

State Board of Education Business Meeting.

Tuesday August 11, 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, Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

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

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following attendance:

Deborah Neary	Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Kirk Penner (arrived 1:08 p.m.)
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. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

2.1. Public Comment

The following individuals spoke in public comment:

- Online: Bishop K. Jevon Chambers, Angel Starks, Margo Juarez, AnJanae Hargrove, Meghan McLarny, Sean McGhee, Cecilia Schneider, Latasha Willis, JoAnna LeFlore, Willie Barney (left the call – returned to call 2:05 p.m.), and Terrell McKinny.
- In-person: Virginia Smith, Jessica Jurgensen, Candice Price, Portia Cavitt, Lacey Lamar, T. Michael Williams, and DerNecia Phillips.

2.2. Written Public Comment

There was forty-eight Written Public Comment submitted.

3. BUSINESS

3.1. Action Item: Conditional Approval of New Nonpublic Rule 14 School System, Identity Preparatory Academy

Motion by Deborah Neary, second by Kristin Christensen to authorize Conditional Approval of New Nonpublic Rule 14 School System, Identity Preparatory Academy.

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

Lisa Schonhoff	Yes
Deborah Neary	Yes

The motion passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

The next meetings of the State Board of Education are scheduled for September 3-4, 2026, in Lincoln, Nebraska.