

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Wednesday-Thursday-Friday January 8, 9, 10, 2025

Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Room, 500 S 84th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

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January 8, 2025

Publicized notice of the business meeting was given by posting notice on the Department's website and emailed to news media requesting notification, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

STATE BOARD ORIENTATION, Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 1:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., in Room 204 of the NDE Office Building.

- 1.1. Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kirk Penner
Kristin Christensen	Lisa Schonhoff	Liz Renner
Maggie Douglas	Sherry Jones	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

President Tegtmeier announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. **BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Paolo DeMaria, President, and CEO of the National Association for State Boards of Education; and Dr. Byron Ernest, immediate past chair of the board of directors for the National Association of State Boards of Education, conducted team building training for the State Board.

Kirk Penner left at 2:25 p.m.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene January 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the State Board Room, for a Board Orientation.

STATE BOARD ORIENTATION, Thursday, January 9, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary
Lisa Schonhoff
Sherry Jones

Elizabeth Tegtmeier
Liz Renner

Kristin Christensen
Maggie Douglas

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Kirk Penner

President Tegtmeier announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

NDE Representatives, Brian Halstead, and Ryan Foor, provided a Board Member orientation on board policy and state statutes relevant to the Nebraska Department of Education.

3. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene January 9, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the State Board Room, for a Business Meeting.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING, Thursday, January 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kirk Penner
Kristin Christensen	Lisa Schonhoff	Liz Renner
Maggie Douglas	Sherry Jones	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. President Tegtmeier announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

BUSINESS

2.1. **2025 ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

2.1.A. Election Processes and Procedures

Commissioner Maher presided over the election of officers pursuant to Board Bylaw 2 Board Officers. Officers elected at the meeting will serve a one-year term unless there is a motion for officers to serve a two-year term.

Commissioner Maher appointed Brian Halstead and Lora Sypal as Tellers to disseminate and count the ballots.

2.1.B. Election of Board President

Commissioner Maher opened nominations for President.

Maggie Douglas nominated Deborah Neary.
Sherry Jones nominated Elizabeth Tegtmeier.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Maher closed the nominations.

Vote 1:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 2:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 3:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 4:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 5:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 6:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 7:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 8:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 9:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 10:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 11:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 12:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 13:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 14:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 15:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 16:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 17:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 18:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 19:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 20:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 21:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 22:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 23:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 24:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 25:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 26:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 27:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 28:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 29:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 30:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Commissioner Maher called for a recess at 5:02 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:12 p.m.

Vote 31:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 32:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 33:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 34:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 35:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 36:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 37:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 38:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 39:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 40:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 41:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 42:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 43:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 44:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Motion by Liz Renner, second by Kristin Christensen to reopen discussion on the nominations.

Lisa Schonhoff	No
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Kirk Penner	No
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	No
Deborah Neary	Yes
Sherry Jones	No

The motion was lost.

Vote 45:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 46:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 47:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 48:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 49:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 50:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 51:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 52:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Vote 53:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 4 votes for Deborah Neary
- 4 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result of no election, and ballots were reissued.

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Kristin Christensen to reopen nominations.

Sherry Jones	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	No
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	No
Kirk Penner	No
Liz Renner	Yes

The motion passed and nominations were opened.

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Liz Renner to vote by slate for President and Vice President.

Lisa Schonhoff	No
Sherry Jones	No
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	No
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Kirk Penner	No
Liz Renner	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes

The motion was lost.

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Elizabeth Tegtmeier to take a 10-minute recess.

Sherry Jones	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	No
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes
Kirk Penner	No
Liz Renner	Yes

The motion passed. The board took a recess at 6:24 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:41 p.m.

Deborah Neary and Elizabeth Tegtmeier shared a proposal for Elizabeth Tegtmeier to serve as President for 2025 and Deborah Neary to serve as Vice President for 2025.

Elizabeth Tegtmeier made the following statement, for the record (pursuant to Board Operating Policy 1.14), “I am not planning to be President in 2026.”

At the request of Deborah Neary, the board agreed by unanimous consent to vote for President and Vice President as a “slate.”

Commissioner Maher asked for nominations for a “slate” of President and Vice President.

Sherry Jones nominated Elizabeth Tegtmeier for President and Deborah Neary for Vice President.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Maher closed the nominations.

Vote 54:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 8 votes for Elizabeth Tegtmeier

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result that Elizabeth Tegtmeier was elected President.

Vote 55:

Reporting Teller, Brian Halstead, read the vote results:

- 8 votes were cast
- 5 votes were necessary for election
- 8 votes for Deborah Neary

The tally was delivered to Commissioner Maher, who announced the result that Deborah Neary was elected as Vice President.

ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene January 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the State Board Room, for a Business Meeting.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, January 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kirk Penner
Kristin Christensen	Lisa Schonhoff	Liz Renner
Maggie Douglas	Sherry Jones	

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

1.2. President Tegtmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. President Tegtmeier announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) Information

Dr. Larianne Polk, Chief Executive Officer of the Educational Service Unit Coordination Council, presented information to the Board on the ESUCC.

2.2. Agenda Overview and Consent Agenda Process

3.1.A. Commissioner Maher's recommendation and items to be removed from consent agenda

No items were requested to be removed.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner's report.

NDE Representatives, Allyson DenBeste, and Lane Carr, provided information on the Nebraska Literacy Project.

2.3. Introduction of Lindsey Wilson, 2025 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Middle School Teacher at Bennington Middle School, Bennington, Nebraska

The 2025 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Lindsey Wilson, Middle School Teacher at Bennington Middle School, Bennington, Nebraska, provided an introduction to her family, her classroom, education, and her goals for this year.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tegtmeier delivered the President's Report.

President Tegtmeier called for a break at 10:15 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Public Comment

The following individuals from the public spoke with regard to the Theater and Speech endorsements in Rule 24 being supplemental and requiring an approved field experience:

Al Koontz, Brooke Phillips, DeLoris Tonack, John Heineman, Lori Long, Dominic Long, Jaydee Worden, Randall Bretz, Dan Hays, Peg Sinnard, and Steve Barth.

Heather Schmidt spoke with regard to dyslexia and the Nebraska Literacy Plan.

5.2. Written Public Comment

There was one Written Public Comment submitted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Deborah Neary to approve the Consent Agenda

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

7. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

7.1. Action Item: Adopt the Nebraska Literacy Project Plan

Commissioner Maher recommended no action on the item at this time.

7.2. Action Item: Amend the Previously Adopted Motion to Accept the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant Funds and Authorize the Commissioner to Enter into Contracts and Subawards to Carry Out Grant Activities

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Sherry Jones to amend the previously adopted motion to accept the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant Funds and authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts and subawards to carry out grant activities by striking, “and authorize the Commissioner to enter into contracts and subawards and to carry out grant activities.”, so that the motion, if amended would read, “to Accept the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant Funds.”

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Liz Renner to refer the motion to the Budget and Finance Committee

Deborah Neary	Yes
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed and was referred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Information items and reports are linked through Sparq under Board Agenda item 8.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

(NONE)

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln, Nebraska.