1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendance Taken at 11:02 AM:

Present Board Members:
Rachel Wise
Lillie Larsen
Glen Flint
John Witzel
Molly O'Holleran
Patricia Timm
Maureen Nickels
Patrick McPherson

Commissioner Blomstedt was also present.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

1.3. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Motion to approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Glen Flint and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise          Yes
Lillie Larsen        Yes
Glen Flint            Yes
John Witzel          Yes
Molly O'Holleran    Yes
Patricia Timm        Yes
Maureen Nickels         Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes
3. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

3.1. Contract with FSG for strategic planning

Motion Passed: Grant the Commissioner the authority to negotiate and sign a contract with FSG for up to $275,000 to facilitate the development of a 10-year strategic plan for the Nebraska State Board of Education passed with a motion by Lillie Larsen and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O'Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes

4. REVIEW 2016 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

President Wise reviewed the Committee Assignments for 2016.

5. REVIEW 2016 PROPOSED FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND TAKE ACTION ON BOARD POSITIONS

Motion Passed: LB 930 - Change provisions relating to statewide assessments and college admission testing as prescribed - support with staff testimony and letter from the Board to specifically extend to 2017-2018 school year; NDE to contract with college entrance exam vendor, preferably ACT; to replace the 11th grade NeSA test passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O'Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes
Motion Passed: **LB 1026 - Change provisions relating to education technology** - support with staff testimony passed with a motion by Molly O’Holleran and a second by John Witzel.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O’Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes

Motion Passed: **LB 1066 - Change provisions relating to education** - support with staff testimony seeking to clarify definition of reusable textbook and other terms from the Legislature passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O’Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes

Motion Passed: **LB 1064 - Change option enrollment and student fee provisions as prescribed** - to support passed with a motion by Molly O’Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O’Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes

Motion Passed: **LB 1062 - provide for waiver of certificate to administer as prescribed** – to oppose passed with a motion by Patricia Timm and a second by Molly O’Holleran.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  No
John Witzel  Yes
Motion Passed: *LB 694 - Change provisions relating to exempt contracts under the Taxpayer Transparency Act* – to support passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Maureen Nickels.

Motion Passed: *LB 1086 - Change provisions relating to student self-management of asthma or anaphylaxis* – to support passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Molly O'Holleran.

Motion Passed: *LB 826 - Change provisions relating to reimbursement under the Special Education Act* – to take a neutral position with positive staff support passed with a motion by Molly O'Holleran and a second by Patricia Timm.
Motion Passed: LR 379CA - constitutional amendment authorizing recall of state elective officers - and LB 687 - Provide procedures for recall of state elective officers - support passed with a motion by Patrick McPherson and a second by Glen Flint.

Rachel Wise  Yes
Lillie Larsen  Yes
Glen Flint  Yes
John Witzel  Yes
Molly O'Holleran  Yes
Patricia Timm  Yes
Maureen Nickels  Yes
Patrick McPherson  Yes

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

7. ADJOURNMENT. President Wise adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.