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# MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
Wayne State College  
Kanter Student Center, Niobrara Room  
1111 Main Street  
Wayne, Nebraska  
Friday, May 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.**

*Public notice of meeting*

Public notice of this meeting was given by posting notice on the Commission's website; posting notice on the State of Nebraska's online public meeting calendar; e-mailing news media; and keeping a current copy of the agenda in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's office, listing the date, time, and location of the meeting.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON MAY 20, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.

AN AGENDA IS MAINTAINED IN THE COMMISSION OFFICE, 140 N. 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 300, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

*Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.*

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for introductions.

**Commissioners Present**

Gwenn Aspen	Mary Lauritzen
Tim Daniels	Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Dr. Dennis Headrick	W. Scott Wilson

**Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Jeremy Chancellor	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm

*Dr. Marysz Rames, Wayne State College*

**WELCOME**

Dr. Marysz Rames, President at Wayne State College, welcomed the Commissioners, presented a packet about the college offerings to everyone, and showed a short video and PowerPoint presentation on Wayne State College's strategic plan and happenings around campus.

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*Minutes of March 10, 2022, approved*

**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Frison made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Headrick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

**Chair Aspen closed the public hearing on Matters of General Concern.**

*Public Hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.

**Chair Aspen closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.**

*Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee*

**BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Daniels, Committee Chair, stated the Committee met and did an extensive review of the project that will be voted upon today. He introduced Jeremy Chancellor, Facilities Officer, to present the proposal.

*Commissioner Daniels spoke*

*Southeast Community College - Lincoln Campus - STEM Center Phase 1, Technology Tower*

**Southeast Community College - Lincoln Campus - STEM Center Phase I, Technology Tower**

Mr. Chancellor stated that Southeast Community College is proposing a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Center that would consist of two buildings at the 8800 O Street campus, a Technology Tower, and a Science Tower. Funding for the Phase 1 project will come from private donations, institutional cash funds, and capital improvement property taxes. Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction, Ms. Bev Cummins, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Mr. Aaron Epps, Director of Facilities came forward to discuss the project and answer Commissioners' questions.

*Jeremy Chancellor presented the proposal*

*Dr. Joel Michaelis, Ms. Bev Cummins and Mr. Aaron Epps, Southeast Community College*

*Southeast Community College - Lincoln Campus - STEM Center Phase 1, Technology Tower approved*

**Commissioner Daniels stated that pursuant to the Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414, the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education recommends approval of Southeast Community College's proposal to use \$38,438,100 in capital improvement property taxes to construct Phase 1 of the STEM Center on the Lincoln Campus as outlined in the amended program statement approved by the SCC Board of Governors on March 15, 2022. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Academic Programs Committee Items.

**Chair Aspen closed the public hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items.**

Academic Programs Committee

Commissioner O'Holleran spoke

University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Athletic Training, MS

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. Dennis Perkey, University of  
Nebraska

AP Committee recommendation

University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Athletic Training, MS,  
approved

Wayne State College - Proposal for a  
New Instructional Program - Trauma  
Counseling, Graduate Certificate

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Steve Elliott, Wayne State College

AP Committee recommendation

Wayne State College - Proposal for a  
New Instructional Program - Trauma  
Counseling, Graduate Certificate  
approved

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner O'Holleran, Committee Chair, introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, to present the first academic item on the agenda.

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Athletic Training, MS**

Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has had an accredited Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training program since 2004. The accreditor's change in requirements that accredited programs cannot allow students into a bachelor's program after fall 2022 justifies the creation of the MS program. Dr. Dennis Perkey, Program Director / Clinical Education Coordinator of the Athletic Training Program spoke and thanked the Commission for the opportunity to present the program for consideration.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve the MS in Athletic Training at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Athletic Training, MS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Wayne State College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Trauma Counseling, Graduate Certificate**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting that Wayne State College has several counseling programs, but the purpose of the proposed graduate certificate would provide students with a specialization in trauma counseling. Dr. Fimple commented that practicing clinicians report they are not adequately prepared to do trauma counseling. This explains the high need for the program. Mr. Steve Elliott, Vice President for Academic Affairs, discussed how the program will provide a variety of counseling opportunities for their students.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Trauma Counseling at Wayne State College.

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Wayne State College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Trauma counseling, Graduate Certificate.**

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**A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Southeast Community College -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Concrete Construction  
Technician, AAS, Diploma, Certificate*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Caleb Herwick, Dr. Joel Michaelis,  
Southeast Community College*

*AP Committee recommendation*

*Southeast Community College -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Concrete Construction  
Technician, AAS, Diploma, Certificate  
approved*

*Southeast Community College -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Geographic Information  
Systems Technician, AAS, Advanced  
Certificate*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Dr. Joel Michaelis, Southeast  
Community College*

*AP Committee recommendation*

*Southeast Community College -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program - Geographic Information  
Systems Technician, AAS, Advanced  
Certificate approved*

**Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Concrete Construction Technician, AAS, Diploma, Certificate**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that this program would build on Southeast Community College's existing concrete construction technology courses by having additional courses for a certificate and then more advanced courses for a diploma and ultimately an associate degree. The community has asked the college to provide students with skills in the newest techniques to fill needed jobs in this field. Mr. Caleb Herwick, Dean of Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering & Technology, and Dr. Michaelis answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve the Associate of Applied Science degree, diploma, and certificate in Concrete Construction Technician at Southeast Community College.

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Concrete Construction Technician, AAS, Diploma, and Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Geographic Information Systems Technician, AAS, Advanced Certificate**

Dr. Fimple presented the program proposal, commenting that a Geographic Information System (GIS) is a database containing geographical data that allows users to analyze, manage, and map data. The program would be offered online and builds on the existing certificate by providing advanced concepts and techniques in GIS. Dr. Michaelis noted this program will help those working in the GIS field to expand skills and knowledge needed by their employers.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve the Associate of Applied Science degree and the advanced certificate in Geographic Information Systems Technician at Southeast Community College.

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Southeast Community College's Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Geographic Information Systems Technician, AAS, Advanced Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

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University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Organizational  
Unit - Center for Women's Health  
Research

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal

Dr. John Davis, UNMC

AP Committee recommendation

Commissioner Von Behren spoke

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
- Proposal for a New Organizational  
Unit - Center for Women's Health  
Research approved

Western Governors University, Salt  
Lake City, Utah - Application for a  
Recurrent Authorization to Operate:  
Establish an Administrative Office in  
Nebraska

Dr. Fimple presented the request

Lucas Kavlie, Western Governors  
University

AP Committee recommendation

**University of Nebraska Medical Center - Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Women's Health Research**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that the proposed center would bring attention to women's unique health needs. The center would serve as a hub that implements education, research and training focused on women's health and provide a platform for the community to interact with the center. Dr. John Davis, Professor and Director of Research and Development at the UNMC Olson Center for Women's Health, noted the center has been in the making for several years, and that the program is centered around education and research with collaboration from many sources.

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve the Center for Women's Health Research at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Commissioner Von Behren commented that in past discussions regarding centers, the Commission's bylaws indicate that in order for the Commission to approve a center, state funds must be provided, and this proposal does not meet those funding requirements. Dr. Baumgartner stated in discussions with the state attorney general's office that approval such as this one falls within our interpretation of the guidelines. He added there is nothing in our guidelines that disqualifies approval of this proposal. Chair Aspen proposed that this discussion be entered into the record and that the Commission move forward with the Committee recommendation on the proposal.

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Proposal for a New Organizational Unit - Center for Women's Health Research. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, and Wilson. Voting no: Von Behren. The motion carried.**

**Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate: Establish an Administrative Office in Nebraska**

Dr. Fimple presented the request noting that Western Governors University is an online accredited institution applying for authorization to establish an administrative office in Nebraska. Lucas Kavlie, Vice Provost, Compliance and Accreditation at WGU, spoke about the student assessments and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner O'Holleran read the Committee Recommendation:  
That the Commission approve the recurrent authorization to operate for:

Institution:	Western Governors University
Chief Executive Officer:	Scott Pulsipher, President

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*Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah - Application for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate: Establish an Administrative Office in Nebraska approved*

*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida - Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*AP Committee recommendation*

*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida - Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate approved*

*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Application to Modify a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Business Analytics, BS*

*Dr. Fimple presented the application*

*AP Committee recommendation*

*Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Application to Modify a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Business Analytics, BS approved*

Level of authorization: Authorized to establish in the state an administrative office for the university  
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through June 1, 2027)

**Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the Western Governors University’s Request for a Recurrent Authorization to Operate: Establish an Administrative Office in Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: The motion carried.**

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida - Application for Renewal of a Recurrent Authorization to Operate**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, commenting that Embry-Riddle has been offering programs in Nebraska for many years and has been approved by the Commission since 2012, providing education and research in aviation, aerospace, engineering, and related fields.

Commissioner O’Holleran read the Committee Recommendation: That the Commission approve the renewal of the recurrent authorization to operate for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Institution: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Owner: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Board of Directors  
Level of authorization: Authorized to offer one or more complete degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, and master’s levels, limited to the programs listed on page 2.  
Length of authorization: Five years (valid through May 31, 2027)

**Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve renewal of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Application to Modify a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Business Analytics, BS**

Dr. Fimple presented the application noting Embry-Riddle has offered instruction in Nebraska for over 30 years. The program will be offered at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Commissioner O’Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to approve modification to the recurrent authorization to operate for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to include the Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics.

**Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University’s Modification to a Recurrent Authorization to Operate - Business**

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**Analytics, BS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*University of Missouri - Request for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis*

*Dr. Fimple presented the request.*

**University of Missouri - Request for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis**

Dr. Fimple presented the request, noting the University of Missouri has been approved to operate consistently since 2001. They initially entered into an agreement with the University of Nebraska at Omaha to provide locations in Omaha. Their agreement with UNO expired and they now have an agreement with Bellevue University. Most of the classes are hybrid, with online options, but if face-to-face instruction is required it is on the Bellevue University campus. After twenty years an institution can request status to operate on a continuing basis, which the University of Missouri did.

*AP Committee recommendation*

Commissioner O'Holleran stated that the Committee recommendation is to authorize the University of Missouri to operate on a continuing basis.

*University of Missouri - Request for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis approved*

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve the University of Missouri's Request for Authorization to Operate on a Continuing Basis. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*2020-2021 Existing Program Review*

**2020-2021 Existing Program Review**

The following University, State College, and Community College programs were approved by the Executive Director for continuation:

**Metropolitan Community College**

- Health Data Information Management (AAS)
- Health Information Management Systems (AAS, Certificate)
- Health Information Technology (AAS, Certificate)
- Computer Technology (AS)
- Information Technology (AAS)
- Versatilist IT (AAS)

**Northeast Community College**

- Information Technology (AA, AAS, Certificate)

**Southeast Community College**

- Computer Information Technology (AAS)

**University of Nebraska at Kearney**

- Applied Computer Science (BS)
- Computer Science Comprehensive (BS)
- Information Systems/Tech (BS)
- INT Telecommunications Management (BS)
- Cyber Security Operations (BS)

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Cybersecurity (BS, MS, Graduate Certificate)
- IT Innovation (BS, MS)
- IT Administration (Undergraduate Certificate)
- Information Technology (Executive MS, PhD)
- Computer Science (BS, MS)
- Computer Science Education (MS, Graduate Certificate)
- Communication Networks (Graduate Certificate)
- Software Engineering (Graduate Certificate)
- Artificial Intelligence (Graduate Certificate)
- Systems and Architecture (Graduate Certificate)
- Data Science (MS)
- Bioinformatics (BS, BSBI)
- Social Work (BS)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Information Technology (joint) UNL, UNO (PhD)
- Computer Science (BA, BS, MS, PhD)
- Computer Engineering Interdepartmental (BSCP Lincoln) (BS Omaha)
- Software Engineering (BS)
- Statistics (MS, PhD)

University of Nebraska Medical Center/ University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Biomedical Informatics (MS, PhD)

Wayne State College

- Computer Information Systems (BA, BS)
- Computer Science (BA, BS)

**Report on Institutional Activities Relating to Existing Programs**

*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions*

Reasonable and Moderate Extensions

- MCC - Legal Professional, Certificate of Achievement
- MCC - Litigation Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Transactional Law Specialist, Career Certificate
- MCC - Prototype Design, Career Certificate
- NECC - Personal Training, Diploma
- SCC - Baking/Pastry, AAS, Diploma
- SCC - Bookkeeping, Certificate
- SCC - Global Studies, Certificate
- SCC - Office Professional, Certificate
- SCC - Culinary/Hospitality, Culinary Communications Focus, AAS, Diploma
- SCC - Computer Information Technology Applications Development, AAS
- SCC - Computer Information Technology Computer Support, AAS
- SCC - Computer Information Technology Cybersecurity, AAS



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*Reasonable and Moderate Extensions  
continued*

- SCC - Computer Information Technology Network Management, AAS
- SCC - Electronic Systems Technology, AVD/Low Voltage Systems Focus, AAS, Certificate
- SCC - Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning Technology, AAS
- SCC - Peer Support, Certificate
- UNL - Special Education K-6, Bachelor of Science
- UNL - Urban Design, Graduate Certificate
- UNL - Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Graduate Certificate
- UNL and UNMC - Master of Community and Regional Planning and Master of Public Health, Dual Degree Program
- WSC - Strength & Conditioning, Graduate Certificate
- WSC - Addictions Counseling, Graduate Certificate
- WSC - Intercultural Workplace Communication, Undergraduate Certificate

*Discontinued Programs*

Discontinued Programs

- MCC - Legal Office Administration, Certificate of Achievement
- SCC - MOPAR-CAP, AAS
- UNL - Athletic Training, Bachelor of Science

*Name Changes*

Name Changes

- NECC - Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, AA, changed to *Recreation, AA*
- NECC - Music Theatre, AA, changed to *Theatre Musical Performance, AA*

Chair Aspen called for a break at 11:55 a.m. The meeting resumed at 12:10 p.m.

*Chair's Report*

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Aspen stated that Commissioner Charles Garman has resigned from the Commission effective May 19, 2022.

*Nominating Committee*

*Commissioner O'Holleran announced  
the nominations for 2022-2023  
Commission Officers*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner O'Holleran reported that she, along with Commissioners Daniels, Wilson, and Lauritzen, made up the nominating committee for Commission officers for 2022-2023. She presented the Committee's slate of nominations for Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and two other members of the 2022-2023 Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioner Aspen to continue to serve as Commission Chair from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

*Commissioner Aspen approved to serve  
as Chair for 2022-2023*

**Commissioner O'Holleran, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioner Aspen to serve as Commission Chair from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. A roll call vote was**

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**taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. Abstain: Aspen. The motion carried.**

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioner Von Behren to continue to serve as Vice Chair from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

*Commissioner Von Behren approved to served as Vice Chair for 2022-2023*

**Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioner Von Behren to serve as Commission Vice Chair from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, and Wilson. Abstain: Von Behren. The motion carried.**

The Nominating Committee proposed approval of Commissioners Frison and Daniels to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

*Commissioners Frison and Daniels approved to serve on Executive Committee for 2022-2023*

**Commissioner O’Holleran, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, moved to approve Commissioners Frison and Daniels to serve on the Executive Committee, along with the Chair and Vice Chair, from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Headrick, Lauritzen, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. Abstain: Daniels and Frison. The motion carried.**

*Executive Director’s Report  
Out-of-service area applications*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The following out-of-service area application request was **approved** by the executive director:

- Offered by Metropolitan Community College  
Face to face setting from MCC to Plattsmouth High School, Plattsmouth, NE
  - MATH 0910, 0930, 0931, 1220, 1240, 1315 (Math Readiness)  
2022 - 2023 Academic year

The following out-of-service area application request was **denied** since the location for the proposed courses is not in UNK’s geographic service area. It is in Mid-Plains Community College’s area. Mid-Plains is capable of offering the courses and has made that clear to Mullen High School. The Mullen science teacher who initiated the course request through UNK declined to participate with Mid-Plains at this time.

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Interactive two-way video, from UNK to Mullen Public School, Mullen, NE
  - BIOI 105 - 4 credits
  - BIOII 106 - 4 credits  
August 15, 2022 - December 23, 2022 (105)  
January 3, 2023 - May 20, 2023 (106)

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*Gary Timm presented the Third Quarter Budget Report*

Dr. Baumgartner called on Gary Timm, Chief Financial Officer, to present the Third Quarter Budget Report. Mr. Timm discussed several points of interest on the administrative funds report and spoke briefly on the status of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), the Community College Gap Assistance Program, the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), Guaranty Recovery Program, and the Community College ARPA Grants.

*Dr. Baumgartner presents 2022-2023 Biennial Budget Changes Passed by 2022 Legislature*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that the Legislature has adjourned and discussed results impacting higher education. He provided a document outlining the 2022-2023 Biennial Budget Changes Passed by 2022 Legislature that include changes from LB 1011 (General Funds) and LB 1014 (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021).

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed the attainment goal*

Dr. Baumgartner stated that with the adoption of LR 335, CCPE, NDE, NU, NSCS, and the community colleges will continue to meet and focus on steps needed to achieve the attainment goal. The Lumina Foundation plans to include the attainment goal in their annual report *Stronger Nation*.

Chair Aspen called for a lunch break at 12:40 p.m. The meeting resumed at 1:05 p.m.

*Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System*

### **PRESENTATION**

Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor for the Nebraska State College System, gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting outcomes of the State Colleges for Nebraska Strategic Plan of 2025. He also presented an interactive data dashboard that focuses on degree attainment that is available on the NSCS website, [www.nscs.edu](http://www.nscs.edu).

*Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items*

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE ITEMS**

There was no testimony on Planning and Consumer Information Items.

**Chair Aspen closed the public hearing on Planning and Consumer Information Committee Items.**

*Planning and Consumer Information Committee*

### **PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Lauritzen spoke*

Commissioner Lauritzen acknowledged Committee members who recently met to discuss their item on the agenda. She asked Dr. Baumgartner to present Resolution 22-02.

*Resolution 22-02, Adopt the LR 335 State Attainment Goal as Evidence of the Commission's Support of the Goal*

### **Resolution 22-02, Adopt the LR 335 State Attainment Goal as Evidence of the Commission's Support of the Goal**

*Dr. Baumgartner discussed the attainment goal*

Dr. Baumgartner stated that Legislative Resolution 335 was adopted by the Nebraska Legislature. The resolution was developed and supported by all sectors of public education and declares that the State of Nebraska's goal is for at least seventy percent of 25 - 34-year-old Nebraskans to have a degree, certificate, diploma or other postsecondary or industry-recognized credential with economic value by 2030.

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*Resolution 22-02, Adopt the LR 335 State Attainment Goal as Evidence of the Commission's Support of the Goal adopted*

*Executive Committee*

*Proposed Agency Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023*

*Mr. Timm presented the Committee recommendations*

*Executive Committee recommendation*

*Proposed Agency Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, approved*

*Resolution 22-01: Delegate Administration of the Community College ARPA Grant Program to the Executive Director*

*Dr. Baumgartner spoke*

*Executive Committee recommendation*

*Resolution 22-01: Delegate Administration of the Community College ARPA Grant Program to the Executive Director approved*

Commissioner Lauritzen stated the Committee recommendation is that the Commission approve Resolution 22-02.

**Commissioner Lauritzen, on behalf of the Planning and Consumer Information Committee, moved to adopt the LR 3335 state attainment goal Resolution 22-02. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Proposed Agency Budget Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Mr. Timm presented the Committee recommendations on the administrative budget and provided a summary of the NOG, ACE, Gap Assistance, Guaranty Recovery, and Community College ARPA programs and answered Commissioner's questions.

The Committee recommendation is to approval the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Agency Budget.

**Chair Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the Proposed Agency Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

### **Resolution 22-01: Delegate Administration of the Community College APRA Grant Program to the Executive Director**

Dr. Baumgartner stated that earlier this year Governor Ricketts signed LB 1014, which appropriates over \$1 billion of federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to state agencies in response to negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The six Nebraska community colleges will receive funds, as well as discounted tuition for students enrolled in dual credit. The Coordinating Commission is administering the grant. Resolution 22-01 proposes that administration of the Community College ARPA Grant program and state aid for dual enrollment be administered by the executive director. The executive director will report to the Commission updates on the approved grants in conjunction with quarterly agency budget reports.

The Committee recommendation is to approve Resolution 22-01.

**Chair Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve Resolution 22-01: Delegating Administration of the Community College APRA Grant Program to the Executive Director. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

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*Approve Revisions to Nebraska  
Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter  
12*

*Chair Aspen and Dr. Baumgartner  
spoke*

*Commissioner Frison moved to  
substitute last page of Item XV.C.  
Proposed amendment approved*

*Approve amended Revisions to  
Nebraska Administrative Code Title  
281 Chapter 12 approved*

*Amendments to the Coordinating  
Commission for Postsecondary  
Education's Bylaws*

*Chair Aspen stated the  
recommendation*

*Amendments to the Coordinating  
Commission for Postsecondary  
Education's Bylaws approved*

*Approval of the 2022-2023 Salary of  
the Executive Director*

*Commissioners go into closed session to  
discuss the executive director's salary*

## **Approve Revisions to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 12**

Chair Aspen stated that the Executive Committee recommendation is to approve the revisions to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 12. Dr. Baumgartner commented that the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the Commission recommended using the wording "Commission" rather than using "Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education" throughout the rules and regulations, italicize the wording "Nebraska Administrative Code", and replace the word "contentious" with "controversial".

**Commissioner Frison moved to substitute the last page of Item XV. C. in the agenda with the sheet that each Commission member received at the meeting labeled "Proposed amendment to Action Item XV. C. Approve Revision to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 12." Commissioner Von Behren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Chair Aspen, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the amended Revisions to Nebraska Administrative Code Title 281 Chapter 12. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

## **Amendments to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's Bylaws**

Chair Aspen stated the Committee recommendation is that the Commission adopt the proposed amendments to its bylaws as presented in the document.

**Commissioner Von Behren moved to approve the Amendments to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education's Bylaws. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren and Wilson. The motion carried.**

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**Commissioner Wilson made a motion to enter into closed session as authorized by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 84-1410, for the protection of the public interest and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Dr. Michael Baumgartner, who has not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of discussing the executive director's salary. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Wilson, Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran and Von Behren. The motion carried.**

Chair Aspen requested that staff and guests leave the room while the Commission goes into closed session to discuss the salary of the executive director recommended by the Executive Committee.

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*Closed session began at 2:05 p.m.*

*Closed session ended by unanimous vote at 2:20 p.m.*

*2022-2023 Salary of the Executive Director approved*

*Next Commission meeting is July 21, 2022*

*Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.*

The Commission entered into closed session at 2:05 p.m.

The Commission ended the closed session at 2:20 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Chair Aspen stated that formal action must be taken in open session on the executive director's salary recommendation, which is a five percent increase due to merit and additional responsibilities, specifically administration of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the proposed five percent salary increase for 2022-2023 for Executive Director Baumgartner. Commissioner O'Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Wilson, Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, and Von Behren. The motion carried.**

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, July 21, 8:30 a.m., at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.