate
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$1,317,833 - general funds, \$947,515 - federal funds (\$2,265,3548 total funding)
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$1,358,170 - general funds, \$962,243 - federal funds (\$2,320,413 total)
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$1,443,415 - general funds, \$1,021,723 - federal funds (\$2,465,138)
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	The NEOC receives federal funds through work-sharing agreements with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds cover a portion of the cost to investigate charges du

**Spending Authority:** The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-1116) gives the NEOC spending authority. The Commissioners approve the budget request and allocation of the funds appropriated by the legislature.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** INVESTIGATIONCHARGE PROCESSINGSince July 1, 2020, the NEOC, in conjunction with OCIO, upgraded its case management system. This upgrade has assisted staff in being able to better track contacts from the public, as well as streamline the process from initial contact through post determination. The NEOC continues to look for opportunities to perform its investigative work efficiently, while still ensuring that the NEOC is meeting its mission of eradicating discrimination. One such endeavor was to create a more cohesive investigative unit where investigators are responsible for providing technical assistance, conducting intake interviews, drafting charges, and conducting investigations. Previously these functions were performed by two separate units. By having one unit perform the work, the public is receiving information and service from well-trained employees who are familiar with the whole NEOC process and corresponding laws. While the NEOC has seen an increase in charges filed since July 1, 2020, including a 31% increase in 2324, it has also been able to resolve more cases seeing a 26% increase in case completions. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) continues to be an important program available to parties to mutually resolve a filed charge. ADR is a voluntary process, and any agreement reached is one that is driven by the parties, with the NEOC acting as the mediatorconciliator. The NEOC has no vested interest in the outcome of any settlement. The NEOC has a 76% success rate of the parties reaching an agreement when the parties participate in the ADR process. Since July 1, 2020, the NEOC has obtained over \$5,000,000.00 in direct monetary relief for Complainants through ADR, settlements during investigations, and reasonable cause conciliations, which are all voluntary processes of the NEOC. In addition to monetary relief, the NEOC obtained targeted equitable relief for Complainants, including neutral references, adverse material removed from files, reasonable accommodations, reinstatement, training, changing in advertising, structural modifications, apologies, and changes to policies and practices. EDUCATION AND OUTREACHThere are several categories of education and outreach activities stemming from the work of the NEOC, in compliance with legislative intention and statutory

requirements. The NEOC, without cost to recipients, has made available speakers who provided technical training, written materials that addressed guidelines for best practices for employers and housing industry professionals, and other technical resources through our website and telephone contact. The NEOC has also addressed employee and housing consumer issues through voluntary and mandatory participation in seminars and other settings. The NEOC has developed cooperative working relationships with federal, state and local partners to share information in the employment and housing industry to assure that anti-discrimination laws are enforced as well as. For the period of July 2020 through June 2024, NEOC staff made over 80 direct presentations to over 1,000 individuals around the state. These presentations included training and discussion regarding disability discrimination in employment and housing, harassment, reasonable accommodations, as well as other requested topics related to the NEOC and the work the NEOC does. These presentations may be the result of requests from the parties or pursuant to relief agreed to in a settlement. In addition to direct presentations, the NEOC has engaged in outreach and education activities through media sources, including a Nebraska Public Media produced 30-minute program focused on housing discrimination. Other activities include public service commercials on NPM and KOLNKGIN television stations, radio stations in the Omaha-metro area, KWTN, the Big Voice, for Winnebago and Omaha Tribes, billboards in Grand Island, a booth at the Nebraska State Fair, bus tail advertising in Lincoln and Omaha, and tables at events such as Disability Pride. These activities enable the NEOC to reach all parts of the state and share information about the NEOC and the state of Nebraskas anti-discrimination laws.

# Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Timothy McCoy, Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	The legislature created the Commission and gave it sole charge of state parks, game, fish, recreation grounds and all things thereto. Agency responsibilities also nongame fish and wildlife, the Cowboy Trail, state threatened and endangered species, hunter and bowhunter education, boating education, and administering on behalf of the state the grant-in-aid programs for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Program.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All residents of the State of Nebraska and all non-residents who benefit directly or indirectly from the management of parks, recreational areas, wildlife, fish, and conservation efforts of Nebraskas natural resources.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	According to a 2020 survey, nearly 64% of Nebraskans visited a Commission property for purposes of outdoor recreation. The Commission sold a total of 1,165,003 permits and stamps (resident and nonresident) in 2023.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1929 (originated in 1879 when a Board of Fish Commissioners was created)
<b>Year Active:</b>	1929, and every year since inception.
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	There are no sunset provisions pertaining to the existence of the Commission

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	37-101
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
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<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	37-101(1):(a) The Game and Parks Commission shall consist of nine members, one from each of the eight districts provided for by section 37-102 and one at-large member, and shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of a majority of all members of the Legislature. (b) Members of the commission shall be legal residents and citizens of Nebraska and shall be well informed and interested in matters under the jurisdiction of the commission.(c) At least three members of the commission shall be actually engaged in agricultural pursuits.(d) Not more than five of the members of the commission shall be affiliated with the same political party. The political party affiliation of each prospective member shall be determined as of the statewide general election prior to his or her appointment.(e) Members of the commission representing districts provided for by section 37-102 shall be bona fide residents of the district from which they are appointed.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	\$35 per day for days actually away from home on business of the Commission, not exceeding 45 calendar days in any one year.
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in discharge of official duties.
<b>Term Length:</b>	4 years
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

## Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	6 regularly scheduled meetings (which include an Informational Meeting and a Business Meeting), and 3 special meetings
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	6 regularly scheduled meetings and 2 special meetings
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	4
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	6 regularly scheduled meetings and 1 special meeting

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Yes
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Seperate
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	Total Operating \$92,863,431 (Cash funds \$72,571,106, General Fund \$12,013,364, Federal funds \$8,278,961)
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	Total Operating \$105,712,610 (Cash funds \$85,129,134, General Funds \$12,289,028, Federal funds 8,294,448)
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	Total Operating \$103,862,971 (Cash funds \$82,641,638, General Funds \$12,907,811, Federal Funds \$8,313,522)
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	grants and donations
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	The Commissioners allocate spending authority through the biennial budget and approve agency expenditures.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Supporting over \$2.9 billion in annual economic impacts in Nebraska, including over \$1.95 billion in retail sales and supporting over 24,500 jobs  
Increasing public access through the OFW program at record levels opening over 400,000 acres of private property and 39 ponds and 42 miles of streams for walk-in hunting and fishing  
Developed a new depredation response program with enhanced technical assistance for private landowners  
Celebrated 25 years of aquatic habitat program improving 137 water bodies for water quality, fishing and water based recreation  
Implemented the Lake McConaughy management plan which improved safety and experiences for visitors  
Recognition of 50 years of hunter education and ensuring safe recreational opportunities for outdoor recreation participants  
Stocked over 68 million fish in 2023, a record number, in 299 public water bodies in 73 counties across the state  
Updated and broadened our Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3) Plan to broadly engage people in outdoor recreation including Hunting, Fishing, Boating, State Parks and Shooting Sports  
Celebrated 100 years of Nebraska State Parks and the values they bring to the state  
State park system improvements providing additional amenities, improved accessibility, and infrastructure upgrades across the state  
Engaged the public through various surveys and public input meetings to gain their input and support for the agencies work and actions  
Implemented a new

permit system for hunting and fishing that improves buying processes for customers, and provides more flexibility for permit system updates, customer support and reporting  
Created a new website to connect people to information on opportunities and access  
Planned and took action to combat aquatic invasive species  
Expanded environmental and outdoor education programming and outreach to youth and adults

# Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization & Marketing Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization & Marketing Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Kristine Dvoracek, Executive Director of Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Board is authorized by statute to develop, carry out, and participate in programs of research, education, market development, promotion, and federal legislative affairs on behalf of producers of grain sorghum in Nebraska in an effort to ensure sorghum's profitability for producers.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All sorghum producers in the state
<b>Year Created:</b>	1981
<b>Year Active:</b>	1981
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 2-4001 - 2-4020
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	6 - Governor-appointed; 1 - Board Elected
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No



**Qualifications Of Members:** a. Citizen of Nebraska; b. at least 21 years of age; c. derive a portion of their income from growing grain sorghum

**Per Diem:** NA

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes - actual and necessary

**Term Length:** Three (3) years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$22,521 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$22,039 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$19,248 (Administration, Brd Exp & NDA Contract)

**Other Funding Sources:** As a Qualified State Organization of the United Sorghum Checkoff Program, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board receives passback funds (15-25% of funds collected in Nebraska - as determined annually by the USCP Board of Directors).

**Spending Authority:** Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order, established pursuant to the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996 (7 USC 7411-7425)

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board continues to maintain its basic programs of market development, research, producer & consumer education and federal legislative affairs. The Grain Sorghum Board's international marketing is done through the United Sorghum Checkoff Program and while attending trade missions. International markets development programs are vital to sorghum producers since about 75% of the U.S. sorghum crop is exported. Key international customers include China, Mexico and Japan. Every year, 15% to 25% of the national checkoff funds collected from Nebraska sorghum farmers gets sent back to the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board to assist with improving the sorghum industry through research, promotion and education. Growth in food uses for sorghum creates new, high-value demand. The Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board continues their in-state promotion efforts of sorghum for food uses. Educational programs include publication and distribution of recipes, enhanced visibility via social media, etc. Sorghum is gaining awareness and popularity among professional chefs, nutritionists and the healthy consumer. In the last few years, Sorghum's use in pet food, primarily dog and cat foods, has been on the rise as the companion animal industry demands high-quality ingredients to incorporate into their formulations. Sorghum processes well into pet food applications and is environmentally friendly. Sorghum is now being utilized by 15 pet food companies in more than 150 products. For human consumption, mainstream brands are adding sorghum to their list of ingredients every year. Producer education efforts include sorghum hybrid demonstration plots, field days, educational seminars, research conferences and farm shows. Board support is also provided through funding or goods and services to other educational and leadership development programs such as the Nebraska FFA, Nebraska Ag Youth Institute, Classroom visits, Ag Day Promotions, and Ag Safety Camps. Program funds invested in federal legislative issues primarily relate to the Farm Bill and Crop Insurance Program and are conducted in collaboration with and through the National Sorghum Producers. Close communication is also maintained with USDA and the EPA and cooperators relative to conservation programs as they impact sorghum farmers. In 2023, National Sorghum Producers (NSP) announced a Climate Smart Commodities Grant by the USDA that will allow NSP to compensate farmers for environmentally friendly practices they utilize in the production of sorghum. The grant is designed as an inset program for biofuels that highlights the eco-friendly aspects of progressive farmers and aims to reward farmers for being good stewards of their

land while also providing opportunities for the development of low carbon programs. Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board has been working closely with National Sorghum Producers to find farmers for this \$47 Million grant. The Board has also voiced their continued support for the Renewable Fuels Standard and Sustainable Aviation Fuel along with any growth that will contribute to rural economic development and job creation.

# Nebraska Grape and Winery Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Grape and Winery Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Casey Foster
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the NGWB is to further the growth and economic development of the grape-growing and winemaking industry in the state of Nebraska to a maximum level as supported by the favorable soil and climatic conditions existing in Nebraska and to satisfy the market demand for grapes and wine inside and outside of Nebraska. The end objective is to create an economically viable value-added alternative farm crop and wine industry in Nebraska that will enhance the economic condition of the farm industry and the state of Nebraska.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All adult Nebraska citizens and out-of-state tourists. In 2008, a winery tourism study indicated 259 jobs; \$16.4 million was the estimated economic impact on Nebraskas economy in 2010.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	An estimated 110,000 visitors to Nebraska wineries every year (Source: The 2006 Economic Impact of Nebraska Wineries and Grape Growers. University of Nebraska Lincoln publication from the Bureau of Business Research.)
<b>Year Created:</b>	2000
<b>Year Active:</b>	2000
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 53-301 through 53-305.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** All board members shall be (a) citizens of Nebraska, (b) at least twenty-one years of age, and (c) either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members shall be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. In addition, the Director of Agriculture and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or their designees, shall be ex-officio members of the board but shall have no vote in board matters.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes. All voting board members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses while attending meetings of the board or while engaged in the performance of official responsibilities as determined by the board.

**Term Length:** Each board member shall serve for a term of three years.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2 (Once every 6 months)

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** 2 (Once every 6 months)

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2 (Once every 6 months)

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Both. For administrative purposes, the boards Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund is located in the Department of

Agriculture. The department provides staff assistance to the board. In addition, an individual, working on a part-time contr

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$229,949.86

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$241,116.80

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$369,808.98

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Yes. Crushed grape tax fee, shipping license fee, and check-off fee

## Accomplishments

### Since July 1, 2020:

Overview of Activities for FY 17-18: The Board of Directors held two meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2017, and ended June 30, 2018. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. Board revenue originates from shipper license fees, crushed grape fees, and grape excise taxes. Revenue from these sources is remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Winery and Grape Producers Promotional Fund. As in previous years, the revenue over the past several years has enabled the Board to fund several meaningful projects aimed at enhancing the competitiveness of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. Priority funding was given to marketing and research projects targeted at increasing the sales and production of Nebraska grapes and/or wines. The projects approved for funding totaled \$319,616; \$229,949.86 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.

Overview of Activities for FY 18-19: The Board of Directors held two meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2018 and ended June 30, 2019. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$97,716; \$84,111.13 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.

Overview of Activities for FY 19-20: The Board of Directors held three meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2019 and ended June 30, 2020. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$383,948; \$266,561.05 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.

Overview of Activities for FY: 2020-21: The Board of Directors held two meetings during the fiscal year. The year began July 1, 2020 and ended June 30, 2021. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$615,760; \$332,355.88 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement.

Overview of Activities for FY 2021-22: The Board of Directors met in June 2022. The fiscal year began July 1, 2021, and ended June 30, 2022. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing

and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$876,265; \$648,969.51 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement. Overview of Activities for FY 2022-23: The Board of Directors met in January and June 2023. The fiscal year began July 1, 2022, and ended June 30, 2023. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$642,352; \$443,784.31 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement. Overview of Activities for FY 2023-24: The Board of Directors met in November 2023 and June 2024. The fiscal year began July 1, 2023, and ended June 30, 2024. Emphasis was placed on supporting marketing and promotional activities and conducting research to assist in the betterment and development of Nebraskas grape and wine industry. The projects approved for funding totaled \$597,099; \$554,275.47 of this amount was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) for reimbursement. Promotion of Nebraskas grape and wine industry continues to be a primary goal of the board. The board helps the grape and wine industry in becoming a strong and important part of Nebraskas thriving economy. They stay abreast of recent legislation affecting Nebraskas grape and wine industry, support Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association (NWGGA) activities, and work closely with the University of Nebraska Lincoln to receive guidance and education based upon industry research. The- boards strategic plan, meeting minutes, fiscal reports, contracts, statutes, and other documents pertaining to board matters can be found at <http://www.grapeandwineryboard.nebraska.gov>.



# Nebraska Investment Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Investment Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Ellen Hung, State Investment Officer
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Council is a centralized state investment agency that provides investment management services for the State of Nebraska. The purpose of the Council is to formulate and establish such policies as it may deem necessary and proper to govern the methods, practices, and procedures followed by the state investment officer for the investment or reinvestment of state funds and funds described in section 83-133 and the purchase, sale, or exchange of securities as provided by the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Manages the investments of thirty-three investment programs.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	1967
<b>Year Active:</b>	1969
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 72-1237
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Investment Council

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Five appointed members, plus two ex-officio members (State Treasurer and Director of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems)
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:**

Prior to July 1, 2005, the appointed members of the Council shall have at least ten years of experience in the financial affairs of a public or private organization or have at least five years of experience in the field of investment management or analysis. For members appointed on or after July 1, 2005, the appointed members of the Council shall have at least seven years of experience in the field of investment management or analysis or have at least twelve years of experience in the financial management of a public or private organization. There is a preference for members who are appointed to have experience in investment management or analysis. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 72-1238)

**Per Diem:**

\$75day

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Yes

**Term Length:**

Five years that begin on January 1, may be reappointed

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:**

Meets from time to time as directed by the Governor or chairperson or state investment officer

**Held FY 21-22:**

6

**Required FY 22-23:**

Meets from time to time as directed by the Governor or chairperson or state investment officer

**Held FY 22-23:**

7

**Required FY 23-24:**

Meets from time to time as directed by the Governor or chairperson or state investment officer

**Held FY 23-24:**

6

**Operations**

**Support Staff:**

Yes

**Shared or Separate:**

Shared Nebraska Investment Council

**FY 21-22 Budget:**

\$2,860,173

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$2,908,581

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$2,943,024

**Other Funding  
Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** Yes

**Accomplishments**  
**Since July 1, 2020:**

2024 Committed \$200 million across four Private Equity funds: Committed \$56 million to McCarthy Capital Fund VIII, \$32 million to Constitutional Capital Partners Ironsides Partnership Fund VII, \$56 million to One Rock Capital Partners Fund IV (pending successful contract negotiations) and \$56 million to Trive Capital Fund V (pending successful contract negotiations). The commitments align with the goal of diversifying the private equity portfolio and seeking attractive returns in middle- and lower middle-markets. Committed \$61 million across two Real Estate funds: Committed \$30.5 million each to Carlyle Realty Partners Fund X and Kayne Anderson RE Partners Fund VII.

Transition to Mitsubishi UFJ as Securities Lending Provider: In February, the Council hired Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation to replace Northern Trust as the securities lending agent. This change offers a more favorable revenue split, increasing net revenue to the Council by an estimated \$2.6 million per year, more favorable indemnification terms, and reduces risk as cash collateral is invested in a separate account with customizable investment guidelines.

Initiated Request-For-Proposal (RFP) for General Consulting, Private Equity, and Real Estate: In June, the Council began soliciting proposals from investment consultants for its General Consulting, Private Equity, and Real Estate mandates. Currently, the Council's general consultant is Aon plc. In October, the Council hosted semi-finalist presentations for private equity and real estate. In December, several Council staff traveled to visit and evaluate finalist consultants. The RFP Committee plans to make a recommendation to the board in early 2025.

Continuing Custodian Bank Transition: Council staff completed the custody bank transition to Northern Trust from State Street.

Adoption of New Audit Committee Charter: The Council approved a revised Audit Committee Charter to strengthen governance practices and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the committee, ensuring better oversight and accountability.

UBS Trumbull Property Fund Redemption Strategy: Delegated authority to staff to adjust quarterly redemption amounts from the UBS Trumbull Property Fund. The goal was to achieve full redemption quickly while taking advantage of discounts to reduce investment management fees.

Policy Updates for Investment Pools: Approved updates to the Investment Policy Statements for the Operating Investment Pool, Health Care Endowment Fund and Nebraska Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) to ensure that investment guidelines remain aligned with current objectives and market conditions.

2023 Retirement and Hiring of State Investment Officer (SIO): In December 2023, Ms. Ellen Hung, CFA replaced Mr. Michael Walden-Newman as SIO.

Committed \$114 million across two Private Equity funds: Committed \$57 million each to New Mountain Partners Fund VII and The Jordan Company Resolute Fund VI. Committed \$64 million to one Real Estate fund: Committed \$64 million to Oaktree Real Estate Opportunities Fund IX, aiming to capitalize on value-add real estate opportunities and diversify the real estate investment portfolio. Initiated Request-For-Proposal (RFP) for Custodian Bank: In January, the Council initiated an RFP process with the assistance of its investment consultant, Aon. This included discovery interviews with investment staff, data gathering from State Street Bank (the Council's existing custodian bank) and RFP creation. In April, Aon sent the RFP to the top four custodian banks in the global marketplace, three of which submitted proposals. Throughout June and July, the Council hosted finalist presentations, followed-up with finalists, conducted reference calls, and negotiated best and final terms and prices, before recommending Northern Trust to the Council. Selected Northern Trust as Custodian Bank: In September, the Council appointed Northern Trust as the new custodian bank and securities lending agent, replacing State Street. This decision was made to leverage Northern Trust's comprehensive custody services, advanced technology, and expertise to improve operational efficiency. Proxy Voting Policy: Adopted a new Proxy Voting Policy and engaged Glass Lewis to manage proxy voting activities. This initiative aimed to ensure that voting decisions are aligned with the Council's fiduciary responsibilities and governance principles. Optimized U.S. Equity Portfolio: Hired Northern Trust Asset Management to manage 17.75% of the 24% portion of the U.S. Equity allocation mandate using a passive indexing strategy, resulting in an annual savings of 0.35bps in management fees. Approved Investment Recommendations for the NEST Direct, NEST Advisor, Bloomwell, and State Farm 529 Plans: Enhancements were recommended across all plans and included changes in investment funds as well as updates to the age-based portfolios.

2022 Committed \$126 million across two Real Estate funds: Committed \$63 million each to Landmark RE Partners Fund IX and Almanac Realty Securities Fund IX. Committed 45 million and \$50 million across two Private Equity funds: Committed 45 million to Bridgepoint Europe Fund VII and \$50 million to HarbourVest Dover Street Fund XI. Updated Governance Policies: Amended the Governance Policy to require regular reviews of investment consultant and legal counsel contracts, strengthening oversight and ensuring alignment with best practices. Blank Sheet Review of Equity Portfolio: Performed a comprehensive review of the public equity

asset class, resulting in new asset allocations and benchmarks. This initiative was undertaken to optimize the equity portfolio structure and improve long-term investment performance.

**Eliminate Active U.S. Small Cap Mandate:** As a result of the Blank Sheet Review of the Equity portfolio, the Council terminated Dimensional Fund Advisors (DFA), thereby eliminating its active U.S. small cap mandate. Allocation was re-purposed to the global equity portfolio, maintaining the current active/passive mix.

**Hire GQG for Global Equity Portfolio:** The Council terminated MFS Institutional Advisors and hired GQG to be a manager for the Global Equity portfolio, upon recommendation by the Council's consultant.

**Hired NexBank as Provider of Bank Savings Option in the Enable Savings Plan**

**Revised Private Equity Policy:** Updated the Private Equity Policy within the Investment Policy Statements to reflect new guidelines, improving investment processes and aligning with industry standards.

**Conducted Asset-Liability Study for OSERS Portfolio:** Performed an Asset-Liability Study for the OSERS portfolio to align the retirement plans' risk-taking with their liabilities.

**2021 Committed \$120 million across three Private Equity funds:** Committed \$50 million to Genstar Capital Partners X, \$20 million to Constitution Capital Ironsides Co-Investment Fund VI, and \$50 million to New Enterprise Associates Fund 18. Committed \$10 million to one Real Estate fund: Committed \$10 million of the Omaha School Employees Retirement Plan to Kayne Anderson Real Estate Partners Fund VI. Approved a full redemption of the JP Morgan Strategic Property Fund with reinvestment of the proceeds into the Clarion Lion Properties Fund. An additional \$15 million investment in the PGIM PRISA Fund was also approved: This decision helped move the Core Real Estate Portfolio for the Omaha School Employees Retirement System more in line with the other State pension plans.

**Blank Sheet Review of Fixed Income Portfolio:** Completed a blank sheet review of the fixed income portfolio and adopted a new structure combining core fixed income with multi-asset credit strategies. This change aimed to enhance diversification, increase flexibility, and improve risk-adjusted returns.

**Implementation of new Investment Options for Defined Contribution and Deferred Compensation Plan participants:** Beginning January 2021, new investment offerings for the State and County Defined Contribution and Deferred Compensation Plan were available for participants, including the addition of target-date funds. Target-date funds provide participants with low-cost, diversified investment options that adjust the asset allocation over time.

**Approved Ascensus as Enable Savings Plan Provider:** Selected

Ascensus as the new service provider for the Enable Savings Plan, resulting in reduced program management fees and improved services for individuals with disabilities saving for disability-related expenses. Eliminated Commission Recapture Program: Terminated the Commission Recapture Policy, streamlining operations since the program was no longer in use. Conducted Asset-Liability Study: Performed an Asset-Liability Study to align the retirement plans' risk-taking with their liabilities. The Council conducts a study every three to five years. The most recent study prior to this date was conducted in 2016. 2020 Committed \$200 million across three Private Equity funds: Committed \$50 million each to The Jordan Company Fund V, Francisco Partners Fund VI, McCarthy Capital Fund VII, and New Mountain Capital Fund VI. Committed \$150 million across five Real Estate Funds: Committed \$56 million to Oaktree Capital Real Estate Opportunities Fund VIII, \$40 million to Kayne Anderson Real Estate Partners Fund VI, \$54 million to Torchlight Investors Debt Opportunity Fund VII. Reinvest Full Redemption Proceeds from UBS Trumbull Property Fund into Morgan Stanley Prime Property Fund. Updated Investment Policy Statements: Revised the IPS for the Operating Investment Pool, Heath Care Endowment, Aeronautics Trust Fund, Ag Development Fund, General Endowment Funds, State and County Retirement Systems Defined Contribution and State Deferred Compensation Plan (DCDCP), Nebraska Educational Savings Plan Trust (NEST), and the State and County Equal Retirement Benefit Funds. State Farm 529 Savings Plan: Approved Union Bank & Trust as the new program manager for the State Farm 529 Savings Plan, replacing First National Bank. Appointed True Link as Program Manager for Enable Savings Plan: Selected True Link as the new Program Manager to enhance program services and support for individuals saving for disability-related expenses. 2019 Committed \$150 million across three Private Equity funds: Committed \$50 million each to Wynnchurch Capital Fund V, New Enterprise Associates Fund 17, and HarbourVest Partners Dover Street Fund X. Committed \$40 million to one Real Estate fund: Committed \$40 million to Rockwood Capital Real Estate Partners Fund XI. Modernized Investment Options for Defined Contribution Plans: Finalized updates to the investment options offered within the State and County Defined Contribution Plans and the Deferred Compensation Plan. Collaborated with the Legislature's Retirement Systems Committee to enable contemporary best practices, ensuring participants have access to improved and diversified investment choices. Initiated Fixed Income Portfolio Review: Launched a comprehensive blank sheet review of

the fixed income portfolios to assess their role, structure, and potential enhancements. This initiative aimed to adapt to changing market conditions and interest rate environments, ensuring the portfolios remain resilient for the future. Progressed Alignment of OSERS Portfolio: Continued efforts to align the Omaha School Employees Retirement System (OSERS) investment portfolio with the asset allocation established for other plans. This ongoing process seeks to unify investment strategies and improve performance across all education employee retirement assets. Hire Hamilton Lane to Manage OSERSs Private Equity portfolio: As part of the transition of assets from OSERSs to the Council, the Council engaged Hamilton Lane to assume management of a portion of the private equity assets in the Omaha School Employees Retirement System. Updated Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy: Amended the Council's Governance Policies to improve clarity and strengthen guidelines regarding ethical conduct and conflict of interest, ensuring adherence to best governance practices. Selected Union Bank & Trust as Program Manager: Approved Union Bank & Trust as the new program manager for the Nebraska Educational Savings Plans. This decision was intended to improve investment options, reduce fees, and enhance services for plan participants. Approved Investment Options in the TD Ameritade 529 College Savings Plan: Several enhancements were made to differentiate the plan while also lowering overall fees. 2018 Committed \$190 million and 40 million across five Private Equity funds: Committed \$50 million each to Genstar Capital Fund IX, Green Equity Investors Fund VII, The Jordan Company Fund IV; \$40 million to McCarthy Capital Fund VI; and 40 million to Bridgepoint Europe Fund VI. Committed \$140 million across three Real Estate Funds: Committed \$60 million to Clarion Partners Lion Properties Fund and \$40 million each to Torchlight Investors Debt Opportunity Fund VI and Almanac Realty Securities Fund VIII . Reinvest full redemption proceeds of Barings Core Property Fund into Clarion Partners Lion Properties Fund. Adopted Updated Investment Policies: Completed a year-long comprehensive review of investment policies for all investment pools. The Council approved updated policies to improve clarity, reflect the Council's investment philosophy, and ensure compliance with changes in state law. Blank Sheet Review of Private Credit Asset Class: Initiated research and discussions in collaboration with investment consultant on incorporating private credit into the retirement and endowment portfolios. After thorough evaluation, the Council decided to include this consideration in the upcoming fixed income portfolio review in 2019 to ensure a holistic approach. Blank



Sheet Review of Investment Options for Defined Contribution and Deferred Compensation Plans: Undertook a comprehensive review of the investment options offered to participants. Sought legislative changes to update the statutory list of investment options to align with current best practices. Continued Transition of OSERS Assets: Progressed in aligning the investment of Omaha School Employees Retirement System's assets with the long-term target allocation identical to the States other pension plans. 2017 Committed \$150 million across three Private Equity funds: Committed \$50 million each to Quantum Energy Partners Fund VII, Genstar Capital Fund VIII, and Francisco Partners Fund V. Blank Sheet Review of Public Equity portfolio: In November, the Council finalized and approved a new equity portfolio structure for the retirement plans. This was the result of a multi-year blank sheet review process that evaluated the necessity, style, weighting, and management of each asset class to enhance portfolio performance. As a result of the review, the Council decided to hire Dodge & Cox and terminate one manager for the public equity portfolio. Assumed Management of OSERS Assets: Successfully transitioned the investment management of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System assets to the Council on January 1, 2017. Welcomed the OSERS director as an ex-officio member of the Council. Updated Investment Policies: Continued the process of reviewing and updating investment policies to enhance clarity and align with legislative changes. The Council approved significant policy revisions to better reflect its investment philosophy and governance standards. Extend Investment Management Agreement (IMA) with the University of Nebraska and NU Foundation: The Council extended the IMA regarding the University Trust Fund with NU and the NU Foundation. Renewal of Investment Consulting Contract with Aon Hewitt: After a Request-for-Proposal process for evaluating Investment Consulting services, the Council decided to continue its relationship with Aon Hewitt as investment consultant. Launched Award-Winning Council Website: Introduced a new, user-friendly website that provided easier access to investment information, policies, and meeting materials. The website received an international award for its user interface and overall design. 2016 Committed \$20 million to one Private Equity fund: Committed \$20 million to Constitution Capital Partners Ironsides Partnership Fund IV. Committed \$40 million to one Real Estate fund: Committed \$40 million to Landmark Real Estate Partners Fund VIII. Approved New Global Equity Portfolio: In May, the Council approved an improved \$2 billion global equity portfolio after a thorough blank sheet review. This initiative reassessed the role, style, weight, and

management of the asset class to optimize returns and align with investment objectives. Initiated Review of Public Equity Portfolio: Began examining the \$6 billion domestic and international equity portfolios using the blank sheet approach. Engaged with over 20 investment firms to explore strengths, weaknesses, and potential enhancements, setting the stage for future portfolio improvements. As part of this process, the Council elected to hire Arrowstreet Capital and Wellington Management and dismiss two managers for the global equity portfolio. In collaboration with the investment consultant, the Council also modified the recommended manager target allocations in accordance with these changes. Prepared for OSERS Asset Transition: Collaborated with the Omaha School Employees Retirement System to develop a transition plan for transferring asset management responsibilities to the Council effective July 1, 2016. This preparation ensured a smooth transfer effective January 1, 2017. Conducted Asset-Liability Study: Performed an Asset-Liability Study to align the retirement plans' risk-taking with their liabilities. The Council conducts a study every three to five years. Focused on Fiduciary Responsibility: Emphasized the importance of fiduciary duties during the annual summer retreat. Council members and the State Investment Officer engaged in sessions to deepen their understanding of legal obligations and best practices in managing the State's assets. Reviewed Fixed Income Investments: Held discussions with fixed income managers to understand the changing bond market landscape. This knowledge-sharing aimed to inform future strategies and adapt to evolving economic conditions. Professional Development CFA Program: As part of the effort to provide professional development, one investment staff member completed Level 3 of the CFA program and became a CFA Charterholder. Updated Investment Policy Statements: The Council approved the new Private Equity, Real Estate, Securities Litigation, and Operating Investment Pool (OIP) policies. The Council also approved a new Investment Policy Statement for the OSERS portfolio, which it was set to assume management over in 2017.

# Nebraska Library Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Library Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Rod Wagner
<b>Purpose:</b>	Per state statute, the Library Commission is responsible for the statewide promotion, development and coordination of library services. In fulfilling these functions the Commission works with all types of libraries public, school, college and university, special and institutional libraries. Some of the Commissions services are provided directly to the public and to state government personnel.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	1,978,000
<b>Year Created:</b>	1901
<b>Year Active:</b>	1901
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 51-403
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	blank

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Six
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	blank
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Not specified in state statutes.

**Per Diem:** blank  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Three years. Limited to two successive terms.  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Six  
**Held FY 21-22:** Six  
**Required FY 22-23:** Six  
**Held FY 22-23:** Six  
**Required FY 23-24:** Six  
**Held FY 23-24:** Six

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 40 FTE  
**Shared or Separate:** blank  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$5,582,103 (state and federal)  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$6,510,033  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$6,227,603  
**Other Funding Sources:** Cash  
**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 51-403 (biennium appropriations)

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Consultation, training, and information provided for library personnel, library governing boards, and public. Completion of major five-year federally funded Library Innovation Studios project. Book and magazine loans to Talking Book and Braille Service customers. Book club and technology kits lending. Distribution of state aid to public libraries and award of library service project grants. Online educational and information databases provided for statewide access. Coordination of the 194 member Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Group for eBook and digital audiobook loans. Funding support for Nebraskas four multi-county regional library systems. Management of the Nebraska Publications Clearinghouse for collection and access to Nebraska state agency publications. Administration of federal Library Services and Technology Act annual state grant. Library technology training and support for Nebraska libraries. Website hosting services for libraries.

# Nebraska Lifespan Respite Network Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Lifespan Respite Network Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-1524
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	19
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Community Lifespan Respite Services Programs
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Members are across 4 Community Respite Service Programs
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	No
<b>Term Length:</b>	Unspecified

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:**

## **Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** Per Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-1525 other funding sources include family or care giver funds, private and volunteer resources, public funds and Nebraska general funds.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority for the Fund is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

**Contact Person:** Kent Zimmerman, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68521 Department Phone: 402-471-2363

**Purpose:** The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission has overall approval of cost-share contributions from six program funds to soil and water conservation projects and practices. The Commission decides how annual State aid funds are distributed and performs general oversight of project and activity statuses. The Commission advises the Department of Natural Resources as requested by the Director, makes recommendations regarding approval of the State and NRDs Erosion and Sediment Control Program amendments, approves natural resources district boundary changes requested by the affected districts, and at the direction of the Governor, provides a list of nominees to serve on the Interrelated Water Review Board. The Natural Resources Commission's primary responsibilities deal with the management of funding programs for water and soil resources conservation programs administered by the Department of Natural Resources. Of the 27 members, 14 are appointed by the Governor to represent the following categories: agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests; metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests. The remaining thirteen members represent river basins and are elected for four-year terms at caucuses of the Natural Resources Districts directors residing in that basin. To be eligible, one must be a resident of that basin, have attained the age of majority, and be nominated by one of the board members eligible to vote in that basins caucus. The Commission is responsible for program decisions relating to six funds: the Soil and Water Conservation Fund, the Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund, the Resources Development Fund, the Water Well Decommissioning Fund, the Water Quality Fund, and the Water Sustainability Fund. The Resources Development Fund provides financial assistance to local units of government (primarily NRDs) for various water and related land



resources projects. Currently, this fund is not accepting new applications for funding assistance but is providing funding to complete four previously approved projects. The Soil and Water Conservation Fund provides cost-share assistance to private landowners for various soil and water conservation practices. Individual NRDs administer the Soil and Water Conservation Program at the local level. The Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund provides financial assistance to the sponsor of flood control projects for the acquisition of necessary land rights. This fund is currently inactive but remains available to meet future needs. The Water Well Decommissioning Fund provides cost-share for properly plugging and sealing abandoned wells. The Water Quality Fund provides state funds to NRDs to help support their water quality programs. The Water Sustainability Fund is a source of financial support providing cost share assistance toward research and infrastructure projects to help the State achieve water sustainability, water quality and related goals set out in 2-1506.

**How Many Affectable:** All Nebraska citizens and visitors

**How Many Served:** All Nebraska citizens and visitors

**Year Created:** 1937

**Year Active:** 1937

**Sunset Date:** None

**Authorization**

**Authorization Citation:** Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 2-1504

**Parent Agency:** Department of Natural Resources

**Memberships**

**Number Of Members:** 27

**Who Appoints:** 14 appointed by Governor; 13 elected by NRD board members residing in the river basins represented.

**Legislative Approval:** Yes, for the 14 appointees only. The only qualification is to serve the interests heshe was appointed to represent. Appointments must be approved by the Legislature.

**Qualifications Of Members:** The only current eligibility requirements for election to the Commission are that the candidate be a resident of the basin heshe represents and be of the age of majority (19). LB632 (2020) requires residency in Nebraska.

**Per Diem:** \$50 per day in performance of Commission duties

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Four year staggered terms. Appointments are made in even-numbered years and caucuses are held in odd-numbered years, resulting in about a quarter of the body being selected every year. No term limits.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Not specified

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** Not specified

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** Not specified

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Department of Natural Resources provides support staff to Commission.

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0, budget contained within the DNR.

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** No. The Commission approves and allocates funding from the programs described in question 1, but administrative spending authority rests with the Department of Natural Resources.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Natural Resources Commission: Recommended approval of several individual NRD Erosion & Sediment Control Programs based upon updates and amendments to the States Erosion & Sediment Control Program. Actively managed the following funds. Nebraska Resources Development Fund Since July 2020 over \$500,000 of Commission approved funding assistance from this program has provided financial support towards completion of the Nemaha NRDs Buck & Duck Watersheds project and Papio NRDs Pigeon Jones Creek project; and to support development of the Western Sarpy Clear Creek project, Lower Platte North NRDs Sand Creek Environmental Restoration (Lake Wanahoo) project, Lower Big Blue NRDs Turkey Creek Watershed project and the Central Platt NRDs Upper Prairie-Silver-Moores Creek project. Soil and Water Conservation Fund The Commission approved cost-share distributions of nearly \$11 million to Nebraska landowners for installation of approved soil and water conservation measures in that improve water quality, conserve water, and help control erosion and sedimentation. Funds are allocated among the 23 natural resources districts (NRDs). NRDs are responsible for administration of the program at the local level. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical assistance for planning and installing conservation measures. Small Watersheds Flood Control Fund This fund has been inactive since July 1, 2016 but remains operational to meet future needs. Water Well Decommissioning Fund contributed over \$245,000 during fiscal years 2021 2024 to NRDs to aid in reimbursing landowners for costs of decommissioning over 1,211 wells. This action eliminates the potential for these unused wells to become direct sources of ground water contamination and safety hazards to humans and animals. Water Quality Fund The Commission approved distributions of over \$4 million to NRDs for a variety of water quality related measures, both for surface water & ground water. Water Sustainability Fund The Commission has

reviewed, scored and ranked 53 applications and awarded Grants totaling \$45,074,246.37 in financial assistance to 39 applicants.

# Nebraska Potato Development Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Potato Development Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Casey Foster (Casey.Foster@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	The committee is to be advisory to the Department of Agriculture in protecting and fostering the health, prosperity, and general welfare of Nebraskans through promotion of and research for the states potato industry.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	13 licensed potato growers and shippers
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	1945
<b>Year Active:</b>	1945
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, 2-1803
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	The committee shall be composed of three shippers and four growers from the industry. The Director of Agriculture serves as chairperson.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes, actual and necessary expenses.

**Term Length:** Two years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** blank

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** blank

**Held FY 22-23:** 1

**Required FY 23-24:** blank

**Held FY 23-24:** 1

## Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$85,429.96

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$103,225.33

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$130,680.45

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska Potato Development Committee continues to advise the Nebraska of Agriculture on potato research, promotion and development programs that the industry deems relevant. Over the last few years, the key areas of research to assist potato producers is control and tracking of the presence of aphids and Psyllids and water usage at various stages of growth.

# Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Holle Evert (Holle.Evert@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Director of Agriculture relevant to the poultry and egg industry. The Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc., whose directors make up this committee, are by law, to promote, improve, and protect all branches of the poultry and egg industry and to coordinate all the activities of its member divisions of the poultry industry and to act as their agent in promoting such activities favorable to the poultry industry as whole for the entire State of Nebraska.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All poultry farmers
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All poultry farmers
<b>Year Created:</b>	1976
<b>Year Active:</b>	1976
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Specified

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, 2-3404
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	14
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	blank
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No



**Qualifications Of Members:** Duly elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc., a body corporate, formed under the provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Act, serve as an advisory committee known as the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee.

**Per Diem:** 25day (none claimed)

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes (none claimed)

**Term Length:** One year

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 3

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

### Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$237,548

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$178,780

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$103,530

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Funded research on poultry and egg development and production. Radio advertising on the nutritional value of eggs and turkey products. Funding for active youth activities and youth education at Raising Nebraska at the State Fair. Participated in nutritional education events.

# Nebraska Power Review Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Power Review Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Tim Texel
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Board's purpose is to oversee Nebraska's electric industry to ensure that Nebraska's residents receive adequate, reliable electric service at the lowest overall cost possible using sound business practices, to eliminate conflict and competition between electric suppliers, to eliminate duplication of facilities and resources among electric suppliers, and to provide an administrative forum to address service area disputes and rate disputes between electric suppliers, and in limited circumstances, between an electric utility and its customers.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All Nebraska residents.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	The Board deals directly with a limited number of utility customers, but ultimately the Board serves all Nebraska residents.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1963
<b>Year Active:</b>	1963
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not Applicable

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. section 70-1003
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Five
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes, Legislative confirmation is required.

**Qualifications Of Members:** One member must be an attorney, and one member must be an engineer. Not more than three members can be registered in the same political party as the Governor. No more than one person on the Board may have been a director, officer, employee or elected state officer within the four years preceding his or her appointment.

**Per Diem:** Four of the five members receive \$100 per diem. The member designated to represent Nebraska on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional State Committee receives \$250 per diem.

**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual expenses and per diems for meals.

**Term Length:** Four years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** No required number of meetings.

**Held FY 21-22:** 11

**Required FY 22-23:** No required number of meetings.

**Held FY 22-23:** 8

**Required FY 23-24:** No required number of meetings.

**Held FY 23-24:** 10

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Three

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$662,235

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$667,982

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$677,646

**Other Funding Sources:** Funding is entirely from assessments on electric utilities operating in Nebraska. The Board does not receive any funding from the State's general fund or federal funding.

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. section 70-1020

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** In 2018 the Board completely redesigned its website to allow for numerous additional functions and options to provide users with information. Among other changes, the website now includes an archive of all board meeting minutes from December 2017 to the present. The Board also added the ability for users to review all orders issued by the Board that involved a hearing. In May 2020 the Board began livestreaming all its public meetings on Webex. The public and electric utilities can both observe and provide comments using the Webex system. This allows utilities (or the public) that live far from Lincoln (where the Board's meetings are normally held) the ability to watch Board meetings or ask or answer questions, without the need to drive hours to attend a Board meeting in person. This function has been well-received by the utilities and members of the public. From July 2016 to June 2024 the Board held 15 formal evidentiary hearings, approved 40 transmission or distribution lines over 12 mile in length, 38 amendments to public power district charters, and 34 amendments to utility retail service area agreements. The Board also administratively approved 139 transmission or distribution lines less than 12 mile in length.

# Nebraska Public Service Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Thomas Golden, Executive Director, Nebraska Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 94927, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927. Phone: (402) 471-3101
<b>Purpose:</b>	Quasi-Judicial Regulatory Agency
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1906
<b>Year Active:</b>	1906
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Article IV, Section 20 of the Nebraska Constitution
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Elected by the voting public
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Resident of Nebraska; Registered Voter; and, if a member of or practitioners in any profession, in good standing according to the established standards or such profession. See Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 75-101
<b>Per Diem:</b>	None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 6 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 58

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 48

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 65

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 57

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 559,783

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 562,499

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 565,323

**Other Funding Sources:** none

**Spending Authority:** Yes. The Commission allocates other appropriated funds by program to meet its authorized purpose and goals.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:**

Telecommunications DepartmentThe department continues to provide the Annual Report on Telecommunications to the Legislature. The reports can be accessed on the Commissions website at [www.psc.nebraska.gov](http://www.psc.nebraska.gov) under the Communications heading, then, Annual Reports to the Legislature. This report covers topics and statistics related to the telecommunications industry in Nebraska. Highlights of a few of these areas are as follows:

**Broadband Deployment:** The Commission has completed four grant cycles through the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Grant Program, starting with the 2021 calendar year, and is set to make additional awards in January 2025. The program has brought 100 Mbps (DownUp) broadband to almost 17,000 households in Nebraska. Additionally, the Commission administered federal Capital Projects Funds (CPF) support for broadband deployment. The CPF funds were used to complete 2 grant cycles, bringing service to nearly 10,000 households in Nebraska.

**Telecommunications Relay Service:** The Nebraska Public Service Commission continues to work with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to process applications for the NSTEP program. The TRS Advisory Committee provides continuing advice regarding policies and procedures for the administration of the NSTEP program as well as any relay service issues, including those related to the quality of service provided by the relay center. The advisory committee provides annual recommendations to the Commission relative to setting the surcharge necessary to fund the relay service and the NSTEP voucher program for the following year.

**Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF):** The department also administers the NUSF and has continued to promote awareness of the NUSF support available to schools, libraries, rural health care providers and low-income Nebraskans.

**Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP):** The Department continues to promote the NTAP through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to approximately 65,000 eligible Nebraskans.

**Nebraska Statewide Tele-Health Network:** The Commission continues this partnership with the healthcare community by providing supplemental funding to health care providers or consortia that receive federal support through the FCCs Healthcare Connect Fund.

**Nebraska High-Cost Broadband Support:** The Commission continues to support deployment of broadband capable networks in high-cost areas. The Commission has stabilized the support coming into the fund through surcharge revenues by modifying the mechanism to be based on connections, instead of as a percentage of assessable revenues. This has led to a more stable and predictable fund. The fund has



supported buildout of broadband-capable fiber-optic voice networks to over 8,300 unserved households through its high-cost programs. Additionally, the fund has supported the buildout of 38 towers through its wireless tower fund to improve cellular phone coverage in the state.

**State 911 Department** Following the passage of the 911 Service System Act (LB 938) in 2016, the Commission developed a Master Plan for the provision of Next Generation 911 service to the State of Nebraska. The successful completion of that Master Plan culminated in the passage of LB 993 in 2018. In that same year the Commission established the 911 Service System Advisory Committee. The 911 Service System Advisory Committee established several sub-working groups to make recommendations to the Commission regarding Funding, GIS, Training, Operations and Technical assistance. As a result, the Commission adopted a new Next Generation 911 Funding model, statewide minimum training standards, and developed model policies on Disaster Recovery and Continuity of Operations Plans, Outage Notifications, and established standards for interaction between 911 centers and the National Suicide Hotline (988) in Nebraska. In 2020, the Commission issued a Request for Proposal to contract with telecommunication providers to establish a statewide Emergency Services Internet Protocol Network (ESInet) and Next Generation 911 Core Services (NGCS). In January of 2021, the Commission contracted with Lumen (formerly CenturyLink) to provide these services. Since then, the sixty-seven 911 Centers in Nebraska have connected to the Nebraska NG 911 Service System. The Commission and Lumen continue to work with Originating Service Providers to directly connect their services to the NG 911 Service System. Additionally, the Commission has contracted to provide statewide data analytics and backup location identification services to the 911 centers across the state. Commissioners and staff continue to be involved with 911 and public safety associations locally and nationwide.

**Natural Gas Department:** The Natural Gas Department has been in existence since the passage of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act in 2003. The Department continues to carry out the regulatory functions contained within SNGRA and Commission rules and regulations. In February of 2021, the Commission dealt with the aftermath of Winter Storm Uri, a polar vortex of air that stretched from Canada to San Antonio, and from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachian Mountains, bringing extremely low, sub-zero temperatures to that entire geographic area of the U.S. Gas wells in Oklahoma and Texas froze, electric generators froze, causing severe supply shortages while demand

spiked to extreme highs. Natural gas prices soared as utilities in a majority of the country, including Nebraskas utilities, sought to buy additional supply to meet the extreme demand created by the cold temperatures. The Commission worked with the jurisdictional utilities to subsidize and recover the Uri costs over months instead of having budget busting bills hit families and businesses in one month. The last of the recovery ended in June of 2024. From 2022 to 2024, The Commission conducted in-depth audits of the gas purchasing and management practices of the jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska. The Commission conducted the audits pursuant to its statutory authority. The audits found no significant issues but included multiple recommendations that have been undertaken by the companies to improve and strengthen procurement, forecasting, and management of the gas supply portfolio of the companies to the benefit of ratepayers. In June 2024, NorthWestern Energy filed an application for a general rate increase. This is the first application for a rate increase from NorthWestern since 2007. The communities served by NorthWestern are negotiating to determine new rates that are subject to approval by the Commission. A decision is expected sometime in 2025.

**Transportation Department**  
The Legislature passed LB 629 in 2015, which gave the Commission authority over Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). Since that time, the Commission has continued to provide insight in its TNC Annual Report to the Legislature on the impact of TNCs on the taxicab market for both private pay passengers and Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) passengers. In 2020, the Legislature passed LB 461, which resulted in a regulatory scheme change for household goods movers and transporters of railroad train crews. This change has resulted in an influx of household goods movers as well as altered the Commissions regulatory oversight of these types of carriers. In 2022, the Commission collaborated with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to be prepared to better gauge the need of additional providers to Medicaid NEMT services. The Commission continues to meet its statutory obligations of inspecting vehicles, sealing taxi meters, reviewing applications for authority, and investigating consumer complaints throughout the State. The Commission continues to collaborate with relevant law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to ensure viable paths in enforcement.

**Grain Warehouses & Dealers Department**  
Under the Warehouse Act, Grain Dealer Act, and Weights and Measures Act for Grain Moisture Measuring Devices, the department continues to carry out the regulatory functions contained within the statutes and

Commission rules and regulations to protect the producers of all grain commodities grown in our State. In 2024, the Legislature passed LB 262, which in part increased required security for Warehouses and Dealers. With the increase of additional required security, Nebraska producers have additional protection from loss if there would be a failure. During this reporting period, there has not been a closure which has resulted in a loss to producers. Housing and Recreational VehiclesThe Housing and Recreational Vehicle Department continues to provide regulatory oversight of the production and sale of manufactured homes, recreational vehicles and modular housing units that are constructed and/or sold in Nebraska to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public through the management of the design and the construction of all types of housing produced off-site. The team reviews construction documents, structural calculations, energy computations and quality assurance procedures of each manufacturer. Site inspections at the factories are then performed to assure these structures are built in accordance with the approved documents, adopted building codes, and all applicable State statutes and regulations. The department maintains a cooperative partnership with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

# Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Laurie Holman
<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of the Racing and Gaming Commission is to provide statewide regulation of horseracing and games of chance as defined in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming act in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby maintain a high level of integrity and honesty in the horseracing industry of Nebraska and the operation of games of chance in Nebraska, and to ensure that all funds received by the commission are properly distributed. Neb. Rev. Stat. 2-1201.01
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	1935 horseracing, 2021 addition of gaming
<b>Year Active:</b>	1935
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	2-1201 et seq, 9-1101 et seq, 9-1201 et seq.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None, we are an independent state agency

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes, confirmation

**Qualifications Of Members:** One member of the commission shall be appointed from each congressional district (3 total), two at large members, and two additional at large members, one of which must have experience in the gaming industry, and one must have experience in the horseracing industry.

**Per Diem:** \$1000.00 per month

**Expense Reimbursement:** yes

**Term Length:** 4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** not specified in statute

**Held FY 21-22:** blank

**Required FY 22-23:** not specified in statute

**Held FY 22-23:** blank

**Required FY 23-24:** not specified in statute

**Held FY 23-24:** blank

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 33

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since the voter initiative in 2020 approved the building of casinos at licensed racetrack enclosures, the commission has grown from 2 staff to its current number of 33 staff, and has overseen the growth of the gaming industry in the state. We now have 4 operating casinos with one in Omaha, one in Lincoln, one in Grand Island, and one in Columbus. We have two additional racetracks in the state that are potentially going to open casinos in the next few years. We are working hard to boost the horseracing industry and have seen a very encouraging growth in the number of horses being born in Nebraska. We doubled the number of horse races held in the state in 2024, and this growth will continue. Most notably, due to the 20% tax paid by the gaming operators, the commission has been collecting gaming tax revenue since the first casino opened in the state in September of 2022, and has contributed over \$21,800,000.00 to the state property tax relief credit fund.

# Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

**Contact Person:** Tyler Kohtz

**Purpose:** The Real Property Appraiser Board is statutorily charged with administering and enforcing the Real Property Appraiser Act and the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act. The Board's primary functions are to issue and renew appraiser credentials, develop and implement standards for appraiser credentialing, register and renew registration for appraisal management companies, approve appraiser qualifying education courses and appraiser continuing education activities, investigate and adjudicate grievances, develop laws and rules through relevant, efficient and effective legislation and rulemaking, and disseminate relevant information to general public, stakeholders, credentialed appraisers and appraisal management companies.

**How Many Affectable:** 750

**How Many Served:** 1,978,000

**Year Created:** 1991

**Year Active:** 33

**Sunset Date:** NA

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. Secs. 76-2201 to 76-2250; 76-3201 to 76-3222

**Parent Agency:** None

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 5

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** None

**Qualifications Of Members:** The board shall consist of five members. One member who is a certified real property appraiser shall be selected from each of the three congressional districts, and two members shall be selected at large. The two members selected at large shall include one representative of financial institutions and one licensed real estate broker. The Governor shall appoint the members of the board. The term of each member of the board shall be five years. Upon the expiration of his or her term, a member of the board shall continue to hold office until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. No person shall serve as a member of the board for consecutive terms. Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The Governor may remove a member for cause.

**Per Diem:** Each member of the board shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars per day (a) for each scheduled meeting of the board or a committee of the board at which the member is present and (b) actually spent in traveling to and from and attending meet

**Expense Reimbursement:** Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Real Property Appraiser Act and Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

**Term Length:** Five Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 12

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 13

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 10



## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 4

**Shared or Separate:** Seperate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$345,939

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$370,576

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$358,737

**Other Funding Sources:** None.

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 76-2226 and 76-3219

**Accomplishments  
Since July 1, 2020:**

FY 2016-17 The Title 298 rewrite project, begun 3 years prior, incorporated three separate law updates, established cohesiveness with the Real Property Appraiser Act and AMC Registration Act, and incorporated a structure change to be more procedural and easier to follow. Staff reached full strength for the first time in a while, increasing both the long-term and short-term efficiency and effectiveness of the Board and its staff. A couple complex investigative matters were resolved, which allowed the staff to get caught up on the backlog of investigations. The Appraisal Subcommittee audit in March included the fewest issues found in quite a few years. The Director has been working to resolve many ASC audit issues since starting in 2012. The newsletter has been issued for an entire year, and the feedback from the appraiser community has been positive. The Board's relationship with UNO was re-established at the beginning of the fiscal year, which has proven to be beneficial to both sides. Because of this, UNO pursued and was granted AQB approval for its real estate program. Also, the Director had the opportunity to discuss the appraiser profession and the credentialing process with some of the programs students.

FY 2017-18 The Real Property Appraiser Act was updated to recognize the latest edition of USPAP, and to remove many of the burdensome continuing education requirements. The AMC Registration Act was updated to incorporate the needed changes to implement the AMC Final Rule (federal requirements). The Board continued to build its relationship with the University of Nebraska at Omaha. This relationship has proven to be beneficial for the success of the University's Real Estate program and for the Board's mission to increase opportunities to enter the appraiser profession. Currently, the Board is working to allow for individual approval of qualifying education activities at UNO. This would allow students to obtain trainee status as they complete the program. The compliance procedures were updated to streamline the initial review process. Now the Board receives the grievance, supporting documentation, the respondent's response, and the respondent's report and workfile. The additional information received allows the Board to dismiss a grievance prior to investigation if there is no evidence of a violation. This relieves the stress of the respondent, and saves the Board investigative costs for an investigation that would be dismissed anyway. The temporary credential procedures have been updated to incorporate the temporary credential information into the approval letter for increased efficiency. The new education numbering system has been developed and implemented. The new numbers provide very important information

to staff during review of continuing education submitted with appraiser renewal applications. FY 2018-19LB77 was passed by the Legislature, which included a major law change that opens the door a bit more for future appraisers by reducing requirements and allowing online qualifying education. Title 298 was updated to address previous law changes and issues faced by the Board. This update also included the ability for colleges and universities with AQB approved degree programs to apply to have each course approved as qualifying education individually. This would allow students in an AQB approved degree program apply to become an Trainee Real Property Appraiser while still in school, which will allow the student to begin working in the industry and obtaining appraisal experience before their degree is finished. The Board received excellent ratings from the Appraisal Subcommittee for both its Appraiser Program and its AMC Program. The excellent rating is the Boards first for its Appraiser Program under the current rating system. At the time, Nebraska was the only state to receive an excellent rating for its AMC Program. The Board and staff quickly coordinated the development of the Appraiser Online Renewal Application with Electronic Funds Transfer project and secured funding. Critical funding was obtained for the 2019-2021 Biennium as requested, which includes additional funding for the above mentioned database project. The Board completed an overhaul of its Compliance Program and personnel, which has resulted in a more efficient investigative process. The Compliance Executive Officer position was reclassified to an administrative assistant position, and the Director assumed the lead investigator duties. Staff completed all tasks assigned during the 2018 strategic planning meeting. Major progress was made in the transfer of physical files to electronic files. The office relocation was completed in a seamless manner with no effect on the public. FY 2019-20The Investigation Interface in the NRPAB Database was completed and now is in use. This interface allows staff to carryout all record keeping functions of an investigation in one place in the database, which increases the Boards efficiency and effectiveness. The Education Submission Portal went into use. This portal allows all Nebraska real property appraisers to submit continuing education activities at any time during the year. This portal also feeds into the Education Interface in the NRPAB Database, which is used by staff to review and approve continuing education submissions. The Education Submission Portal greatly reduces the staffs workload during heavy renewal season volume, and increases the efficiency and accuracy of the continuing education record keeping

process. The Board developed procedures to allow approval of online continuing education completed by Nebraska credentialed appraisers that reside out of state for education courses not directly approved by the Board. The Board implemented the following changes for FY 20 to address the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Board implemented an essential staffing operating procedure. Staffing levels were maintained in the NRPAB office as needed to carry out essential business only, and to maintain public availability. All of the Board's files and programs could be accessed remotely, so there was no drop off of service to the public or savings and/or additional costs due to this operational change. The Board held meetings every other month, and utilized telecommunication as authorized by Governor Ricketts's Executive Order 20-03 and 20-24. This was implemented to provide safety to the Board's more at-risk members because of age or travel distance. Real property appraiser, appraisal management company, and education applications typically approved by the Board, in which no board member judgment or expertise was required (approval granted based on minimum standards being met), were approved by the Director. This operational change was implemented to maintain progress for those applying for credentialing or registration, and to continue growing the appraiser profession at a time when the availability of additional real property appraisers is needed due to market demand. This change also allowed the Board to focus on the most important issues during its meetings, including its Covid-19 response, and credentialing and registration applications that required review with board member expertise. There were no cost savings and/or additional costs. The APA completed an audit of the Board's finances in March and April of 2020, for the period July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019. The Board receives direct feedback from the APA regarding the performance of the Board's accounting practices and procedures. The APA listed no material issues or deficiencies in the April 15, 2020 Attestation Report. The Federal Bureau of Investigation completed a review of the Board's Criminal History Record Check program in conjunction with its audit of the Nebraska State Patrol. The FBI found no issues with the Board's program. FY 2020-21 The Board continued to stay on top of federal and industry changes, addressed issues faced by the Board, and opened the door a bit more for new appraisers through relevant law making and rule writing by easing renewal requirements and reciprocal license requirements. The Board updated rules to reflect statutory and industry changes. The Board implemented COVID-19 operating

procedures that were mindful of staff and Board safety with no disruption in services to the public. The online appraiser renewal application went live creating an easy-to-use electronic method of renewing a real property appraiser credential. Major progress made in the project to transfer of physical files to the electronic database. Procedures were developed and implemented to accept online continuing education completed in another jurisdiction. FY 2021-22 The appraiser online renewal application has been up and running for one entire renewal cycle. The review system built into the application significantly increased application processing times. The Board has stayed on top of federal and industry changes with law making and rulemaking. All goals related to Laws, Rules, and Guidance Documents were accomplished. The agency underwent a successful Appraisal Subcommittee State Off-site Assessment (SOA) in February 2022. There was no official rating, and staff incorporate all changes recommended by the ASC Policy Managers. The transfer of all appraiser paper files to electronic format was completed. Significant progress was made on multiple technology projects, including database enhancements and virtual conferencing capabilities. FY 2022-23 Multiple database and technology projects were completed, including the online AMC registration renewal application and database AMC Interface upgrade, the website disciplinary action search, the restructured website real property appraiser search, the addition of the message screen on the website, and many general website updates. Real property appraiser renewals were completed short staffed with little disruption to the public or the real property appraiser community. The Title 298 changes adopted by the Board on November 17, 2022 were approved by Governor Pillen. The Board is required to comply with federal requirements set forth by the Appraisal Subcommittee, Title XI of FIRREA, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Board was audited by the Appraisal Subcommittee on March 14-16 of 2023 and received a rating of Excellent for both the Appraiser Program and the AMC Program. The Appraisal Subcommittee found no weaknesses in the state's regulatory programs. This was the State of Nebraska's third rating of excellent in a row for the Appraiser Program, and the second rating of excellent in a row for the AMC Program (only two compliance review cycles for AMC Programs). PSL funding was secured for an additional teammate. FY 2023-24 LB992 was passed by the Legislature, which updates the Real Property Appraiser Act to address USPAP changes, Real Property Appraiser Qualifications Criteria changes, ASC SOA

recommendations, the Board's PAVE Dashboard statute review, removal of the Real Property Appraiser Renewal Random CHRC Program, and other administrative issues. LB989 was passed by the Legislature, which updates the AMC Registration Act to address the ASC SOA recommendations, inclusion of criminal and civil immunity language, changes to the CHRC requirements for owners of more than 10% of an AMC, and other administrative issues. The Business Program Manager position was established and hired for to alleviate staff strain. The overall cash fund balance decline for FY2023-24 was less than the forecasted for the fiscal year because of the Boards conservative and thoughtful use of its funds.

# Nebraska State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors. (NBELS)

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors. (NBELS)

**Contact Person:** Casey C. Sherlock, State Surveyor, Ex Officio Secretary of Examining Board, 555 North Cotner Blvd., LL, Lincoln, NE 68505.

**Purpose:** The mission of the Nebraska State Board of Examiners for the Land Surveyors (Board) is to enforce and administer the laws relating to the regulation of land surveying through licensing in Nebraska and to ensure the quality of land surveying in Nebraska for the protection of the public. The Board is independent of all other examining boards and is established for the purpose of determining the ability of persons coming before it to practice of land surveying. The Board's activities are funded by license and examination fees collected from surveyors. The Board administers applications for examinations of new applicants. The Board examines and provides for the registration and licensure of qualified land surveyors and improves the quality of practicing surveyors by enforcing state law relating to land surveyors. The Board, as a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES), further protects the public by requiring all land surveyor applicants to pass the NCEES Examination. The NCEES Examination, the national standard examination for land surveyors, is offered year-round. The primary focus of regulation and education are ethical practice, professional competency, and technical proficiency. The Board continues to assure compliance with the 30-hour biennial professional development requirement for registration renewal. The Board monitors and addresses evolving issues including the impact of higher educational standards for registration, the application of advanced land surveying technologies, and the adoption of geographic information systems by the public and private sectors. The Board seeks to protect the citizens through examination for registration, regulation, and continuing education of all professional land surveyors registered in Nebraska. The Board conducts investigations of the actions of professional land surveyors and determines if any person or organization has violated the Land Surveyors Regulation Act. Formal complaints against registered land surveyors shall be heard by the Board. In the event the Board finds any person or organization guilty of charges the Board may issue a

censure or reprimand, suspend judgement, enforce probation, limit the scope of practice, impose civil penalty, revoke, suspend, or cancel the license, issue a cease and desist order, or dismiss action. The Board recognizes the importance of timely action regarding complaints. Complaints may be presented at any of the regularly scheduled meetings to determine further action.

**How Many Affectable:** NA

**How Many Served:** NA

**Year Created:** 1957

**Year Active:** 1958

**Sunset Date:** NA

## **Authorization**

**Authorization Citation:** Land Surveyors Regulation Act (Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 81-8,108 through 81-8,127).

**Parent Agency:** NA

## **Memberships**

**Number Of Members:** 5

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** The Board shall consist of four members appointed by the Governor who are duly licensed under the Land Surveyors Regulation Act to practice land surveying and one lay member appointed by the Governor who is of the age of legal majority and has been a resident of Nebraska for at least one year immediately prior to appointment to the Board. Such lay member shall be a representative of consumer viewpoints. Each member of the Board who is a professional land surveyor shall be a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least one year immediately preceding his or her appointment to the Board, shall have been engaged in the active practice of the discipline for at



least ten years, and shall have been in responsible charge of work for at least five years prior to his or her appointment to the Board.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** The members of the Board shall be appointed to five-year terms. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. Each member appointed to the Board shall receive a certificate of appointment from the Governor.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 6

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 7

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 6

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$30,198.12 Cash fund appropriation.

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$39,811.64 Cash fund appropriation. (biennial renewal)

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$30,476.64 Cash fund appropriation.

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** The Board has one program, Enforcement Standards.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2024, the Board: Maintained an average annual roster of 318 active and 27 inactive licensees. Administered 54 Nebraska State-Specific land surveyor examinations. Issued 43 new licenses and 4 reinstatements. Issued 21 new surveyor-in-training certificates. Removed 58 registrants from the active roster. One reciprocity land surveyor license surrendered. Reviewed and investigated 7 formal complaints. Reviewed and investigated 24 land surveyors for their land surveying practices, Minimum Standards for Land Surveys in Nebraska, and land surveyor performance reviews. LB 102, signed by the Governor, became operative on 9-1-2024: o Changed provisions relating to the Land Surveyors Regulation Act, o Revised state laws that govern the land surveying profession in Nebraska, o Revised the Nebraska Plane Coordinate System Act, The Nebraska Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors offers the ability to pay application and biennial renewal fees online. The Board approved the use of digital land surveyor seals and authorized the Ex Official Secretary of the Examining Board to create a digital seal of the approved design by the Board. This helps protect the public and preserve the official seal of a licensed professional land surveyor in Nebraska. The Board remains an active member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES). Board members and staff attend NCEES Central Zone Annual Member Board Administrator and Board President meetings to advance licensure for land surveyors. In addition to business sessions, agendas included technical workshops and forums to discuss the importance of professions, along with opportunities to network with members and staff of other licensing boards.

# Nebraska State Board of Health

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska State Board of Health  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-2601  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 17  
**Who Appoints:** Governor  
**Legislative Approval:** Yes  
**Qualifications Of Members:** 1 Chiropractor Member, 1 Dentist Member, 1 Hospital Administrator Member, 1 Mental Health Professional Member, 2 Nurse Members, 1 Optometrist Member, 1 Osteopathic Physician Member, 1 Pharmacist Member, 1 Physical Therapist Member, 2 Physician Members, 1 Podiatrist Member, 1 Professional Engineer Member, 2 Public Members, 1 Veterinarian Member  
**Per Diem:** Yes

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 6

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 6

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 6

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** The Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund

**Spending Authority:** Cash spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriations bill. Additional information provided to the Committee.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Nebraska State Electrical Division

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska State Electrical Division
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Craig Thelen
<b>Purpose:</b>	To protect the public from hazardous electrical installations by enforcing the electrical licensing and inspection laws created by the Nebraska Legislature.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	The consuming public
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Total number of licenses issued as of 10172024 is 20,838
<b>Year Created:</b>	1969
<b>Year Active:</b>	Current
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	81-2104 Neb. Rev. State Statutes
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	81-2103Rural Electric Representative, Certified Electrical Inspector, Electrical Contractor, Journeyman Electrician, Municipal Electric System, Professional Electrical Engineer and Electrical Contractor or Journeyman Electrician.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	None

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 6

**Held FY 21-22:** 7

**Required FY 22-23:** 6

**Held FY 22-23:** 7

**Required FY 23-24:** 6

**Held FY 23-24:** 7

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Separate

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 2,332,594

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 2,768,684

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 2,484,659

**Other Funding Sources:** Completely self funded

**Spending Authority:** 81-2104 Neb. Rev. State Statutes

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has created two extra inspector positions to cover the growth in inspection areas due to Municipals turning programs back to the State. The Board has gone paperless, so all licenses are scanned into a database, which makes the renewal process less cumbersome and reduces contact hours for the renewal process. The Board has approved the transition from multiple software

providers for licensing and permitting to an Enterprise database for efficiency.

# Nebraska State Fair Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska State Fair Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Jaime Parr
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Nebraska State Fair Board, created in 1879 as the State Board of Agriculture, conducts the annual State Fair. The board is governed by seven(7) members who are elected via County Ag Society districts + four (4) members appointed by the Governor + two (2) ex-officio members, one from 4-H and one from FFA. The State Fair's mission statement is: To recognize achievements of Nebraskans, celebrate youth and Fair traditions and showcase agriculture while providing educational and entertaining experiences for all.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	13 Board + 18 FTE Staff + 450 Seasonal Staff
<b>How Many Served:</b>	300,000 - 400,000 annual
<b>Year Created:</b>	1879
<b>Year Active:</b>	1879
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	none noted

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	blank
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	blank

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	13
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor appoints (4), County Ag Society (7), nature of career (2)
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	blank



**Qualifications Of Members:** blank

**Per Diem:** \$50-100day

**Expense Reimbursement:** Mileage + Lodging when needed + meal for the meeting day

**Term Length:** 3 year term, can serve up to three (3) terms 9 years max

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 12

**Held FY 21-22:** 13

**Required FY 22-23:** 13

**Held FY 22-23:** 13

**Required FY 23-24:** 12

**Held FY 23-24:** 13

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Jaime Parr, Executive Director

**Shared or Separate:** One ED + 16 FTE Staff

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$10M

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$11M

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$12M

**Other Funding Sources:** (NE LOTTERY) + Sponsorships + Gate Admission + Ticketed Events + Entry Fees

**Spending Authority:** Appropriations Committee for the Lottery Funding

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** We DID HOST a State Fair in August 2020. This is notable as many other state fairs did not happen in 2020. NE State Fair worked with NE Dept of Ag to find a way TO host livestock shows when our communities needed them most. Annual Fair attendance has been increasing since 2020. We have multiple partnerships that allow us to provide experiences and education, show and celebration where most all is focused on an aspect of Agriculture, Farming, and Ranching.

# Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Sage Leis
<b>Purpose:</b>	This group was created at the November 17, 2015 Commission meeting to act as an advisory body as the normalcy provisions of the Strengthening Families Act are implemented in Nebraska. This group will create recommendations surrounding the provisions that support youth in foster care to engage in normal childhood activities, such as sleepovers, extracurricular activities, sports participation, sleep-away camp, and other pro-social activities that encourage healthy development. Membership will be populated by a stakeholder group with background and expertise in the Strengthening Families Act. A list of Stakeholders can be found below.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	2015
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 43-4716
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	12
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Nebraska Children's Commission
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:**

(3) The members of the committee shall include, but not be limited to, (a) representatives from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. The representatives from the legislative and judicial branches shall be nonvoting, ex officio members, (b) no fewer than three young adults currently or previously in foster care which may be filled on a rotating basis by members of Project Everlast or a similar youth support or advocacy group, (c) a representative from the juvenile probation system, (d) the executive director of the Foster Care Review Office, (e) one or more representatives from a child welfare advocacy organization, (f) one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency, (g) one or more representatives from an agency providing independent living services, (h) one or more representatives of a child-care institution as defined in section 43-4703, (i) one or more current or former foster parents, (j) one or more parents who have experience in the foster care system, (k) one or more professionals who have relevant practical experience such as a caseworker, and (l) one or more guardians ad litem who practice in juvenile court.

**Per Diem:**

blank

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses as members of such commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177

**Term Length:**

2 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:**

No meeting requirements

**Held FY 21-22:**

blank

**Required FY 22-23:**

No meeting requirements

**Held FY 22-23:**

2

**Required FY 23-24:**

No meeting requirements

**Held FY 23-24:**

2

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** 2  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank  
**Other Funding Sources:** blank  
**Spending Authority:** blank

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Rob Hotz
<b>Purpose:</b>	- To conduct Statewide Equalization proceedings every year- To hear appeals from all 93 counties regarding the value or exemption of real property for property tax purposes
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All owners of
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Approximately 1,500 appeals per year
<b>Year Created:</b>	1995
<b>Year Active:</b>	1996
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	none

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Const. Art VIII, Sec. 1, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 77-5001 et. seq
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Tax Equalization & Review Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Four Commissioners
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	See Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-5004
<b>Per Diem:</b>	blank
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	See Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 77-5004 (9) and (10)

**Term Length:** 6 year terms

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** None

**Held FY 21-22:** NA

**Required FY 22-23:** None

**Held FY 22-23:** NA

**Required FY 23-24:** None

**Held FY 23-24:** NA

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 5 FTE

**Shared or Separate:** not shared with any other agency

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 2425 Budget: \$1,568,755

**Other Funding  
Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** blank

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Resolved approximately 1,500 appeals each year and completed all aspects of Statewide Equalization

# Nebraska Tourism Commission dba Visit Nebraska

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Nebraska Tourism Commission dba Visit Nebraska

**Contact Person:** John Ricks, Executive Director

**Purpose:** Per Nebraska Revised Statute 81-3702 the purpose of the Nebraska Tourism Commission is to promote Nebraska as a tourism destination and to administer programs to attract an increasing number of visitors to Nebraska and further the use of travel and tourism facilities in Nebraska, (2) to provide for a lodging tax on hotels for the purpose of establishing a State Visitors Promotion Cash Fund, and (3) to authorize the governing body of any county to appoint a visitors committee and impose a lodging tax on hotels for the purpose of establishing a County Visitors Promotion Fund and a County Visitors Improvement Fund.

**How Many Affectable:** Countless potential visitors nationwide.

**How Many Served:** Countless potential visitors nationwide.

**Year Created:** 2012

**Year Active:** 2012

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** The agency was created by LB1053 in 2012. Ne. Rev. Stat. 81-3702 transferred powers and duties from the Travel and Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development.

**Parent Agency:** blank

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 13

**Who Appoints:** Governor



**Legislative Approval:**

Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:**

Per Nebraska Revised Statute 81-3710. The members of the commission shall consist of the Director of Economic Development and twelve residents of the State of Nebraska appointed by the Governor, to include one member representing a state chamber of commerce organized under the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act, and one member appointed from each of the eleven districts described in subsection (2) of this section. Four of the district members shall have professional, volunteer, or public service experience that contributes to the fiduciary and governance duties of the commission. Seven of the district members shall be affiliated with the tourism industry. (2)(a) For purposes of this section, the state is hereby divided into eleven districts. The limits and designations of the eleven districts shall be as follows: (i) District No. 1. Douglas County; (ii) District No. 2. Lancaster County; (iii) District No. 3. The counties of Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson, Otoe, Gage, Saline, and Jefferson; (iv) District No. 4. The counties of Cass and Sarpy; (v) District No. 5. The counties of Saunders, Washington, Dodge, Colfax, Stanton, Cuming, Burt, Thurston, Wayne, Cedar, Dixon, and Dakota; (vi) District No. 6. The counties of Butler, Polk, Platte, Merrick, Nance, Boone, Madison, Pierce, Antelope, Knox, Holt, and Boyd; (vii) District No. 7. The counties of Thayer, Nuckolls, Webster, Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Seward, York, Hamilton, Franklin, and Harlan; (viii) District No. 8. The counties of Kearney, Phelps, Hall, Howard, Greeley, Wheeler, Buffalo, Sherman, Valley, and Garfield; (ix) District No. 9. The counties of Lincoln, Keya Paha, Rock, Brown, Loup, Blaine, Custer, Logan, McPherson, Arthur, Grant, Hooker, Thomas, and Cherry; (x) District No. 10. The counties of Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Chase, Hayes, Frontier, Gosper, Dawson, Perkins, and Keith; and (xi) District No. 11. The counties of Deuel, Garden, Sheridan, Cheyenne, Morrill, Box Butte, Dawes, Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Banner, and Kimball.

**Per Diem:**

Yes for meal expenses while on official agency business

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Yes for travel expenses while on official agency business

**Term Length:**

4 years. No appointed member may serve more than two successive terms.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

Terms Rotate

## Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	None required.
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	5 meetings held.
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	None required.
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	5 meetings held.
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	None required.
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	4 meetings held.

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	11 full time employees
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Separate
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$5,826,316
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$7,571,767
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$9,584,977
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	Received \$2,250,000.00 Economic Development Administration Grant on June 10, 2021, to be utilized by September 10, 2023. Federal Share (EDA Amount) \$1,800,000; Non-Federal Matching Share \$450,000.
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	\$9,083,744

## Accomplishments

<b>Since July 1, 2020:</b>	Visit Nebraska is funded by a 1% lodging tax which has grown 42% from calendar year 2019 to 2023. Each dollar invested into marketing creates \$20.28 in visitor spending. Since 2019, when Visit Nebraska introduced new marketing and brand strategies...Visitor spending in Nebraska has grown to a record \$4.6 billion in 2023 from \$3.5 billion! This 29.4% increase paced well above the national growth rate of 7%.The number of overnight guests has nearly doubled! 12.6 million people overnigheted in 2023, up 311,000 year-over-year, with 75% of guests coming from out-of-state.Lodging revenue in Nebraska grew 26.4%, dwarfing the 2.5% bump nationally!Nebraska's tourism industry has shown steady growth in recent years. In 2023, travel spending reached \$4.6 billion, generating \$322 million in tax receipts
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and \$997 million in direct earnings, with 41,250 jobs supported. This was an increase from 2022, when travel spending was \$4.3 billion, and 2021, with \$3.6 billion in spending. The sector's growth has contributed to higher earnings and job creation, highlighting Nebraska's growing appeal as a travel destination.

# Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Universal Service Fund Advisory Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Cullen Robbins, Director, NUSF Telecommunications Department, Nebraska Public Service Commission, Phone: (402) 471-0230
<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Nebraska Public Service Commission on the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All individuals in the state.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1997
<b>Year Active:</b>	1997
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 86-327
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	1 representative for the Public Service Commission, 1 representative for elementary education and secondary schools, 1 representative for libraries, 1 representative for rural health care providers, 3 representatives for telecommunications companies, and 2 representatives for the public.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** 3 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 1  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 1  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 1

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared Nebraska Public Service Commission  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** None  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** None  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** None  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Public Service Commission

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has continued its role of advising the Nebraska Public Service Commission regarding the administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. The Board continues to perform the task of promoting awareness of the universal service support that is available for eligible entities and individuals under the program. During this period the Board discussed and provided input and perspective to the Commission on the following subjects related to the fund: the appropriate level to be maintained for the Nebraska Universal Service Fund surcharge; the development of broadband deployment and broadband adoption pilot programs to the Fund; changes to the federal Lifeline program, and revisions to the high-cost distribution mechanism.

# Nebraska Worker Training Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Worker Training Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	John H. Albin, Nebraska Commissioner of Labor
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Nebraska Worker Training Board oversees portions of the Nebraska Worker Training and Support Cash Fund to support public and private job training programs, recruit workers to Nebraska, train new employees of expanding Nebraska businesses, and retain existing employees of Nebraska businesses. In furtherance of these purposes, the Board prepares an annual program plan for each fiscal year which contains guidelines for the programs financed by the Worker Training and Support Cash Fund.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	FY 23-24 awarded 24 grants with a total award value of \$297,282; FY 22-23 awarded 69 grants with a total award value of \$214,069; FY 21-22 awarded 73 grants with a total award value of \$1,448,453
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Number of individuals trained: FY 23-24 (428 individuals); FY 22-23 (1802 individuals); FY 21-22 (3268 individuals)
<b>Year Created:</b>	January 1, 1996 (Laws 1994, LB 1337, Section 6)
<b>Year Active:</b>	29 years
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-622.02 and 48-622.03
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Labor

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7 members, currently the Board sits at 6 members.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Qualifications for the Board are set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-622.03 and must include (1) the Commissioner of Labor or designee, (2) Director of Economic Development of designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education or designee, (4) a member of the state advisory council, (5) an employee representative, (6) a public representative, and (7) the chairperson of the governing board of the Nebraska Community College Association or designee.

**Per Diem:** The Board follows state rules on expenditures per diems

**Expense Reimbursement:** \$1,251.64 (2024); 765.09 (2023); \$852.24 (2022); \$65.74 (2021); \$137.34 (2020)

**Term Length:** As determined by the Governor per Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-622.03

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** As needed but generally meet once per quarter

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** As needed but generally meet once per quarter

**Held FY 22-23:** 5

**Required FY 23-24:** As needed but generally meet once per quarter

**Held FY 23-24:** 5

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Nebraska Department of Labor personnel

**Shared or Separate:** blank

**FY 21-22 Budget:** Total Budget: \$1,500,000; Total Actual Spend \$1,196,435; Admin. Spend \$191,764; Grant Spend \$1,004,670

**FY 22-23 Budget:** Total Budget: \$2,000,000; Total Actual Spend \$1,637,249; Admin. Spend \$124,420; Grant Spend \$1,512,829

**FY 23-24 Budget:** Total Budget: \$2,000,000; Total Actual Spend \$1,031,545; Admin. Spend \$138,897; Grant Spend \$892,648



**Other Funding Sources:** 22390 Nebraska Training and Support Fund (See Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-622.02)

**Spending Authority:** Cash

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since July 1, 2020, the Nebraska Worker Training Board has awarded 289 separate grants with a total award amount of \$2,802,644 in the support of public and private job training programs and for the retention and recruitment of workers to Nebraska. The Nebraska Worker Training Program annual report and program guidelines are available online at <https://dol.nebraska.gov>. The Worker Training Board also contributed to the distribution of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These ARPA funds provided recruitment and retention grant awards to educators and healthcare workers as well as providing workforce development grants for the funding of projects intended to offer employment-related services for individuals suffering adverse economic effects from the pandemic.

# Nebraska Workforce Development Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Nebraska Workforce Development Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Deb Andersen
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Nebraska Workforce Development Board (NWDB) convenes state, regional, and local workforce systems and partners to: enhance the capacity and performance of the workforce development system and align and improve the outcomes and effectiveness of Federally-funded and other workforce programs and investments and, through these efforts, promote economic growth in Nebraska. In addition, the Nebraska Workforce Development Board: engages public workforce system representatives, including businesses, education providers, economic development, labor representatives, and other workforce system shareholders to help Nebraskas workforce development system achieve the purposes of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and assists with achievement of Nebraskas strategic and operational vision and goals outlined in the Combined State Plan for Nebraskas Workforce Development System.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	April 1, 2015, pursuant to Gubernatorial Executive Order 15-03
<b>Year Active:</b>	April 1, 2015, pursuant to Gubernatorial Executive Order 15-03
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Subject to Federal and State legislation

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Sec. 101 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Not applicable

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 31

**Who Appoints:** Refer to NWDB bylaws, which are accessible on the NWDB page at <https://dol.nebraska.gov/ReemploymentServicesTrainingWIOANWDB>

**Legislative Approval:** Not applicable; Federally mandated board

**Qualifications Of Members:** Refer to NWDB bylaws; accessible at <https://dol.nebraska.gov/ReemploymentServicesTrainingWIOANWDB>

**Per Diem:** Not applicable

**Expense Reimbursement:** Defined in Sec. 2.12 of NWDB bylaws, which are accessible on the NWDB page at <https://dol.nebraska.gov/ReemploymentServicesTrainingWIOANWDB>

**Term Length:** At the Governor's pleasure

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** blank

**Held FY 21-22:** blank

**Required FY 22-23:** blank

**Held FY 22-23:** blank

**Required FY 23-24:** blank

**Held FY 23-24:** blank

## Operations

**Support Staff:** blank

**Shared or Separate:** blank

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# Olmstead Stakeholder Advisory Committee

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Olmstead Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-6,122  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 21; No Limit  
**Who Appoints:** DHHS CEO  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** None  
**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** 3 years; No Term Limits

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** All Expire

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 9

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 9

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** No dedicated staff.

**Shared or Separate:** No appropriation; Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding  
Sources:** General funds and Federal funds as appropriated to DHHS Program  
033 Operations.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. This committee met and provided input regularly before and after publishing an updated Olmstead Plan in February 2024.

# Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Group

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Group
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4504
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Maximum of nine. Currently three members.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	At least two of the members shall be physicians or nurses certified under the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Certification Program administered by the American Board of Internal Medicine. One member shall be an employee of the department familiar with hospice and palliative medicine. The remaining members shall (a) have palliative care work experience, (b) have experience with palliative care delivery models in a variety of settings, such as acute care, long-term care, and hospice care, and with a variety of

populations, including pediatric patients, youth patients, and adult patients, or (c) be representatives of palliative care patients and their family caregivers.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** No  
**Term Length:** Three years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** 2  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Two (0.1 FTE)  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** General fund spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriation bill. No costs have been reimbursed.



## Accomplishments

Since July 1, 2020: blank

# Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 68-953
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Fifteen current members, no more than twenty allowed
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	The Director of the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	The committee shall consist of eight physicians, four pharmacists, a university professor of pharmacy or a person with a doctoral degree in pharmacology, and two public members. No more than twenty-five percent of the committee shall be state employees. The physician members of the committee (as practicable) shall include physicians in the practicing areas of family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, cardiology, psychiatry or neurology, obstetrics or gynecology, endocrinology, and oncology.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Three years, with additional reappointments for three years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2  
**Held FY 21-22:** 2  
**Required FY 22-23:** 2  
**Held FY 22-23:** 2  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Three to four MLTC Pharmacy staff and contracted vendor  
**Shared or Separate:** Separate  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** General and Federal Funds  
**Spending Authority:** Spending authority for the Fund is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Committee has successfully reviewed drug classes that are included in the preferred drug list (PDL) and split them into two groups of classes, one group is reviewed at each meeting. The PDL decisions by the Committee have significant savings on drugs for MLTC as well as providing sound judgement for coverage of medications in the most safe and efficacious manner.

# Police Standards Advisory Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Police Standards Advisory Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Mark Stephenson; mark.stephenson@nebraska.gov
<b>Purpose:</b>	Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council; created; purpose and duties; meetings. There is hereby created the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council. The council shall be a special standing committee of the commission with the express purpose of overseeing all training schools and training academies and the operation of the training center and ensuring that all rules, regulations, and policies with respect to pre-certification, certification, continuing education, and training requirements are implemented and complied with. The council shall act for the commission in all matters relating to law enforcement training, the training center, and continuing education but shall not have any other powers and duties with respect to the commission or any of its duties. The council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All law enforcement agencies, law enforcement officers, and citizens.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	Approximately 4,100 certified law enforcement officers.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1969
<b>Year Active:</b>	1969
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1401 to 81-1414.19
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** One member is the chief of police or designee from a city of the metropolitan class, a chief of police or designee from a city of the primary class, a chief of police or designee from a city of the first class, a chief of police or designee from a city of the second class or village, a county sheriff or designee from a county having a population of forty thousand or more, a county sheriff or designee from a population of forty thousand or less, a member of the Nebraska State Patrol, a sworn law enforcement officer holding the rank of sergeant or below, the ninth member shall be a member of the Jail Standards Board or a person from the public at large.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Four-year term

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1406 states the council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties. Meetings are scheduled the third Wednesday of each month but can be cancelled due to lack of agenda items or quorum.

**Held FY 21-22:** 11

**Required FY 22-23:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1406 states the council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties. Meetings are scheduled the third Wednesday of each month but can be cancelled due to lack of agenda items or quorum.

**Held FY 22-23:** 12

**Required FY 23-24:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1406 states the council shall conduct regular meetings in order to carry out its statutory duties. Meetings are scheduled the third Wednesday of each month but can be cancelled due to lack of agenda items or quorum.

**Held FY 23-24:** 12

## Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Staffed by training center employees. A training center staff assistant serves as secretary to the council, the agency counsel serves as legal advisor, and the training center director serves as director of standards.
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Shared - Law Enforcement Training Center & Crime Commission
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	None
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	No

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since the last report, the Council has issued 956 law enforcement certifications through the five academies. The Council has heard 24 appeals of directors decisions regarding admissions and dismissals, conducted 1 evidentiary hearing of a law enforcement decertification, approved 66 voluntary or automatic decertification of law enforcement officers certifications, approved the annual inspections of the states 5 law enforcement academies, and approved new or renewals of over 200 Academy Instructor Certifications. The Council has amended or updated Title 79, Chapters 1 4, 8, 9, 16, & 17 of the Nebraska Rule and Regulations which became effective in 2023. The Council appointed a new Director of Compliance in 2022. The Council has promulgated rules for the Law Enforcement Attraction and Retention grant under Nebraska State Statute 81-1461, The Law Enforcement Hiring Bonus Grant under Nebraska State Statute 81-1462 and approved approximately 825,000.00 in payments to law enforcement officers in 2024. The Council directed and approved the auditing and policies to ensure the Police Service Dog Program under Title 79, Chapter 18, were being followed.

# Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee

**Contact Person:** Brad Pracheil, Inspections and Compliance Division Administrator, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

**Purpose:** o advise the Department on proposed rules and regulations relating to the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act; advise the Department on the administration of the act as requested by the director, and advise the Department on rules and regulations for the siting, layout, operation, and maintenance of private onsite wastewater treatment systems.

**How Many Affectable:** It is estimated that over 200 thousand total homeowners and small business owners in Nebraska use onsite wastewater systems. There are approximately 450 certified onsite professionals in Nebraska.

**How Many Served:** Since 2012 an average of 600 certified onsite professionals have registered nearly 1600 onsite wastewater treatment systems each year.

**Year Created:** 2003

**Year Active:** 2003

**Sunset Date:** None

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb Rev. Stat 81-15, 245

**Parent Agency:** Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 11



**Who Appoints:** DEE Director appoints 8; Vice Chancellor at the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources designates 2; and the Director of Health & Human Services designates 1

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Five members are private onsite wastewater treatment system professionals; two are registered environmental health specialists or officials representing local public health departments which have established programs for regulating private onsite wastewater treatment systems; the director of Health & Human Services or designated representative, the director of the Department of Environment and Energy or a designated representative; one representative with experience in soils and geology and one representative with experience in biological engineering.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual and necessary expenses

**Term Length:** 4 years; maximum terms served-2

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 5

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 1

## Operations

**Support Staff:** No

**Shared or Separate:** Shared with Department of Environment and Energy

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** None

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Advisory Committee held several meetings in FY 21-22 in order to provide input and review proposed revisions to Title 124 as part of the governors regulatory reform effort. The revised Title 124 became effective June 27, 2022. The committee also provided input on changes to General Permits for Holding Tanks and Lagoons. The committee discussed concerns regarding the increase in reverse osmosis system installation and how these systems impact onsite wastewater treatment systems.

# Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Dr. Marisol Birth
<b>Purpose:</b>	85-1607: The advisory council shall have the following responsibilities:(1) To advise the department in its administration of the Private Postsecondary Career School Act; and(2) To review the rules and regulations adopted or proposed for adoption by the department and make recommendations with respect thereto.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	98
<b>How Many Served:</b>	98
<b>Year Created:</b>	1977
<b>Year Active:</b>	Last meeting was December of 2016
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	85-1607
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Education

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	6
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Nebraska State Board of Education
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** 85-1607: The board shall appoint an advisory council of six representatives of private postsecondary career schools. Members of the council shall include representatives from a business school, a trade or technical school, a better business bureau, and three other distinct areas of education. Members of the council shall serve staggered terms of three years each as established by the board at the time of initial appointment. If a vacancy occurs on the council, the board shall appoint a successor in the same category as the predecessor.

**Per Diem:** NA

**Expense Reimbursement:** When active, reimbursed mileage to/from meeting

**Term Length:** Three

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 0

### Operations

**Support Staff:** blank

**Shared or Separate:** blank

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

### **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** None

# Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB)

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB)
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Tag Herbek, Legal Counsel, 1536 K Street, Suite 400 P.O. Box 94816 Lincoln, NE 68509-4816 402-471-2053
<b>Purpose:</b>	The PERB administers five state-wide public retirement systems (School employees, State employees, County employees, Judges, State Patrol), one Class V retirement system (Omaha Public Schools), as well as administering a Deferred Compensation Program for State and some County employees.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	The retirement plans affect approximately 180,571 members and beneficiaries.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	As of November, 2024, the PERB serves 180,571 active, inactive and retired public employees and beneficiaries in all plans.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1971
<b>Year Active:</b>	1971
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 84-1501
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	NA

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	9 appointed Board Members, 1 ex-officio member.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

**Qualifications Of Members:** Two board members are participants of the School System (one administrator and one teacher); one active or retired member each from the Judges System, State Patrol System, County and State Retirement Systems, OSERS System, and two public members. The two public members may not be plan members, or employees of the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions. The State Investment Officer is the ex-officio member. All members must be citizens of the State of Nebraska. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1501)

**Per Diem:** \$75day for board meetings or board related business (i.e. conferences, education or committee meetings.)

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5-year terms, staggered. One member each expires in 2027, 2028. Three members expire in 2025, two expire in 2026, and two expire in 2029.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 12

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 12

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 12

## Operations

**Support Staff:** No

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$38,112

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$38,112

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$38,112

**Other Funding Sources:**

The funding source for the PERB and NPERS operating expenses comes from the retirement plan trust assets.

**Spending Authority:**

Yes. The boards spending authority is limited to that which is granted by the Legislature for the board and agency expenses. The PERB approves the Biennium Budget requests for the board and agency prior to submission to the State Budget Office.



**Accomplishments**  
**Since July 1, 2020:**

2023 Accomplishments 1. The number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County, and Deferred Compensation plans grew from 150,585 in 2022 to a record total of 155,718 in 2023. The total assets of the plans increased from 18.7 billion in 2022 to 20.1 billion in 2023. 2. NPERS distributed over \$1.2 billion in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$869 million in monthly annuity payments to over 32,000 members. NPERS processed 6,248 distributions totaling \$334 million. 3. Effective July 1, 2023, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions. For the year ending June 30, 2023, the CPI increase was 2.34%. As a result, all School, Judges and Patrol retirees received the maximum COLA increase. Tier 1 members received an increase of 2.5% and Tier 234 members received an increase of 1%. 4. NPERS exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The financial statements represent accurate and reliable information. 5. NPERS worked with the actuaries to prepare annual valuation reports for all five plans. 6. In accordance with Government Finance Officers Associations recommended guidance, NPERS conducted an actuarial audit. 7. As directed by LB 147, NPERS continued work on a multi-year project to transfer management of the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) retirement system to NPERS. The transfer will occur on September 1, 2024. 8. NPERS Director and Legal Counsel worked cooperatively with the Retirement Systems Committee on legislation, research, analysis, and reports regarding various issues for all of NPERS retirement plans. 9. The Member Services department answered 47,665 phone calls and met with 2,600 members who visited NPERS' office for retirement information and counseling. 10. The Benefits Processing department processed 1,908 new retirements across all plans, 108 estimates for purchase of service and 42 actual purchases of service, 35 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), and 15 disability retirements. 6 NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE AGENCY OVERVIEW 11. The Benefits Processing department reached 89.65% school benefit delivery rate in 2023. The current Service Delivery Policy requires school benefit payments to be processed and paid within three calendar months after the effective date of retirement. This delivery rate truly embodies the dedication the NPERS Schools team has to the agency's Vision and Mission, while

navigating the numerous and varied complexities of the NPERS School Plan. 12. The Benefits Processing department was a key collaborator in creating sweeping new educational material for the implementation of three W4 tax documents with the goal of assisting members in completing successful distribution requests across all NPERS retirement plans. The Benefits Processing Department also completed extensive revisions to distribution forms, letters, and other related materials to support the W4 tax form deployments. In addition, the department provided intensive testing within the NPERS system of new W4 functions, processing, and letter generation. 13. The Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts audited the State and County plans in the spring along with an attestation of the DCP plan and audited the School, Judges, and Patrol plans in the fall. 14. The Internal Audit department reviewed SOC reports from AmeritasOMNI, Empower, and State Street. Quarterly audits of Empower distributions were conducted to include oversight of the migration. The 3 Year Audit Plan was accepted by the board and a new School Plan Eligibility Checklist was created to assist School Plan employers. The Internal Audit department has worked with NPERS departments to ensure consistent application of the laws governing the retirement systems. 15. The Internal Audit department initiated 10 School employer audits, 3 School employer narrow scope audits, and 22 County employer audits. The department completed 11 School employer audits, 27 County employer audits, and resolved 6 School and County employer APA audit points. The department assisted in education for the School Plan members through in-person and virtual School Plan Employer Workshops. 16. Internal Audit presented at the Nebraska Association of County Officials for the first time to provide education on consistent audit findings. 17. The Education Services department's web-based offerings reached a wide audience of NPERS' membership, providing education opportunities to all six of the plans the agency administers. The total number of attendees in 2023 for NPERS' web offerings was 702. Total webinar and In-Person seminar attendance for 2023 was 2,034 members! 18. Education Services, a department who focuses on innovation and moving forward, revised binder materials for our In-Person seminars to move from a standard three-ring format to a new spiral bound packet of materials, which includes our presentations, various handouts, resources, glossaries, contact information for local estate planners, and articles regarding adjusting to retirement. Not only have these new resources changed the way we get information to seminar participants, but we

also decreased seminar material costs significantly for these particular materials. NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE 7 AGENCY ACTIVITY

19. In conjunction with our Internal Audit team, Education Services helped develop new resources to assist School Employer Reporting agents with the new rules for member eligibility (NPERS School Plan Eligibility Checklist) and prepared new handouts explaining bona fide termination from service (School Termination of Employment -Employer Cheat Sheet). 20. The Education Services department partnered with the Nebraska Council for Economic Education to roll out a Financial Resources webpage, specifically catering to our younger membership. This Financial Resources webpage offers a variety of online resources that strengthen financial skills and wellness enabling those who access them to make better choices and more informed decisions about personal finance. These resources are free and available 24/7 on the NPERS website for all our plan members. 21. The Data Services department processed 37,196 pieces of incoming mail, 45,050 pieces of outgoing mail, and scanned 180,071 documents. There were 213 member accounts validated for service credit. 22. The NPERS Information Technology department completed a project to implement new tax forms as required by the IRS. This includes the W-4P, W-4R and W-4N. This project required changes to the member portal to enable members to enter tax information as required by the new forms.

2022 Accomplishments

1. The number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County, and Deferred Compensation plans grew from 145,450 in 2021 to a record total of 150,585 in 2022. The total assets of the plans decreased from 20.9 billion in 2021 to 18.7 billion in 2022. 2. NPERS distributed over \$1.1 billion in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$817 million in monthly annuity payments to over 32,000 members. NPERS processed 7,493 distributions totaling \$245 million. 3. Effective July 1, 2022, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions. For the year ending June 30, 2022, the CPI increase was 9.81%. As a result, all School, Judges and Patrol retirees received the maximum COLA increase. Tier 1 members received an increase of 2.5% and Tier 234 members received an increase of 1%. 4. The State and County Cash Balance (CB) plans exceeded 100% funding as of December 31, 2021. The

PERB voted to grant a 7.5% dividend to State CB members and a 6.5% dividend to County CB members. A total of more than \$146 million was awarded to plan members based upon their account balance as of 12/31/2021. 5. NPERS exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The financial statements represent accurate and reliable information. 6. NPERS worked with the actuaries to prepare annual valuation reports for all five plans. 7. In accordance with Government Finance Officers Associations recommended guidance, NPERS conducted an actuarial audit. 8. As directed by LB 147, NPERS continued work on a multi-year project to transfer management of the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) retirement system to NPERS. The transfer will occur on September 1, 2024. 9. NPERS Director and Legal Counsel worked cooperatively with the Retirement Systems Committee on legislation, research, analysis, and reports regarding various issues for all of NPERS retirement plans. 10. The Member Services department answered 42,914 phone calls and met with 2,352 members who visited NPERS' office for retirement information and counseling. 6 NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE AGENCY OVERVIEW 11. The Benefits Processing department processed 2,124 new retirements across all plans, 108 estimates for purchase of service and 43 actual purchases of service, 39 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), and 22 disability retirements. 12. The Benefits Processing department reached a record 90.56% school benefit delivery rate in 2022. The current Service Delivery Policy requires school benefit payments to be processed and paid within three calendar months after the effective date of retirement. This delivery rate truly embodies the dedication the NPERS Schools team has to the agency's Vision and Mission, while navigating the numerous and varied complexities of the NPERS School Plan. 13. The Benefits Processing department personnel completed additional cross-training to support optimal and timely processing of State Patrol Plan and Judges Plan benefits. Additional training materials were also created to support continuing education efforts for the NPERS Member Services Department focusing on the State Patrol Plan. 14. The Benefits Processing department completed a comprehensive review of the agency's required minimum distribution (RMD) letters to members. RMD letters are sent during key times throughout the calendar year to support member alerts, notifications, and educational support for successful RMD distribution requests. Benefits Department staff members

collaborated extensively across department teams during this process to expand and enhance vital RMD member messaging across all plans. 15. The Benefits Processing department conducted an extensive revision of letters supporting death processing. 16. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges, and Patrol plans in the fall. 17. The Internal Audit department reviewed SOC reports from AmeritasOMNI, Empower, and State Street. Quarterly audits of Empower funds were conducted to include the oversight of the migration and termination. The 3 Year Audit Plan was accepted by the board and the external employer audits were revamped to include having the goal of the audit be an educational process along with ensuring compliance. Narrow scope audits were implemented to address issues as they come up. 18. The Internal Audit department initiated 12 School employer audits, 6 School employer narrow scope audits, and 11 County employer audits. The department completed 29 School employer audits, 10 County employer audits, and resolved 7 School employer APA audit points. The department assisted in education for the School Plan members through in-person and virtual School Plan Employer Workshops. 19. The Education Services department's web-based offerings reached a wide audience of NPERS' membership, providing education opportunities to all six of the plans the agency administers. The total number of attendees in 2022 for NPERS' web offerings was 706. NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE 7 AGENCY ACTIVITY 20. The Education Services department continued to maintain the YouTube channel for NPERS, which allows the agency to track the analytics of each of the videos on the website and on the channel. 21. The Education Services department made a massive effort in 2022 to ensure plan members could have access to webinar and educational events year-round for State of Nebraska, Nebraska County, and Nebraska School employees. The department also helped with legislation to remove the age requirement for attendance at NPERS pre-retirement events, to ensure secure retirements by starting financial planning earlier in members careers. 22. The Data Services department processed 36,469 pieces of incoming mail, 47,254 pieces of outgoing mail, and scanned 204,960 documents. There were 515 member accounts validated for service credit. 23. The Information Technology and Education Services departments completed a redesign of the NPERS website and member portal. This redesign is the product of

creative and diligent innovation on the part of everyone who had a hand in making it more user-friendly, easily navigable, and aesthetically pleasing. 24. The Information Technology department completed a technology assessment project for the NPERS' pension administration system (NPRIS). 2021 Accomplishments 1. The number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County, and Deferred Compensation plans grew from 141,748 in 2020 to a record total of 145,450 in 2021. The total assets of the plans increased from \$16.8 billion in 2020 to a record total of \$20.9 billion in 2021. 2. The Member Services department answered 44,046 phone calls and met with 2,186 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling. 3. The Benefits Processing department processed 2,074 new retirements across all plans, 114 estimates for purchase of service and 60 actual purchases of service, 35 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), and 13 disability retirements. 4. NPERS distributed over \$991 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$768 million in monthly annuity payments to over 32,000 members. NPERS processed 7,036 distributions totaling \$223 million. 5. NPERS exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The financial statements represent accurate and reliable information. 6. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges, and Patrol plans in the fall. 7. The Internal Audit department developed guidance and materials to assist School plan employers in complying with retirement regulations. This information was presented at the NASBO conference as well as during the School Plan Employer Workshops. 8. The Internal Audit department completed 26 School employer audits consisting of 471 contributing members tested and 478 non-contributing employees tested, as well as 28 County employer audits consisting of 465 contributing members tested and 364 non-contributing employees tested. 9. NPERS worked with the actuaries to prepare annual valuation reports for all five plans. 10. Effective July 1, 2021, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions. For the year ending June 30, 2021, the CPI increase was 6.12%. As a result, all School, Judges and Patrol retirees received the maximum COLA increase. Tier 1 members received an increase of 2.5% and Tier 234 members received an increase of 1%. The COLA increase resulted in \$1,467,770.92 in additional benefits paid to NPERS members. 11.

The State and County Cash Balance (CB) plans exceeded the 100% funding as of December 31, 2020. The PERB voted to grant a 5.25% dividend to the State CB members and a 2.5% dividend to the County CB members. A total of \$84,947,282.94 was awarded to plan members based upon their account balance of December 31, 2020. 12. The Education Services department's new web-based offerings allowed NPERS to reach a wide audience of its members, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Education Services department was able to provide education opportunities to all six of the plans administered at NPERS. The total number of attendees for the 2021 web offerings was 2,466. 6 NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE 13. The Education Services department added ten new videos to the NPERS YouTube Channel this year. The channel had over 10,000 views of the content that has been produced. This content included two new step-by-step guides, one on completing the School Refund Application and the other on completing the NPERS Direct Deposit form. A video explaining the Annuity Benefit Options for the School Retirement plan and a recording of the live webinar for School Employer Reporting Agents were also added. 14. The Data Services department processed 36,594 pieces of incoming mail, 265,840 pieces of outgoing mail, and scanned 182,154 documents. There were 692 member accounts validated for service credit. 15. The IT department developed a portal for state and county employers to submit online non-contributing member forms through the NPERS self-service website. 16. The IT department implemented the Microsoft Azure DevOps platform for work management, issue tracking, and release planning of software changes in our pension administration system. 17. As directed by LB 147, NPERS initiated a multi-year project to transfer management of the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) retirement system to NPERS. The transfer will occur on September 1, 2024. NPERS initiated the process for selecting service vendors and submitted a project work plan to the Nebraska Legislature. 18. NPERS Director and Legal Counsel worked cooperatively with the Retirement Systems Committee on legislation, research, analysis, and reports regarding various issues for all of NPERS retirement plans. 19. The Benefits Processing department made additional improvements to the school team's digital calculation workbook, identifying additional standardizations to multiple sheets within the workbook, and expanding the extraction information from NPERS operating system. 20. The Benefits Processing department

Purchase of Service (POS) team held a POS training with NPERS Member Services Department, consisting of four training modules which covered an overview of POS processing, as well as three dedicated modules exploring Air-Time purchases, Out of State purchases, Leave of Absences, and Refund Buybacks. The materials and training modules may be used annually to reinforce and broaden POS acumen within the agency. 21. The Benefits Processing department began utilization of a premier death audit solution to improve death notice procurement, provide more efficient beneficiary payments, and relieve burdens of repayments placed on beneficiaries and families.

2020 Accomplishments

1. The number of member accounts in the School, Judges, Patrol, State, County, and Deferred Compensation plans grew from 137,715 in 2019 to a record total of 141,748 in 2020. The total assets of the plans increased from \$16.4 billion in 2019 to a record total of \$16.8 billion in 2020.
2. The Member Services department answered 44,656 phone calls and met with 1,621 members who visited our office for retirement information and counseling.
3. The Benefits Processing department processed 1,889 new retirements across all plans, 131 estimates for purchase of service and 88 actual purchases of service, 43 Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDROs), and 16 disability retirements.
4. NPERS distributed over \$940 million in benefits to plan members in all six plans. The benefits included \$731 million in monthly annuity payments to over 30,000 members. NPERS processed 7,143 distributions totaling \$209 million.
5. NPERS exercised careful control of agency expenditures and financial reporting. The financial statements represent accurate and reliable information.
6. The State Auditor audited the State and County plans in the spring and the School, Judges, and Patrol plans in the fall.
7. The PERB approved the Three-Year Internal Audit Plan covering 2021-2023. The Internal Audit Department completed 31 School employer audits and 21 County employer audits.
8. NPERS worked with the actuaries to prepare annual valuation reports for all five plans. In addition, the actuaries updated the 30-year projection models, and completed an actuarial experience study.
9. Effective July 1, 2020, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions. For the year ending June 30, 2020, the CPI increase was .52%. As a result, all School, Judges and Patrol retirees received a .52% increase.
10. The State and County Cash Balance (CB) plans exceeded 100% funding as of



December 31, 2019. The PERB voted to grant a 3.00% dividend to State and County CB members. A total of \$53,508,123.23 was awarded to plan members based upon their account balance as of 12/31/2019. 11. The Education Services department used their resources and ingenuity to take our full day seminars entirely on-line, in video format, for both the School and State/County plans. Preretirement or Financial Planning Seminars are now accessible to anyone who has an internet connection. 12. The Education Services department established a YouTube channel for NPERS, which allows the agency to track the analytics of each of the videos on the website and on the channel. 13. The Education Services department worked closely with the Nebraska Investment Council to publish the 2020 Investment Report in conjunction with the rollout of the 17 new investment fund options that are available to our Defined Contribution, Deferred Compensation Plan, and Deferred Retirement Option Plan members. This was done along with the production of a new Investment Education Video, numerous website materials, newsletter articles, member correspondence, and seven full form revisions. 6 6 NEBRASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS 2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE 14. The Data Services department processed 37,864 pieces of incoming mail, 251,357 pieces of outgoing mail, and scanned 253,241 documents. There were 2,255 member accounts validated for service credit. 15. The IT department and Education Services department, in coordination with the Department of Administrative Services, worked to create an online self-service option to enable state employees to enroll in the Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) through the DAS Workday system. Workday is the software used by state employees to enroll in and change elections for employee benefit plans. 16. The IT department developed a portal for schools to submit online non-contributing member forms. The forms can be submitted by employer reporting agents and HR contacts through the NPERS self-service website. 17. The IT department completed technical work to enable employees to work remotely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included deploying computers, enabling secure VPN connections, conducting a risk assessment, modifying work processes, and training staff to use technical resources to work remotely. 18. NPERS Director and Legal Counsel worked cooperatively with the Retirement Systems Committee on legislation, research, analysis, and reports regarding various issues for all of NPERS retirement plans. 19. The Benefits Processing department implemented a digital calculation spreadsheet in

response to remote work during COVID-19. The new format standardized entries and data, made access to vital information immediate and user-friendly, and will allow for additional uses and efficiencies for the department. 20. The Benefits Processing department increased efficiency by transitioning School, Judges, and Patrol benefits most commonly used letters to print to mailroom functioning, State and County annuity processing created and implemented digital processing, and additional specialty groups created numerous digital improvements to their processes. 21. The Benefits Processing department welcomed new employees and continued to cross-train multiple staff members in other duties, so work may continue uninterrupted. Multiple trainers expanded their knowledge of digital training platforms, so learning may continue both in-person and online. 22. The Member Services department successfully transitioned to working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Call Center was able to remain fully operational during this time and workflow processes were converted to a digital format. 23. The Member Services department successfully conducted its first ever virtual office visit. 24. The Member Services department streamlined part of its process by implementing pre-written notes that can be input into a members file.

# Racial Profiling Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Racial Profiling Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Bryan Tuma - Executive Director; Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; 301 Centennial Mall South; P.O. Box 94946; Lincoln, NE 68509-4946; 531-893-0405
<b>Purpose:</b>	The committee shall advise the commission and its executive director in the conduct of their duties regarding (a) the completeness and acceptability of written racial profiling prevention policies submitted by individual law enforcement agencies as required by subsection (1) of section 20-504, (b) the collection of data by law enforcement agencies, any needed additional data, and any needed additional analysis, investigation, or inquiry as to the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20-504, (c) the review, analysis, investigation, or inquiry as to the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20-504, (c) the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations required pursuant to subsection (7) of section 20-504, including any analysis of the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations, and (d) policy recommendations with respect to the prevention of racial profiling and the need, if any, for enforcement by the Department of Justice of prohibitions found in section 20-502.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100) law enforcement officers.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All law enforcement officers in Nebraska (approximately 4,100) law enforcement officers.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2001
<b>Year Active:</b>	2001
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute 20-506
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 12

**Who Appoints:** Governor

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, who shall serve as the chairperson, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety (or his or her designee); the director of the Commission on Latino-Americans (or hisher designee); the executive director of the Commission on Indian Affairs (or hisher designee) are all appointed based upon their position. Members appointed by the Governor from a list of five names submitted for each position include: a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police; a representative of the Nebraska County Sheriff's Association; a representative of the Police Officers Association of Nebraska; a representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska; a representative of the AFL-CIO; a representative of the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska; a representative of the Nebraska branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and a representative of the Nebraska State Bar Association from a list submitted by the executive council of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Four-year term

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 0  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 0

## **Operations**

**Support Staff:** No  
**Shared or Separate:** Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice collects all traffic stop data from Nebraska law enforcement agencies to assess the incidence of racial profiling. This report has been submitted to the Legislature and the Governor for annual review since 2003. The identification and retention of members appointed to the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee has been difficult to address since 2021. The number of vacancies on the committee resulted in an inability to achieve a quorum required to convene a meeting. A Legislative proposal in 2023 identified provisions to sunset this committee. In anticipation of the proposed legislation there was no activity taken to appoint individuals to vacancies.

# Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 28-712.01
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	At least four members per DHHS service area.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	This is an internal DHHS team, members are assigned by DHHS leadership.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Two of the members must be Children and Family Services Specialist Supervisors or Administrators, and two of the members must be DHHS employees who are knowledgeable of DHHS policies and practices.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** No

**Term Length:** None listed in statute.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 249

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 248

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 247

## Operations

**Support Staff:** None

**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** General Funds as appropriated to DHHS Program 033 Operations.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority for the Fund is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. Since July of 2020, a total of 7,096 RED team reviews have been completed.

# Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Tammy Zimmerman (Tammy.Zimmerman@nebraska.gov)
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force, in consultation with appropriate federal agencies, shall develop and prioritize vegetation management goals and objectives, analyze the cost-effectiveness of available vegetation treatment, and develop plans and policies to achieve such goals and objectives. Any plan shall utilize the principles of integrated vegetation management and sound science.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All Nebraska waterway users.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	12 Weed Management Areas and all landowners along Nebraska waterways.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2007
<b>Year Active:</b>	2007
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statute, 2-969
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Agriculture

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	21
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No



**Qualifications Of Members:**

Members must cover the following entities of interest throughout the state: The members shall include one surface water project representative from each river basin that has ever been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or 46-720 or is designated as over appropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one surface water project representative from a river basin that has not been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or 46-720 or is not designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources; one representative from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environment and Energy, the Department of Natural Resources, the office of the State Forester, the Game and Parks Commission, and the University of Nebraska; three representatives selected from a list of at least ten individuals nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; two representatives selected from a list of at least five individuals nominated by the Nebraska Weed Control Association; one riparian landowner from each of the state's congressional districts; and one representative from the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

**Per Diem:**

None

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Milage if over 60 miles and overnight accommodations if necessary.

**Term Length:**

3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:**

blank

**Held FY 21-22:**

4

**Required FY 22-23:**

blank

**Held FY 22-23:**

4

**Required FY 23-24:**

blank

**Held FY 23-24:**

4

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** Yes. Trevor Johnson (Trevor.Johnson@nebraska.gov)  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$25,000  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$25,000  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$25,000  
**Other Funding Sources:** None  
**Spending Authority:** blank

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** -Initial Plan of action developed first year;-Outreach materials (pamphlets, video, PowerPoint, website etc.) developed;-Numerous meetings with weed management areas for review and consultation.-Development of work groups within the Task Force for specific focus: 1) goals and objectives; 2) vegetative management and treatment,3) survey and monitoring, 4) education and awareness, 5) funding and incentives, and 6) vegetation water use. - Meetings with legislators to maintain importance of water conveyance work and solidify legislative support.- On site visits to assess areas of concern, survey success projects, gain education on science research.

# Rural Health Advisory Commission

## General Information

**Formal Name:** Rural Health Advisory Commission  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5654  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 13  
**Who Appoints:** Governor  
**Legislative Approval:** Yes  
**Qualifications Of Members:** The Commission includes the DHHS Director of Public Health or their designee and another representative of DHHS plus 11 appointed members. The appointed members include: one representative of each medical school located in the state involved in training family physicians, one physician in family practice residency training, one rural physician, one rural consumer representative, one rural hospital administrator, one rural nursing home administrator, one rural nurse,

one rural physician assistant, one rural mental health practitioner or psychologist, and one rural dentist.

**Per Diem:** Yes  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** Three Years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 4  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 4  
**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 0.25  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5661 establishes the Rural Health Professional Incentive Fund and provides that funds may be used for the purposes of the Act. Cash spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriations bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Rural Health Advisory Commission has reviewed and approved health professionals applications for the student loan repayment program. These professionals have served in Rural Health Clinics, Critical Access Hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Private Practice Sites, and Behavioral Health Clinics in 62 of Nebraskas 93 counties, with an estimated financial impact of over \$300 million to rural Nebraska communities (by adding health care providers) between FY 2020-2023.

# Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Andrew Dunkley, Deputy Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
<b>Purpose:</b>	The panel is responsible for the requirements of Section 507 of the Clean Air Act. The panel has four functions: to evaluate the effectiveness of the Small Business and Public Assistance program; to provide feedback on outreach and education methods provided; to review written documents developed by department programs to ensure the information is understood by the lay person; and to provide a liaison between the states small business community and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	NA
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	1990
<b>Year Active:</b>	1993
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1505.03
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor selects 2; Legislature (Executive Committee) selects 4; Department Director selects 1
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Two are members of the general public who are not owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources of air emissions; four are members who are owners or represent owners of small business stationary sources of air emissions; one member is selected by the director with no statutory qualifications listed.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Actual and necessary expenses

**Term Length:** None identified

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 1

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 1

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 1

### Operations

**Support Staff:** No

**Shared or Separate:** Shared with Department of Environment and Energy

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** None

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The SBCAP and staff from the NDEQ (now NDEE) have held annual meetings to discuss various outreach and assistance activities the Department conducts for the regulated community in Nebraska. During these annual meetings, the Department provides presentations and discussions updating panel members on environmental regulations; particularly those that may affect smaller businesses. The SBCAP members discuss the Panels goals and objectives for the coming year, which is outlined in a required annual report to the Governor. Common goals include the following: Panel members act as liaisons with the small business community; when appropriate, provide input concerning any new or changing environmental regulations; gauge the regulated communitys satisfaction with the Departments assistance initiatives; provide outreach assistance to the Department by sponsoring or promoting meetings in panel member communities for NDEE staff presentations on various agency or regulatory topics. Members of the Panel have participated in NDEE outreach activities to highlight the SBCAP and the role the Panel can play in assisting the regulated community; continue to meet annually.



# State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services

## General Information

**Formal Name:** State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services  
**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett  
**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.  
**How Many Affectable:** blank  
**How Many Served:** blank  
**Year Created:** blank  
**Year Active:** blank  
**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-814  
**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 23  
**Who Appoints:** Governor  
**Legislative Approval:** No  
**Qualifications Of Members:** Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of mental health services in the State of Nebraska. The committee shall consist of twenty-three members appointed by the Governor as follows: (a) One regional governing board member, (b) one regional administrator, (c) twelve consumers of behavioral health services or their family members, (d) two providers of behavioral health services, (e) two representatives from

the State Department of Education, including one representative from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education, (f) three representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services representing mental health, social services, and Medicaid, (g) one representative from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and (h) one representative from the Housing Office of the Community and Rural Development Division of the Department of Economic Development.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 3-year  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** Regularly scheduled  
**Held FY 21-22:** 3  
**Required FY 22-23:** Regularly scheduled  
**Held FY 22-23:** 3  
**Required FY 23-24:** Regularly scheduled  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** 3  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0  
**Other Funding Sources:** General Funds as appropriated to DHHS program 033 operations.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority is established each biennium in the budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Since 2020, the Nebraska State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services has contributed to various advancements in the state's behavioral health system. Key accomplishments include:

- Implementation of Strategic Plans:** The committee supported the Division of Behavioral Health in developing and implementing strategic plans for FY2022-2024. These plans emphasize improved integration, inclusion, innovation, and outcomes in mental health services.
- Block Grant Initiatives:** Through oversight of the SAMHSA block grant funds, the committee helped ensure effective use of resources. This included addressing critical areas such as crisis services expansion (e.g., supporting the implementation of the 988 hotline), workforce resilience, rural service accessibility, and substance use prevention.
- COVID-19 and ARPA Fund Allocation:** During the pandemic, the committee provided input on using supplemental funds for emergency mental health and substance use services, including supports for frontline workers, virtual services, and housing initiatives.
- Community Engagement and Needs Assessment:** They facilitated needs assessments and public feedback to prioritize service gaps and implement evidence-based programming tailored to Nebraska's diverse communities.

# State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-815
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	12
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of substance abuse services in the State of Nebraska. The committee shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor and shall include at least three consumers of substance abuse services.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 3-year

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Regularly scheduled

**Held FY 21-22:** 3

**Required FY 22-23:** Regularly scheduled

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** Regularly scheduled

**Held FY 23-24:** 3

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** General Funds as appropriated to DHHS program 033 operations.

**Spending Authority:** Spending authority is established each biennium in the budget bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# State Board of Education

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Board of Education
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Commissioner of Education, Brian L. Maher
<b>Purpose:</b>	The general supervision and administration of the school system of Nebraska, and other activities as directed by the Legislature.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	1952 with adoption of constitutional amendment by the people
<b>Year Active:</b>	January 1955 with election of board members by people
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Not applicable

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Article VII, sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Nebraska Constitution; sections 79-301 through 79-320.
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	State Department of Education

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	8
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Elected by the people on a nonpartisan ballot; see Article VII, section 3
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Section 79-313 states: No person shall be eligible to membership on the State Board of Education (1) who is actively engaged in the teaching profession, (2) who is a holder of any state office or a member of a state board or commission unless the board or commission is limited to an advisory capacity, or (3) unless he or she is a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state for a period of

at least six months, and a resident of the district from which he or she is elected for a period of at least six months immediately preceding his or her election.

**Per Diem:** blank

**Expense Reimbursement:** Article VII, section 3 provides reimbursed for their actual expense incurred in the performance of their duties

**Term Length:** 4 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** Minimum of 4 meetings required annually under section 79-317

**Held FY 21-22:** 11

**Required FY 22-23:** Minimum of 4 meetings required annually under section 79-317

**Held FY 22-23:** 12

**Required FY 23-24:** Minimum of 4 meetings required annually under section 79-317

**Held FY 23-24:** 10

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Commissioner of Education

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** blank

**FY 22-23 Budget:** blank

**FY 23-24 Budget:** blank

**Other Funding Sources:** blank

**Spending Authority:** blank

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** See information found on State Board of Education  
webpage:<https://www.education.ne.gov/stateboard>



# State Board of Landscape Architects

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Board of Landscape Architects
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Cole Gressley, 402-471-8383
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Mission of the Board is to protect the life, health, and property of the citizens of Nebraska by ensuring the licensure of individuals who practice the profession of landscape architecture and present themselves as Landscape Architects within the State.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	Safeguards life, health, and property and promotes public welfare of those in the State of Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	170 professional landscape architects and the residents of Nebraska through public awareness of what landscape architects do and why licensure is important
<b>Year Created:</b>	1967
<b>Year Active:</b>	1968
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,186
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	None

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Six
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Five professional landscape architects and one public member Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,186

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** blank  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1  
**Held FY 21-22:** 5  
**Required FY 22-23:** 1  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 1  
**Held FY 23-24:** 5

## Operations

**Support Staff:** Part-time commitments from eight staff  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared through an administrative service contract with the Board of Engineers and Architects  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$28,402  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$30,928  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$29,656  
**Other Funding Sources:** blank  
**Spending Authority:** Yes Neb Rev Stat 81-8,194

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** Total number of licenses/certifications/registrations: 67 professional landscape architects. The State Board of Landscape Architects is currently looking to introduce a bill during the 2025 legislative session to update the Professional Landscape Architects Act to align it with a new national standard approved in 2022. The standard updates the licensure requirements to include a number of pathways based on education and experience. It also has a pathway based solely on experience. Once statute revisions are enacted, the Board will revise Title 231, Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC), to align with the statute revisions and further define the licensure requirements under the new national standard.

# State Child Death Review Team

## General Information

**Formal Name:** State Child Death Review Team

**Contact Person:** Nicole Barrett

**Purpose:** See authorizing statute.

**How Many Affectable:** blank

**How Many Served:** blank

**Year Created:** blank

**Year Active:** blank

**Sunset Date:** blank

## Authorization

**Authorization Citation:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-3406

**Parent Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

**Number Of Members:** 16 (minimum of 12)

**Who Appoints:** DHHS CEO

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** In 2022, the Legislature divided the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team into two distinct entities. See Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-3406 for qualifications of this team.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 4 years except for permanent members

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** NA

**Held FY 21-22:** NA

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 3 Staff, 0.92 FTE Total

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** NA

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$45,000

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$45,000

**Other Funding  
Sources:** Federal funds only

**Spending Authority:** Federal fund spending authority is authorized within the mainline budget bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank

# State Maternal Death Review Team

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Maternal Death Review Team
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-3406
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	19 (minimum of 12 required)
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	DHHS CEO
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	In 2022, the Legislature divided the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team into two distinct entities. See Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-3406 for qualifications of this team.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes

**Term Length:** 4 years except for permanent members

**Terms Rotate or  
Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** NA

**Held FY 21-22:** NA

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2 FTE

**Shared or Separate:** 1.5 separate .5 shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** NA

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$180,965

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$180,965

**Other Funding  
Sources:** Federal funds only

**Spending Authority:** Federal fund spending authority is authorized within the mainline budget bill.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:**

These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. In 2022, the MMRC was awarded funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) Enhancing Reviews and Surveillance to Eliminate Maternal Mortality (ERASE MM) cooperative agreement. In 2023, a full-time abstractor was hired to support the MMRC. This has increased the ability of the team to accomplish timely case abstraction. The average time from case identification to completed case abstraction decreased from 15 months to 11 months. Due to having cases abstracted in a timely manner, the committee is consistently able to review 100% of cases within 24 months of death. The committee has grown to 19 members in 2024, allowing for membership that represents the population of the state of Nebraska. Additionally, the committee now includes a variety of clinical and non-clinical maternal health stakeholders which allows for multi-disciplinary case reviews. The MMRC has published Maternal Mortality reports in 2021, 2023, and 2024, and published a Severe Maternal Morbidity Report in 2024.



# State Records Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Records Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Libby Elder
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Board provides electronic access to public records or electronic information and services via the Nebraska.gov portal through an independent contractor; develops and maintains the portal; provides appropriate oversight of the portal manager; approves reasonable fees for electronic access to public records or electronic information and services; and oversees a grant program which grants funds to state and local agencies for the development of programs and technology to improve electronic access to public records or electronic information and services.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	All persons desiring to use Nebraska online e-government services.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	All persons using the Nebraska.gov portal.
<b>Year Created:</b>	1997
<b>Year Active:</b>	1997
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1204
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Secretary of State

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	12 (6 Statutory 6 Appointed)
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** For appointed members, three representatives broadly representative of banking, insurance, and law groups; and three representatives broadly representative of libraries, the general public, and professional members of the Nebraska news media.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Three-year term for appointed members, may be reappointed for one additional term.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$3,756,738

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$2,682,663

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$2,979,672

**Other Funding Sources:** Only Records Management Cash Fund appropriation is used, no other funding sources, cash fund revenue is generated from the contract with the portal manager.

**Spending Authority:** 84-1227 Records Management Cash Fund

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Nebraska State Records Board (NSRB) has continued to provide oversight of the portal manager contract with Nebraska Interactive, LLC dba Tyler Nebraska, and approve portal fees for online services provided by state and local agencies. The Nebraska.gov portal is an important resource for businesses and individuals accessing government services and information online. The portal currently consists of 1,276 online services and 80 websites. The amount of state agency funds and number of state agency records processed through the portal are included below. 2020 - \$313 million; 19 million records 2021 - \$327 million; 22 million records 2022 - \$359 million; 21 million records 2023 - \$383 million; 20 million records In 2021, with assistance from the Records Management Cash Fund, the State Records Center was moved to a new facility to better protect and manage state records.

# State Trauma Advisory Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	State Trauma Advisory Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-8236
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	30
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Director of Public Health or designee
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	The board is required to be composed of representatives knowledgeable in emergency medical services and trauma care including physicians, nurses, hospital personnel, prehospital or emergency care providers, local government officials, state officials, consumers, and persons affiliated professionally with health science schools.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Three years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** EMS Operations Fund

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-51,103 authorizes the use of the EMS Operations Fund. Cash fund spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriations bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:**

These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. Developed the Medical Chart Template used in Trauma Center Designation. Revised language of questionnaires used to review hospitals for State Trauma Center Designations. Assisted in restructuring board members to ensure broad stakeholder representation of the State Trauma Advisory Board. Advised the Department on revision Statewide Trauma System Regulations and Data Dictionary adopted on May 17, 2022. Supported the clean-up bill of the NE Trauma System Act adopted on April 16, 2022. Participated in a Board Strategic Planning Session that resulted in the compilation of five board member working committees focusing on education, data quality and financial support of the program. Planning a Statewide Trauma Symposium for 2025. Approved draft regulations revisions for the NE Statewide Trauma System to be compliant with statute change. Recommended an American College of Surgeons Trauma System Consultation for the State of Nebraska to improve trauma care in the state.

# Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-8803
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	6
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	2 designated by statute, 4 appointed by the Chief Medical Officer
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes for the 4 scientists appointed by the Chief Medical Officer
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Two members are the deans of Nebraskas medical schools, 4 are scientists from outside Nebraska conducting human stem cell research with funding from the National Institutes of Health.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	Yes for the 4 scientists, no for the deans
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Yes for all 6 members

**Term Length:** For the deans it is ongoing, for the scientists term length is 3 years and can be reappointed for additional 3 year terms.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 0.25

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$13,500

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$13,500

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$13,500

**Other Funding Sources:** Health Care Cash Fund

**Spending Authority:** Cash fund spending authority is provided in the mainline budget bill, program No. 621.

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. Each year 4 to 5 grants are provided to the research departments at the Nebraska University System and Creighton University. The focus of the grants has included past research in cochlear stem cells for hearing restoration, determinants of stem cell formation in colorectal cancer,



neuropathic pain relief, looking for markers for endometrial cancer and neurogenesis in encephalitis. Some current research includes scaffolds for bone regeneration and hematopoietic stem cells and bone marrow failure. These grants are generally seed money that allow researchers to apply for grants from the National Institutes of Health and other funding sources.

# Stroke System of Care Task Force

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Stroke System of Care Task Force
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4209
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	13
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Representation from the Department (Chronic Disease Prevention and the Office of Emergency Health Systems, and the Office of Rural Health), the American Stroke Association, the Nebraska State Stroke Association, hospitals designated as comprehensive, primary, and thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, rural hospitals, physicians, and emergency medical services.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 3

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** General Fund

**Spending Authority:** General fund spending authority is derived from the mainline budget bill.

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:**

These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflects its sole views. The Stroke Task Force assisted in the development of the DHHS stroke web page by adding resources for clinical staff to reference. The Task Force is committed to turning the webpage into an informational hub where clinicians can easily access best practice guidelines to help direct treatment of the stroke patient in all stages of their care. Instrumental in planning an interactive simulation multidisciplinary conference in 2024 that received high reviews. The Task Force assisting with the process of planning another for 2025. The task force hosted a strategic planning meeting to identify the priorities and goals for future planning and operation.

# Technical Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Trudy K Clark, trudy.clark@nebraska.gov
<b>Purpose:</b>	The technical advisory committee reviews (a) the statewide assessment plan, (b) state assessment instruments, and (c) the accountability system developed under the Quality Education Accountability Act. The committee shall advise the Governor, the state board, and the State Department of Education on the development of statewide assessment instruments and the statewide assessment plan.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	245 public school districts in Nebraska
<b>How Many Served:</b>	approximately 328,649 public education students
<b>Year Created:</b>	2008
<b>Year Active:</b>	2009
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	Will continue until dissolved by the Governor and legislature

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	79-760.03 Section 3
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Education

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	Yes

<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	There will be three nationally recognized experts in educational assessment and measurement, one administrator from a school in Nebraska, and one teacher from a school in Nebraska.
<b>Per Diem:</b>	NA
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Members shall be reimbursed for expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
<b>Term Length:</b>	3 years
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

### Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	Legislation does not stipulate
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	2
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	Legislation does not stipulate
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	3
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	Legislation does not stipulate
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	5

### Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	NA
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	NA
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	NA
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	NA
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	NA
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	NA
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	Nebraska Department of Education

### Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) offered support and suggestions regarding the designs of both the statewide assessment and the accountability system. The TAC reviewed the validity evidence provided by every vendor that supports the assessment system and offered suggestions regarding what additional evidence the assessment team would need to meet federal peer review. Recently, the TAC offered suggestions and advise for the Request for Proposal for statewide assessment released on June 5, 2024.

# Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of Health Professions

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of Health Professions
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-6224
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Variety of health care professions and community liaisons chairperson must be a member of the Board of Health, not be a member of the applicant group, any health profession regulated or affected, directly or indirectly, by the application. A new Technical Review Committee is convened from a group of vetted candidates for each credentialing review application. The members are



recommended by Board of Health to the Director of Public Health for appointment.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** For the duration of the examination and investigation of the application, which is less than one year.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 13

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 12

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 8

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** The Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund

**Spending Authority:** The Professional and Occupational Credentialing Cash Fund is established by Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-157. Uses of funds are authorized in 38-151 to 38-156. Cash spending authority is authorized within the mainline budget bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** These accomplishments are provided by the Department of Health and Human Services and reflect its sole views. Because a new TRC is convened for each credentialing review application that is received, there have been 13 Technical Review Committees convened since 2020.

# The Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	The Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Chris Carlile - OVP Director; Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; 301 Centennial Mall South; Lincoln, NE. 68509-4946; 402-417-3673
<b>Purpose:</b>	The Advisory Council shall recommend to the Commission rules and regulations regarding program fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and the criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	The Advisory Council has awarded funds to 65 organizations throughout the State of Nebraska. These organizations range from police departments to after school programs ranging from North Platte in the west, to the eastern edge of Omaha.
<b>How Many Served:</b>	These organizations can serve from 30 individuals to 3,000 individuals in the course of a year.
<b>Year Created:</b>	2009
<b>Year Active:</b>	2009
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-1447 through 81-1451
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	6
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** The Governor shall appoint members representing the following areas, if practicable: Two members representing local government; two members representing law enforcement; one member representing community advocacy; and one member representing education with some expertise in law enforcement and juvenile crime.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Four-year term

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** All Expire

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 2

**Shared or Separate:** Shared - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

**FY 21-22 Budget:** \$0

**FY 22-23 Budget:** \$0

**FY 23-24 Budget:** \$0

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Provided \$3.21 million in Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) Awards to 57 to communities and organizations seeking to implement violence prevention programs which appear to have the greatest benefit to the state and which have, as goals, the reduction of street and gang violence, the reduction of homicides and injuries caused by firearms, and the creation of youth employment opportunities in high-crime areas.

# Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Committee

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	TRS Advisory Committee
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Brett Bode, TRS Program Manager, Cullen Robbins, Director NUSFTelecom. Department
<b>Purpose:</b>	Provide guidance for the development, monitoring, and promotion of state-wide telecommunications relay services in Nebraska; Review the request for proposal (RFP) and analyze the bids; Establish goals and recommendations for the telecommunications relay service within the State; and Annually discuss the surcharge and rules and regulations established by the Public Service Commission.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	365,268. Source: John Hopkins Medicine. ( <a href="http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/mediareleases/oneinfiveamerica_nshashearingloss">http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/mediareleases/oneinfiveamerica_nshashearingloss</a> ). Other sources: National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) ( <a href="https://www.nidcd.nih.gov">https://www.nidcd.nih.gov</a> )
<b>How Many Served:</b>	365,268
<b>Year Created:</b>	1991
<b>Year Active:</b>	1991
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-315
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Public Service Commission Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	7
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** 1 member deaf; 1 member deaf or hard of hearing; 1 member speech-impaired; 1 member Nebraska Public Service Commission representative; 1 member telephone industry rep.; 1 member Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing representative; 1 member Public representative

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 3 years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 1

**Held FY 21-22:** 1

**Required FY 22-23:** 1

**Held FY 22-23:** 1

**Required FY 23-24:** 1

**Held FY 23-24:** 1

### Operations

**Support Staff:** Yes

**Shared or Separate:** Shared Nebraska Public Service Commission

**FY 21-22 Budget:** none

**FY 22-23 Budget:** none

**FY 23-24 Budget:** none

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Public Service Commission

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Committee continues to provide advice and direction in making further improvements to this program. The Public Service Commission continues to work with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in receiving, assisting and reviewing applicants for the NSTEP program. The TRS Advisory Committee provides advice regarding policies and procedures for the administration of the NSTEP program as well as issues affecting quality of service for the relay center. The Commission works with this committee in determining the surcharge necessary to fund the relay service and the NSTEP voucher program.



# Veterans' Advisory Commission

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Veterans' Advisory Commission
<b>Contact Person:</b>	John Hilgert, Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	Investigate the handling of veterans affairs under the jurisdiction of the Director of Veterans Affairs, make recommendations and report to the Governor or Director on such matters and act as an appeal board from any decision made by the Director of Veterans Affairs or any of his agents or deputies on claims for aid from the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	116,961 veterans (USDVA Geographic Distribution Expenditures (GDX)) plus eligible dependents (# unknown)
<b>How Many Served:</b>	116,961 veterans (USDVA GDX) plus eligible dependents (# unknown)
<b>Year Created:</b>	1947
<b>Year Active:</b>	1947
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 80-401.06
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, # 028

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	5
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Has been a resident of the State of Nebraska for at least five years immediately prior to his or her appointment. Served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates set forth in section 80-401.01 and was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable from such service and is a member of a recognized veterans organization.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** 5 Years

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

### Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 2

**Held FY 21-22:** 2

**Required FY 22-23:** 2

**Held FY 22-23:** 2

**Required FY 23-24:** 2

**Held FY 23-24:** 2

### Operations

**Support Staff:** 0

**Shared or Separate:** Parent Agency

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 1023.60

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 654.32

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 1588.26

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Revised Statutes 55-602, 55-604, 55-605

## Accomplishments

**Since July 1, 2020:** VAC approved Director appointment of Veterans Affairs Service Officers (x17) Approved NVA food maximums to be indexed with SNAP. Approved increased in NVA phone bill allowance guideline. Approved addition of NVA internet allowance guideline. Approved increase of NVA medical allowance guidelines. Approved increase of NVA pharmacy allowance guideline. Approved increase of NVA dentures allowance guidelines. Approved increase of NVA vision allowance guidelines. Approved NVA transportation mileage allowance to be indexed with GSA POV Mileage Rates. Approved adding Keepsakes made from ashes to the NVA funeral allowances. Approved adding past due expenses for NVA shelter allowances. Approved adding standard furnishings structural repairs for NVA shelter allowances. Approved adding a maximum allocation of \$500 family member for NVA clothing allowances.

# Veterans' Homes Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Veterans' Homes Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	John Hilgert, Director
<b>Purpose:</b>	Review all applications submitted for admission to the Nebraska veterans home system and make all final determinations regarding admission or continued admission to one of the homes; recommend matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration, member contribution pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans homes ( 80-319).
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	116,961 veterans (USDVA Geographic Distribution Expenditures (GDX)) plus eligible dependents (# unknown)
<b>How Many Served:</b>	441 (census as of 11262024)
<b>Year Created:</b>	18871949
<b>Year Active:</b>	18871949
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Nebraska Revised Statutes 80-318
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs, # 028

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	16
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Recognized veterans organizations listed in subdivision (1) of Nebraska Revised Statutes 80-401-01.
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No

**Qualifications Of Members:** Two (2) members are selected by each of the recognized veterans organizations in Nebraska identified in subdivision (1) of 80-401.01, and the Director of Veterans Affairs who shall serve as the permanent board secretary. Each member shall be selected in the manner and serve for such term as the veterans organization may prescribe.

**Per Diem:** No

**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes

**Term Length:** Serve for such term as the veterans organization may prescribe.

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 4

**Held FY 21-22:** 4

**Required FY 22-23:** 4

**Held FY 22-23:** 4

**Required FY 23-24:** 4

**Held FY 23-24:** 4

## Operations

**Support Staff:** 0

**Shared or Separate:** Parent Agency

**FY 21-22 Budget:** 4648.81

**FY 22-23 Budget:** 5761.93

**FY 23-24 Budget:** 16339.69

**Other Funding Sources:** None

**Spending Authority:** Nebraska Revised Statutes 55-602, 55-604, 55-605

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** Applications for admission the Board acted on: FY 21-22: 278 FY 22-23: 386 FY 23-24: 401

# Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Davidson Wissing, DHHS, Division of Public Health, 402-471-0835
<b>Purpose:</b>	NRS 71-2454.01(1)LB 471 (2016): The task force is required to conduct a study to develop recommendations of which controlled substances shall be reported to a veterinarian to the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP) when dispensing these drugs from a veterinarian's office or animal shelter. The study shall include appropriate methods and procedures of reporting by veterinarians with the necessary database field information. The task force shall utilize nationally available resources afforded by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and the Department of State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs of the American Veterinary Medical Association in development of recommendations.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	NA
<b>How Many Served:</b>	NA
<b>Year Created:</b>	2016
<b>Year Active:</b>	2016
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	NA

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	NRS 71-2454.01
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	DHHS

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	The task force shall consist of at least 10 members
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Chairperson of Health and Human Services Committee

**Legislative Approval:** No

**Qualifications Of Members:** NRS 71-2454(2): One member of HHS Committee; 2 at-large members of the Legislature: 3 members selected from list of 6 veterinarians provided by the Board of Veterinary Medicine & Surgery, one of whom is employed by or provides services at an animal shelter; one pharmacist nominated by the NE Pharmacists Association or its successor organization; and 2 members nominated by the NE Veterinary Medical Association or its successor organization. The task force shall also include a representative of the PDMP who shall be a nonvoting member and serve in an advisory capacity. The members of the task force shall be appointed within 1820 days after February 25, 2016. The initial meeting shall be convened within 180 days after February 25, 2016. The task force shall elect a chairperson and may elect additional officers among its members. The task force shall report its findings to the HHS Committee on or before December 1, 2016.

**Per Diem:** All task force members shall serve without compensation.

**Expense Reimbursement:** NA

**Term Length:** NA

**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:**

## Meetings

**Required FY 21-22:** 0

**Held FY 21-22:** 0

**Required FY 22-23:** 0

**Held FY 22-23:** 0

**Required FY 23-24:** 0

**Held FY 23-24:** 0

## Operations

**Support Staff:** NA



**Shared or Separate:** NA

**FY 21-22 Budget:** NA

**FY 22-23 Budget:** NA

**FY 23-24 Budget:** NA

**Other Funding Sources:** NA

**Spending Authority:** NA

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The initial task force meeting was held on June 21, 2016. There is no public record of meetings or reports since 2016. In 2016, the members consisted of Senator John Kuehn (chair), Senator Sara Howard, Senator Brett Lindstrom, Marcia Mueting, Kevin Borchert, Dr. Lance Orasa, Dr. Rick Cockerill, Dr. David Ylander, Dr. Joanne Gaines, Dr. Pat Wahlmeier

# Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Board

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Board
<b>Contact Person:</b>	David Miesbach, Groundwater Section Supervisor, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Drinking Water and Groundwater Division
<b>Purpose:</b>	David Miesbach, Groundwater Section Supervisor, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Drinking Water and Groundwater Division, 245 Fallbrook Blvd. Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, Phone: 402-471-4982
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	300,000
<b>How Many Served:</b>	300,000
<b>Year Created:</b>	1986
<b>Year Active:</b>	1986
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	None

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act (46-1201 to 46-1241)
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	10
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	6 by the Governor, 4 Agency representatives (NDEE, NDNR, UNL-CSD, NDHHS)
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	NA

<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	Resident of the State of Nebraska 5 years experience in the category represented Actively engaged in the business category represented Licensed by the Program
<b>Per Diem:</b>	\$50
<b>Expense Reimbursement:</b>	Actual and necessary expenses
<b>Term Length:</b>	Governor appointees - 5-year terms, up to 2 terms
<b>Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:</b>	Terms Rotate

### Meetings

<b>Required FY 21-22:</b>	6
<b>Held FY 21-22:</b>	6
<b>Required FY 22-23:</b>	5
<b>Held FY 22-23:</b>	5
<b>Required FY 23-24:</b>	6
<b>Held FY 23-24:</b>	6

### Operations

<b>Support Staff:</b>	Yes
<b>Shared or Separate:</b>	Shared
<b>FY 21-22 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 22-23 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>FY 23-24 Budget:</b>	\$0
<b>Other Funding Sources:</b>	None
<b>Spending Authority:</b>	No

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** The Board has been working on revisions to NAC 178, Chapters 10-13 since 2020. This revision involves testing requirements, fees, and construction standards. The Board revised the Natural Resources Groundwater Technician test and approved the on-line interactive training these technicians are required to attend prior to testing. Since July 1, 2020 the Board has reviewed and approved 605 separate Continuing Education Classes for a total of 2,825 Continuing Education Units.

# Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council

## General Information

<b>Formal Name:</b>	Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council
<b>Contact Person:</b>	Nicole Barrett
<b>Purpose:</b>	See authorizing statute.
<b>How Many Affectable:</b>	blank
<b>How Many Served:</b>	blank
<b>Year Created:</b>	blank
<b>Year Active:</b>	blank
<b>Sunset Date:</b>	blank

## Authorization

<b>Authorization Citation:</b>	Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-702
<b>Parent Agency:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services

## Memberships

<b>Number Of Members:</b>	Not more than 30. Currently membership is 7.
<b>Who Appoints:</b>	Governor
<b>Legislative Approval:</b>	No
<b>Qualifications Of Members:</b>	At least three fourths of members must be women. At least one member shall be appointed from the following disciplines: (a) An obstetrician/gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics physician or nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public health representative from each congressional district; (f) a health educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a mental health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide health volunteer agency; (j) a private

health care industry representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l) a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six and older. The membership shall also include a representative of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a representative from Creighton University Medical Center, the chief medical officer if one is appointed under section 81-3115, and the Title V Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**Per Diem:** No  
**Expense Reimbursement:** Yes  
**Term Length:** 3 years  
**Terms Rotate or Expire At Once:** Terms Rotate

**Meetings**

**Required FY 21-22:** 2  
**Held FY 21-22:** 4  
**Required FY 22-23:** 2  
**Held FY 22-23:** 4  
**Required FY 23-24:** 2  
**Held FY 23-24:** 3

**Operations**

**Support Staff:** 2 (0.1 FTE)  
**Shared or Separate:** Shared  
**FY 21-22 Budget:** 0  
**FY 22-23 Budget:** 0  
**FY 23-24 Budget:** 0

**Other Funding Sources:** Women's Health Initiative Fund

**Spending Authority:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-705 establishes the Women's Health Initiative Fund. Cash spending authority is derived from the mainline appropriation bill.

## **Accomplishments**

**Since July 1, 2020:** blank