

State of Nebraska
School Financing Review Commission
Minutes of the Tuesday, November 18, 2025, Meeting
Nebraska Department of Education Office Building, State Board Room,
500 S. 84th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510

Publicized notice of the meeting was given by posting notice on the Department of Education website and emailed to a list of news media, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Call to Order – Chairperson, Commission Brian L. Maher, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

a. Roll call – Roll call showed the following members were present:

Tom Briese	Ann Foster	Shavonna Holman
Shawna Koger	Grant Latimer	Lou Ann Linehan
Brian Maher	Fred Meyer	Aaron Plas
Keith Runge	John Schwartz	Sarah Scott
Liz Standish	Paul Turman	
Sen. Eliot Bostar	Sen. Jana Hughes	Sen. Dave Murman

(arrived at 1:09 p.m.)

The following members were absent:

Jason Dolliver

b. The chairperson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act

The chairperson announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act information in the meeting room.

3. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion by Plas, second by Koger to approve the minutes of the previous School Financing Review Commission meeting.

Schwartz	Yes	Turman	Yes
Maher	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Plas	Yes	Meyer	Yes
Scott	Yes	Standish	Yes
Briese	Yes	Holman	Yes
Linehan	Yes	Runge	Yes
Dolliver	Absent	Koger	Yes
Foster	Yes		

The motion was adopted.

4. Discussion of Report to Legislature

The chairperson proposed a process for small group discussions to review the proposed draft of the Commission’s annual report to the Legislature, due December 1, 2025. Commission members engaged in small group discussions, six members per group. Following the small group discussion, group leaders John Schwartz, Liz Standish, and Paul Turman reported a summary of proposed edits to the draft report. Discussion continued among the full Commission with proposed edits to the draft report. The chairperson proposed the Commission meeting take a recess, for the Executive Committee to convene to consider the feedback from the discussion and propose a second draft. The Commission meeting recessed. Following the recess, the Executive Committee presented the proposed revisions to the Commission. The recording secretary read the revisions proposed by the committee. Additional revisions were proposed by Commission members and agreed upon by consensus.

5. Potential Adoption of Report to Legislature

Motion by Schwartz, second by Holman adopt the proposed annual report to the Nebraska Legislature and direct the chair to submit to the Clerk pursuant to state statute, and authorize the Executive Committee to approve non-substantive changes and the inclusion of a glossary to the report.

Linehan	Yes	Meyer	Yes
Koger	Yes	Briese	Yes
Schwartz	Yes	Latimer	Yes
Standish	Yes	Turman	Yes
Runge	Yes	Plas	Yes
Holman	Yes	Scott	Yes
Dolliver	Absent	Maher	Yes
Foster	Yes		

The motion was adopted.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

The next meeting of the School Financing Review Commission will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, date and time to be determined.