
MINUTES

COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION 140 North 8th Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska Videoconference Via ZOOM Thursday, October 13, 2022 8:30 a.m. (CT)

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 VIRTUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2022. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 A.M.

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

GWENN ASPEN, CHAIR

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Aspen called the meeting to order at 8:30 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
Jill Heese	Joe Velasquez (ZOOM moderator)
Kadi Lukesh	

Minutes of September 8, 2022, Commission Meeting approved

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner O'Holleran made a motion to approve the September 8, 2022, Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Frison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. Abstaining: Daniels. The motion carried.

Minutes of September 8, 2022, Work Session approved

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, WORK SESSION

Commissioner Frison made a motion to approve the September 8, 2022, Work Session minutes as written. Commissioner Von Behren seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Aspen, Frison, Headrick, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. Abstaining: Daniels and Lauritzen. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Aspen did not have a report.

Executive Director's Report

Out-of-service area applications approved

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following out-of-service area application requests were approved by the executive director:

- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Mid-Plains Community College to Gering High School, Gering, NE
 - BLDC 1005 - Safety - 1 credit
September 6 - September 26, 2022
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Mid-Plains Community College to Gering High School, Gering, NE
 - BLDC 1170 - Framing Construction - 8 credits
September 6 - December 22, 2022
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Mid-Plains Community College to Gering High School, Gering, NE
 - BLDC 1225 - Building City Code & State Standards - 1 credit
September 27 - October 17, 2022
- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College
Interactive two-way video, from Mid-Plains Community College to Gering High School, Gering, NE
 - BLDC 1300 - Energy Efficiency in Residential - 1 credit
October 18 - November 7, 2022

Kadi Lukesh presented First Quarter Report

Kadi Lukesh, Office Manager/Budget Coordinator, presented the First Quarter Budget Report. Ms. Lukesh noted this quarter ended September 30 and that one-time annual payments made were listed on the administrative funds. Ms. Lukesh gave brief overviews of the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program (NOG), the Community College Gap Assistance Program, the Access College Early Scholarship (ACE), the Guaranty Recovery Program, the Community College American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants, and the Community College ARPA Funds (Agency 83) - Dual Enrollment report. Ms. Lukesh answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Dr. Baumgartner spoke on
Commissioner Frison*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that Commissioner Deborah Frison was recently selected as Deputy Commissioner of Education assuming the duties of the Commissioner at the Board of Education after Commissioner Blomstedt steps down in January.

*Participation in higher education
roundtable*

Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer, and Dr. Baumgartner participated in a higher education roundtable in September regarding the attainment goal. The roundtable included many of Nebraska's education, legislative, foundation, and chamber of commerce leaders. Dr. Fimple recently attended the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Committee meeting and the Nebraska Academic Partnership Conference for agriculture programs.

LR 373 hearing

On September 30, the Education Committee held a hearing on LR 373 to examine the possibility of developing a policy and implementing a statewide process of awarding college credit for military education and training. The committee appears to want to pursue the topic further.

MHEC meetings

On October 10 and 11, Dr. Baumgartner attended the Midwest Higher Education Compact's (MHEC) Midwest Credential Transparency Alliance meeting in Chicago, and will be attending MHEC's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio in November.

Nebraska Lottery funded programs

In the next couple of weeks Dr. Baumgartner will be speaking to the Education Committee regarding our lottery funded programs and financial aid for foster youth.

*Executive Assistant 10-year
recognition*

Dr. Baumgartner stated that Executive Assistant Helen Pope will be recognized for 10 years of service at the Commission next week at the capitol.

*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

Commissioner Tim Daniels

Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendation for the 2023-2025 Biennium

Gary Timm presented the budget recommendations

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska

Budget Committee recommendation

Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendation for the 2023-2025 Biennium approved

Commissioner O'Holleran was absent during the vote

Northeast Community College - Maclay Replacement Project - Norfolk Campus - Library Resource Center Remodel - Norfolk Campus

Jeremy Chancellor presented the project proposal

Dr. Leah Barret, Northeast Community College

Budget Committee recommendation

Northeast Community College - Maclay Replacement Project - Norfolk Campus - Library Resource Center Remodel - Norfolk Campus approved

BUDGET, CONSTRUCTION, AND FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

Commissioner Daniels stated due to various issues, the full Committee could not attend the recent conference call, therefore bringing the items for consideration to the full Commission.

Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendations for the 2023-2025 Biennium

Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administration Officer, presented the budget recommendations after review of the requests from the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State College System, and the community colleges. The Commission recommends funding of the institution's budget requests and that the state continue to concentrate on providing financial aid for students from low-income families and continue state support for public postsecondary institutions. Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Chancellor at the University of Nebraska, and Mr. Timm answered Commissioner's questions.

Committee recommendation: As a quorum was not attained for the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, the item is forwarded to the full Commission with no recommendation.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Postsecondary Education Operating and State Aid Budget Recommendations for the 2023-2025 Biennium. Commissioner Headrick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Northeast Community College - Maclay Replacement Project - Norfolk Campus - Library Resource Center Remodel - Norfolk Campus

Jeremy Chancellor, Facilities Officer, presented the proposal, indicating Northeast Community College is proposing a complete demolition of the existing Don F. Maclay Building and replacing it with a 52,000 square foot building that will house various programs, maximize efficiency, and maintaining student access in the middle of the campus at the total cost of \$25,024,393. The proposal also includes a complete interior renovation of the Library Resources Center at a cost of \$2,091,887.

Dr. Leah Barrett, President of Northeast Community College, and Kali Eklund from Wilkins, Architecture, Design and Planning, provided information on the projects and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Committee recommendation: As a quorum was not attained for the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, the item is forwarded to the full Commission with no recommendation.

Commissioner Lauritzen made a motion to approve the Northeast Community College - Maclay Replacement Project on the Norfolk

Campus and the Library Resource Center Remodel on the Norfolk Campus. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting aye: Aspen, Daniels, Frison, Headrick, Lauritzen, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.

Public Hearing on Planning and Consumer Information 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

Commissioner Mary Lauritzen

PLANNING AND CONSUMER INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lauritzen, Committee Chair, introduced Jill Heese, Research Director, to present the Enrollment portion of the *2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*.

2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska - Enrollment

Jill Heese presented the report

2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska: Enrollment

Ms. Heese delivered a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Enrollment section of the *2022 Factual Look at Higher Education in Nebraska*. The report is primarily an online publication used by legislative staff, institutional researchers, and Commission staff looking at 10-year trends from fall 2011 through fall 2021. She noted that the impact of COVID-19 can be seen beginning with fall 2020 enrollments, particularly at the community colleges. Total fall enrollment for all sectors was down 1.1 percent over the last year and down 6.8 percent over the 10-year period. The report includes graphs and details regarding enrollment for students by sector, student level, full-time/part-time classification, gender, race/ethnicity, age, and distance education status. Ms. Heese gave a brief tutorial of the Enrollment Data Dashboard that is available on the Commission's website.

Next Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2022

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 8, 2022, 8:30 a.m. at the Apothecary Building, 140 North 8th Street, 5th Floor, North Loft, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.