

State Board of Education Work Session and Business Meeting.

Friday, February 6, 2026

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

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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 OF EDUCATION MEETING, Friday, February 6, 2026, 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 (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)	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. Nebraska State Colleges – Reimagining Educator Preparation Pathways

Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor of the Nebraska State College System, presented on the Reimagining Educator Preparation Pathways programs.

2.2. CTE Month Recognition

NDE Staff member, Katie Graham, made a statement recognizing February as National CTE Month and that Nebraska has four national officers in Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). Claire Woepfel, National FFA Central Region Vice President; James Fletcher, FBLA National Mountain Plains Region Vice President; Owen Elsasser, Educators Rising, Vice President of Communications; and Annabelle Kumm, FBLA National Parliamentarian spoke of their work and experiences.

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

There was no President's report.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

5.1. Public Comment

The following individuals spoke in public comment: Loan Eby, Rachel Pinkerton, Doug Kagan, Greg Epp, and Caroline Epp.

5.2. Written Public Comment

There was no written public comment submitted.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Kristin Christensen, 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. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

7.1.A. Discussion Item: Review 2026 Proposed State Legislation

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 the item.

7.2.B. Action Item: Contract Renewal to Build-Out Data Collection Processes to Meet Federal Post-School Outcome Data Report Requirements

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to renew a contract to build-out data collection processes to meet Federal Post-School Outcome Date Report Requirements.

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.

7.2.C. Action Item: Accept Preschool Development Grant Funds and Subcontract to Fulfill Grant Requirements

Motion by Kristin Christensen, second by Maggie Douglas to accept the Preschool Development Grant Funds.

Motion by Liz Renner, second by Deborah Neary to postpone action on the item to the March 2026 meeting.

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

The motion to postpone passed.

7.2.D. Action Item: Accept Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Funds and Subcontract to Fulfill Grant Requirements

No action was taken on this item.

7.2.E. Action Item: Accept School-Based Mental Health Services Grant Funds and Subcontract to Fulfill Grant Requirements

No action was taken 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: Community Achievement Plan (CAP) of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

Motion by Kirk Penner, second by Kristin Christensen to approve the CAP of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Liz Renner to suspend the rules and refer the Community Achievement Plan (CAP) of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties to the Executive Committee.

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

The motion passed and the item was referred to the Executive Committee.

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.

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

(NONE)

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

The next meetings of the State Board of Education are scheduled for March 5-6, 2026, in Lincoln, Nebraska.