



Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

NEBRASKA COUNCIL ON TEACHER EDUCATION Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

NCTE FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 14, 2025

The Nebraska Department of Education, 500 S. 84th St., Lincoln, NE

Present

HED – P. Adams; S. Alford; A. Buschelman; T. Frey; J. Jansky; B. Jech; D. Mickey; L. Sankey; S. Skretta; N. Christensen; L. Nelson

NASB – S. Summers; D. Blakely

NCAPE – V. Kauffold

NCCA –

NCSA – C. Boyer; M. Mollring; S. Smith; J. Harris; C. Proski

NCSASB –

NDE – B. Dirksen, K. Larsen

NSEA – D. Casey; M. Edquist; S. Loney; M. Simsic; D. Rohan; S. Stake, T. Jacobs; B. Welsch; D. Garcia

TSB – M. Fouts

Alternates:

HED – K. Gomez-Johnson; J. Allen-Pickett; A. Fette; J. Hearn; C. Romanuck Murphy; C. Legler; M. McKelvey

NASB –

NCCA –

NCSA –

NSEA – S. Blackmore

NDE – J. Kent

TSB – K. Mace

Guests:

NDE – C. Humm; B. Michael; O. Alberts; M. Payzant

OTHER - T. Tystad – *NSEA*

Absent Without Alternate Replacement:

HED - E. DeHart; J. Jones

NASB –

NCAPE -

NCCA - P. Illich

NCSA – B. McNiff; C. Worrell, A. Tomjack; M. Lenihan; J. Widdifield

NCSASB - L. Muhammad

NDE –

TSB –

NSEA – J. Benson; L. Perez; S. Heng; M. Tebbe

HED - Higher Education

NCCA-NE Community College Association

NASB-NE Association of School Boards

NCAPE-NE Council on American Private Education

NCSA-NE Council of School Administrators

TSB – Teachers State Board Appointed

NSEA - NE State Education Association

NDE – NE Dept. of Education



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First General Session – President Skretta presiding.

Declaration of Legal Meeting and Open Meetings Act: Stated by Skretta at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of June 14, 2024, General Session Meeting Minutes: Motion by Edquist to approve the minutes; second by Mollring.

Full Council Meeting Minutes. Motion by M. Edquist; second by Mollring. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Meeting Report: Skretta reviewed the minutes from the December 13, 2024 meeting.

Nebraska Department of Education Update- Brad Dirksen, NDE

- NDE Rule revisions: current rules are waiting for the Governor’s signature
- Discussed timeline for future stakeholder groups for rule revisions and endorsement reviews.
- Apprenticeship program: updates on current application
- Certification: Provided data demonstrating increased efficiencies in process and staffing update
- Federal Government funding: Information shared related to funding and program status related to current federal direction

Special Presentation: Science of reading - Becky Michael and Olivia Alberts, NDE

- Presented the general overview of science and reading, processes that have been implemented at all levels and other discussions and initiatives with p-12, IHEs and other stakeholder groups.

Nominating Committee Report – Skretta, Frey

- Election protocol from the NCTE Organizational Policies was reviewed
- The President-elect will be from the Governance membership.
- Nominating committee chair Frey presented the slate of Mitch Mollring for President-Elect.
- Skretta opened the floor for additional nominations.
- Motion by S. Smith moved that nominations cease; second by Edquist seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Announcements and Standing Committee Agenda Review - Skretta Previewed the Standing *

- Reviewed topics and priority assignments to each committee:
 - Public Comment Procedure Draft
 - Endorsement/Rule Review Timeline
 - Endorsement/Rule 24 Strategic Planning
 - NCTE Structure and Operations Review

Standing Committee Reports

- **Committee A:** Chair Mollring reported on the Public Comment procedure draft and the rule review process, timeline and implementation.



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- **Committee B:** Chair Frey reported on the Public Comment procedure draft and Rule 24 timelines and operations.
- **Committee C:** Chair Jacobs reported on the Public Comment procedure draft, the Rules change process, Endorsement/Rule 24 Reviews and NCTE Structure and Operations.

President Skretta declared the first session closed at 12:05 p.m.

Second session: President Skretta called session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Working Lunch: Committees continued discussion on their agenda incorporating information and discussion from the first session.

Standing Committee

Committee A: Chair Mollring

- Supported public comment draft with consideration of comment times. Provided suggestions related to the Endorsement processes for Rule 24 timeline and processes, Ad Hoc guidance review and NCTE operations and structure recommendations.

Committee B: Chair T. Frey

- Supported public comment draft with consideration of comment times and suggestions to explore other details related to open meetings with this section. Recommended aligning standards and endorsement review timelines and modifying the ad hoc committee processes for efficiency.

Committee C: Chair T. Jacobs

- Supported public comment draft with consideration of comment times, review rule change process related to circumstances beyond our control and accountability related to NCTE

Adjournment: Skretta adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.