

**State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.**

Thursday-Friday September 4-5, 2025

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

[Link to Agenda and Attachments](#)

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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 WORK SESSION, Thursday, September 4, 2025, 12:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

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

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. BUSINESS**

2.1. Information on Agency Hiring Process

NDE Representative, Amy Spellman, provided information on the agency hiring process.

2.2. Strategic Plan Update

NDE Representative, Ryan Foor, provided an updated on the Strategic Plan.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

The State Board of Education will reconvene Friday, September 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at Nebraska Department of Education, State Board Room, 500 S 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, September 5, 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:

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

Commissioner Maher was also in attendance.

Absent: Deborah Neary

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. Annual Presentation from the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE)

Susan Stake, President-Elect on the NCTE Executive Committee, provided the annual presentation from the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education (NCTE). Tim Frey, Committee B Chair, answered how NAPE Scores are used.

2.2. Adopt the Resolution to Recognize September as Attendance Awareness Month and Commence the “Nebraska Every Day Counts!” Campaign

Motion by Sherry Jones, second by Liz Renner to adopt the Resolution to recognize September as Attendance Awareness Month and commence the “Nebraska Every Day Counts!” Campaign.

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

The motion passed.

**3. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

3.1. 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 from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Maher delivered the Commissioner’s report.

#### 4. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Tegtmeier did not have a President’s report.

#### 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

##### 5.1. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

##### 5.2. Written Public Comment

There was one Written Public Comment submitted.

#### 6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Liz Renner, second by Kristin Christensen to approve the Consent Agenda.

Deborah Neary	Absent
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. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. **Executive Committee** – Elizabeth Tegtmeier, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.2. **Budget and Finance Committee** – Kristin Christensen, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

##### 7.2.A. Monthly Board Travel Expense Report

There was no further discussion on this item.

##### 7.2.B. Action Item: Nebraska Improvement Grant Projects

The Committee recommended no action.

##### 7.2.C. Action Item: Approve the Contract for the Nebraska Literacy Leadership Network

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Kirk Penner to approve the contract for the Nebraska Literacy Leadership Network.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: McKinney-Vento Grant Proposed Funds for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to approve McKinney-Vento Grant Proposed Funds for the 2025-2026 School Year.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.E. Action Item: Approve Contracts for SLDS Grant Activities

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Liz Renner to authorize the Commissioner to approve contracts for SLDS Grant Activities.

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

The motion passed.

7.2.F. Discussion Item: 2025-2026 Deficit Budget Request

There was no further discussion on this item.

7.3. **Planning and Evaluation Committee Report** – Lisa Schonhoff, Chair, reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.3.A. Action Item: Approve Rule 11 Teacher Waiver Requests

Motion by Maggie Douglas, second by Kristin Christensen to approve Rule 11 Teacher Waiver requests from Bloomfield, Stapleton, and Umon Hon Nation Public Schools.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.B. Action Item: Pilot Process for Clinical Practice at the University of Nebraska Kearney

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Liz Renner to approve the Pilot Process for Clinical Practice at the University of Nebraska Kearney.

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

The motion passed.

7.3.C. Discussion Item: Subject Area Examinations and Passing Scores for Temporary Certificates

No further discussion.

7.4. **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Maggie Douglas, Chair reported on the meeting of the Committee.

7.4.A. Report on Rules

The report on rules is linked through Sparq in Board Agenda item 7.4.A.

7.4.B. Action Item: Proposed Revision of Rule 8 (92 NAC 8) Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Kristin Christensen to approve proposed revision of Rule 8 (92 NAC 8) Regulations for School Finance and Budgeting/State Funding of Educational Service Units and Learning Communities.

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

The motion passed.

7.4.C. Action Item: Proposed Revision of Rule 86 (92 NAC 86) Regulations and Procedures for Public School Breakfast Program Reimbursement

Motion by Lisa Schonhoff, second by Kirk Penner to approve proposed revision of Rule 86 (92 NAC 86) Regulations and Procedures for Public School Breakfast Program Reimbursement.

Deborah Neary	Absent
Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Yes
Kirk Penner	Yes
Kristin Christensen	Yes
Lisa Schonhoff	Yes

Liz Renner	Yes
Maggie Douglas	Yes
Sherry Jones	Yes

The motion passed.

## **8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

(NONE)

## **9. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS**

Information items and reports are linked through Sparq under Board Agenda item 9.

## **10. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Elizabeth Tegtmeier and Kristin Christensen are both attending the Nebraska MTSS Summit October 9-10, 2025, in Kearney.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

The next meetings of the State Board of Education are scheduled for October 2 and 3, 2025, in Fremont, Nebraska.