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# MINUTES

## JOINT MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION The Apothecary Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Loft 140 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, December 2, 2021, 8:00 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.

*Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.*

### **CALL TO ORDER AND CCPE ROLL CALL**

*CCPE roll call*

CCPE Chair Gwenn Aspen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and asked for roll call.

#### **CCPE Commissioners Present**

Colleen Adam	Gene Kelly
Gwenn Aspen	Mary Lauritzen
Tim Daniels	W. Scott Wilson
Dr. Deborah Frison	

#### **CCPE Commissioners Absent**

Charles Garman	Dr. Paul Von Behren
Molly O'Holleran	

#### **CCPE Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner	J. Ritchie Morrow
Jeremy Chancellor	Helen Pope
Dr. Kathleen Fimple	Gary Timm
Jill Heese	Mike Wemhoff
Kadi Lukesh	Joe Velasquez

*NDE roll call*

### **NDE ROLL CALL**

President Maureen Nickels called the roll.

#### **NDE Members Present**

Maureen Nickels	Lisa Fricke
Patsy Koch Johns	Deborah Neary
Jacquelyn Morrison	Robin Stevens
Patti Gubbels	

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### NDE Staff Present

Commission Matt Blomstedt  
Dr. Deborah Frison  
Brian Halstead  
Ryan Foor  
Drew Worster  
Shirley Vargas

Andrea Boring  
Lora Sypal  
Kristin Yates  
Zainab Rida  
Cory Epler

### WELCOME

*Welcome - Chair Aspen*

CCPE Chair Aspen welcomed everyone, noting the benefits of being together in person after several years and how much can be achieved through a collaborative effort.

*Welcome - President Nickels*

NDE President Nickels gave a brief talk on creating an environment to come together in a difficult society and how CCPE and NDE work together to achieve similar goals. She touched on work the NDE members have recently been focusing on.

*Message - Executive Director  
Baumgartner*

### MESSAGE

Dr. Mike Baumgartner, CCPE Executive Director, spoke on what the Commission does and how the work overlaps with the work the Nebraska Department of Education is involved in. Three areas of commonality are dual credit work, college affordability, and state attainment goals.

*Message - Commissioner Blomstedt*

Nebraska Commissioner of Education Matt Blomstedt discussed how the pandemic has affected school children. He spoke on CCPE/NDE shared goals, expectations and successes. He talked about William Harvey, who started an educational system in Nebraska, creating a state board of education and becoming the first territorial commissioner of education.

*Comments and discussion*

### COMMENTS AND CONVERSATION

Several meeting attendees made comments regarding equitable opportunities for students, FAFSA completion, vision screening for student's program, career academy successes, dual enrollment, and planting the seed of continuing education early in grade schools.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.*

### ADJORNMENT

Chair Aspen adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.