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# MINUTES

**COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
University of Nebraska – City Campus  
Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall, Room 227  
840 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE  
Friday, September 13, 2024  
8:30 a.m. (CT)**

*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. A current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted beside the table containing the documents for the meeting.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2024. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 A.M. AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 P.M.

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

DR. PAUL VON BEHREN, CHAIR

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

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Von Behren called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and asked for introductions.

**Commissioners Present**

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| Tim Daniels         | Molly O'Holleran    |
| Dr. Deborah Frison  | Dannika Nelson      |
| Dr. LeDonna Griffin | Dr. Paul Von Behren |
| Dr. Dennis Headrick | W. Scott Wilson     |

**Commissioners Absent**

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| Mary Lauritzen | Tami Weber |
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**Commission Staff Present**

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| Dr. Michael Baumgartner | Matthew Roque    |
| Dr. Kathleen Fimple     | Celeste Thompson |
| J. Ritchie Morrow       | Gary Timm        |
| Helen Pope              |                  |

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*Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska*

**GREETING**

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska President, welcomed the Commissioners to the UNL campus and gave a brief overview of his first ten weeks as NU President.

*Public Institutions Biennial Budget Presentations*

*Chair Von Behren*

*Dr. Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska*

**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS BIENNIAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

Chair Von Behren welcomed and introduced representatives from the public institutions to present their biennial budget requests.

**University of Nebraska**

President Dr. Gold addressed the Commissioners and presented the University of Nebraska's biennial budget request. The University is requesting a funding increase of \$1.5 million per each year of the biennium to match the Board of Regents' investment on expanding the new Presidential Scholars Program, \$1.5 million to support the Nebraska Research Initiative, 3% each year for salaries, and 5% health insurance costs.

*Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System*

**Nebraska State College System**

Chancellor Dr. Paul Turman stated the NSCS is requesting a 3% increase for salaries, 5% for health insurance and funding for operating costs, and core needs. Additional funding is requested for the Career Scholarship fund and the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) Scholarships. Dr. Turman stated a strategy to complete several capital construction projects at the state institutions is listed in the budget request.

*Dr. Matt Gotschall, Nebraska Community College Association*

**Nebraska Community College Association**

President Dr. Matt Gotschall, President, Central Community College, presented a PowerPoint presentation, stating the community colleges are requesting a \$13.9 million increase from 2024-25 of which an additional \$10 million is for dual enrollment to help offset the loss of \$5 million in ARPA funds.

*President Randy Schmailzl, Metropolitan Community College*

**Metropolitan Community College**

President Randy Schmailzl discussed the budget request that President Gotschall presented, adding Metropolitan Community College offers around 35 percent of the state's dual enrollment classes. They work with UNO on credit transfer, and all the high school districts helping teachers get qualified to teach dual enrollment classes. He noted that MCC has an enrollment of 27,000 students, with 70 percent attending part-time.

*Minutes of July 25, 2024, Work Session approved*

**MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2024, WORK SESSION**

**Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the July 25, 2024, Work Session minutes as written. Commissioner Headrick seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The minutes were approved.**

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*Minutes of July 26, 2024, Commission Meeting approved*

**MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING**

**Commissioner Frison made a motion to approve the July 25, 2024, Commission Meeting minutes as written. Commissioner O’Holleran seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The minutes were approved.**

*Chair’s Report*

**CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Von Behren stated the Executive Committee has been working on the agency budget request that will be brought forward and discussed later in the meeting.

*Executive Director’s Report*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

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

*Out-of-Service area applications approved*

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at McCook Senior High School
  - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose - 3 credits  
Fall 2024 semester
  
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at McCook Senior High School
  - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits  
Spring 2025 semester
  
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Wahoo Neuman High School
  - Biology 1450 - Biology I - 5 credits  
Fall 2024 semester
  
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Wahoo Neuman High School
  - Biology 1750 - Biology II - 5 credits  
Spring 2025 semester
  
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Lincoln Pius X Catholic High School
  - Physics 2110 - General Physics 1 - Calculus Level - 4 credits  
Fall 2024 semester
  
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Lincoln Pius X Catholic High School
  - Physics 2120 - General Physics - Calculus Level - 4 credits  
Spring 2025 semester

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- Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
In-person at Gering High School
    - BLDC 1005 - Safety - 1 credit  
August 19 - August 23, 2024
  - Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
In-person at Gering High School
    - BLDC - 1170 - Framing Construction - 8.5 credits  
August 26, 2024 - March 3, 2025
  - Offered by Mid-Plains Community College  
In-person at Ansley High School, Ansley, NE
    - SPAN 1010 - Elementary Spanish I - 5 credits  
August 14 - December 20, 2024

*Out-of-Service Area application not approved*

The following requests were not approved by the Executive Director: Southeast Community College will offer the courses:

- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Lincoln East High School
  - English 1010 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Prose – 3 credits  
Fall 2024 semester
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Lincoln East High School
  - English 1020 - Introduction to Genre Studies: Poetry, Drama & Film - 3 credits  
Spring 2025 semester
- Offered by University of Nebraska at Omaha  
In-person at Crete High School
  - Spanish 2120 - Intermediate Spanish II - 3 credits  
Fall 2024 semester & Spring 2025 semester

*Legislative report*

Dr. Baumgartner reported that the special session of the Legislature’s budget reductions did not affect higher education appropriations. The only effect on higher education is that investment earnings on the Community College Gap Assistance Program fund will be credited to the General Fund.

*Rules hearing scheduled*

There will be a hearing for three administrative rules on September 19 at the Commission’s office. All are welcome to attend.

*Staff happenings*

In staff happenings, Dr. Baumgartner introduced Celeste Thompson, the new administrative assistant for J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Academic Programs Officer. Ms. Thompson is

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*Staff happenings continued*

a 2023 UNL graduate and is an great asset to the staff. Dr. Fimple recently attended the SHEEO Policy Conference and the NC-SARA meeting in Indianapolis. She also represented the Commission at the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Committee meeting in Kearney last week. Dr. Baumgartner and Mr. Morrow will be attending the Educational Planning for Systems-Involved Youth Conference in Omaha the end of the month and also begin his financial aid audits next week.

*NE Post-Secondary Education Consortium*

Dr. Baumgartner and Dr. Fimple have been participating in the Nebraska Post-Secondary Education Consortium, which is the process of bringing Pell-eligible programs back into prisons. Metropolitan Community College and Southeast Community Colleges are involved in this work.

*MHEC*

Dr. Baumgartner has been asked to join MHEC's Strategic Planning Committee for their 2025-28 strategic planning process and ECS's 2024-25 Future Issues Committee.

*Dr. Gold's Investiture*

Dr. Baumgartner stated he was honored to be asked by President Gold to give remarks on behalf of Nebraska's higher education community at his investiture at the Nebraska State Capitol on September 6.

*Public Hearing on Matters of General Concern*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON MATTERS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

There was no testimony on Matters of General Concern.

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

*Public Hearing on Academic Programs Committee Items*

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE ITEMS**

Dr. Tom McDonnell, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Metropolitan Community College, came forward in support of the Biotechnology program proposal.

Mr. Greg Dart, President, stated he was available to discuss the Construction Technology program proposal from Western Nebraska Community College.

Dr. David Jackson, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Nebraska, noted there were several people available from the University to discuss and answer questions regarding their program proposals.

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

*Academic Programs Committee*

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Headrick*

Commissioner Headrick chaired the Committee in Commissioner Weber's absence. He introduced Dr. Kathleen Fimple to present the agenda items.

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*Pillar Seminary, Omaha, NE –  
Application to Renew a Recurrent  
Authorization to Operate*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Mr. Andrew Cress, Pillar Seminary*

*Committee recommendation*

*Pillar Seminary, Omaha, NE –  
Application to Renew a Recurrent  
Authorization to Operate approved*

*Western Nebraska Community College  
– Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Construction Technology,  
AAS, Professional Skills Awards*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Mr. Greg Dart, Western Nebraska  
Community College*

*Committee recommendation*

### **Pillar Seminary, Omaha, NE - Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, noting the Pillar Seminary was founded in Omaha in 2013, with a completely online format for their students. Pillar Seminary’s application status meets the CCPE requirement for an institution seeking accreditation. Annual reports are required from Pillar Seminary with the next report due September 15, 2025.

Mr. Andrew Cress, Vice President for Administration and Finance, from Pillar Seminary was present and discussed the accreditation and financial viability of the institution.

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the renewal of authorization to operate.

**Institution:** Pillar Seminary  
**Owner:** Pillar Seminary Board of Trustees  
**Level of authorization:** Authorized to establish in the state an administrative office for the seminary offering the Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts and a certificate in Biblical Contextual Leadership  
**Length of authorization:** Three years (valid through September 15, 2027)

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee, moved to approve Pillar Seminary’s Application to Renew a Recurrent Authorization to Operate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

### **Western Nebraska Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Construction Technology, AAS, Professional Skills Awards**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that the proposed program will prepare students who are interested in an AAS or Professional Skills Award in the carpentry, plumbing, electrical and HVACR trades. Dr. Fimple noted that demand and need for the program is high in the Panhandle region of the state.

Mr. Greg Dart, President of Western Nebraska Community College was present and discussed concerns regarding housing the program.

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the AAS in Construction Technology and Professional Skill Awards in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and HVACR at Western Nebraska Community College.

*Western Nebraska Community College  
– Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Construction Technology,  
AAS, Professional Skills Awards  
approved*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve Western Nebraska Community College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Construction Technology, AAS, Professional Skills Awards. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln –  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Wildlife Habitat  
Management, Undergraduate  
Certificate*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Wildlife Habitat Management, Undergraduate Certificate**

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating this certificate will enhance the bachelor’s program, and would benefit students not only with wildlife background, but potentially draw students from community colleges who have a biology or life sciences associate degree.

*Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, and Dr. David  
Jackson, University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln*

Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, Dean, UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and Dr. David Jackson came forward and answered questions from the Commissioners.

*Committee recommendation*

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Undergraduate Certificate in Wildlife Habitat Management at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln –  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program – Wildlife Habitat  
Management, Undergraduate  
Certificate approved*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Wildlife Habitat Management, Undergraduate Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program -Esports Media and  
Communication, Undergraduate  
Certificate*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Esports Media and Communication, Undergraduate Certificate**

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating Esports is an emerging industry and the certificate that would give students an understanding of sports promotion, content strategy, and the role that video games play in society. Esports is a fast-growing area and will give students opportunities in communications and sports media.

*Dr. Adam Wagler, University of  
Nebraska*

Dr. Adam Wagler, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, UNL College of Journalism and Mass Communications, and Dr. David Jackson spoke on the proposal.

*Committee recommendation*

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Undergraduate Certificate in Esports Media and Communication at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln -  
Proposal for a New Instructional  
Program -Esports Media and  
Communication, Undergraduate  
Certificate approved*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska-**

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**Lincoln’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Esports Media and Communication, Undergraduate Certificate. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

Chair Von Behren called for a break at 10:35 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:50 a.m.

*University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Artificial Intelligence, BS*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Dr. Mahadevan Subramaniam, and Dr. Martha Garcia-Murillo, University of Nebraska at Omaha*

*Committee recommendation*

*University of Nebraska at Omaha – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Artificial Intelligence, BS approved*

*Metropolitan Community College – Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Biotechnology, AS, Career Certificate, Certificate of Achievement*

*Dr. Fimple presented the proposal*

*Ms. Jacquie Clifford, Metropolitan Community College*

*Committee recommendation*

**University of Nebraska at Omaha - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Artificial Intelligence, BS**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating this program will meet the growing demand of AI-related jobs across the nation. UNO provided letters of support from local businesses and organizations that predict high demand and growth for professionals in the AI industry.

Dr. Mahadevan Subramaniam, Department Chair, UNO Computer Science, and Dr. Martha Garcia-Murillo, Dean, UNO College of Information Science & Technology, came forward to discuss the proposal and answer questions from the Commissioners.

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Artificial Intelligence, BS. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Metropolitan Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program - Biotechnology, AS, Career Certificate, Certificate of Achievement**

Dr. Fimple presented the proposal, stating that the proposed program would prepare students with core science knowledge and laboratory skills to be employed as entry-level technicians in local biotechnology industries including biomanufacturing and biofuel companies. Dr. Fimple noted the need and demand for the program is high.

Ms. Jacquie Clifford, Biology Instructor at Metropolitan Community College, discussed local businesses need for qualified employees in this field and stated all companies have tuition reimbursement.

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the Biotechnology AS, Certificate of Achievement, and Career Certificate program at Metropolitan Community College.



*Existing Program Review*

**Commissioner Headrick, on behalf of the Academic Programs Committee moved to Metropolitan Community College’s Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Biotechnology, AS, Career Certificate, Certificate of Achievement. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Existing Program Review**

Information Items:

Central Community College

- Medical Laboratory Technician, AAS

Metropolitan Community College

- Utility Line Technician, AAS

Mid-Plains Community College

- Medical Lab Technician, AAS

Northeast Community College

- Utility Line, AAS

Southeast Community College

- Medical Laboratory Technology, AAS

Western Nebraska Community College

- Med Tech/Phlebotomy, AAS, Certificate

Wayne State College

- Chemistry, BA, BS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Chemistry, BA
- Chemistry 7-12, BSE
- Chemistry Comprehensive, BS
- Professional Chemist Comp., BS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Chemistry, BA/BS, MS, PhD
- Bioanalytical Chemistry, Graduate Certificate
- Chromatography and Analytical Separations, Graduate Certificate
- Biochemistry, BSBC, BS, MS, PhD

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Medical Anatomy, MS
- Clinical Perfusion, MPS

*Report on Institutional Activities  
Related to Existing Program*

*Dr. Fimple spoke*

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

Dr. Fimple discussed the MS in Biomedical Informatics delivered by UNO and UNMC that will now be administered solely by UNO.

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*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 Von Behren closed the public hearing on Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee Items.**

*Budget, Construction, and Financial  
Aid Committee*

*Commissioner Wilson*

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

Commissioner Wilson chaired the Committee in Commissioner Lauritzen’s absence. He introduced Mr. Morrow to present the agenda items.

*2024 Tuition, Fees, and College  
Affordability Report*

*J. Ritchie Morrow presented the report*

**2024 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report**

Mr. Morrow presented the report and stated that this report is required by statute and due to the Governor and Appropriations Committee by October 1 of each even-numbered year. Mr. Morrow gave a brief overview of tuition and fees, cost of attendance, net price of attendance, student payment share, and the state’s investment in higher education. The report provides graphs showing state and local appropriations per FTE and includes policy and budgetary recommendations to maintain Nebraska’s competitive position on tuition and fees and to improve affordability for all students. The report concludes with a review a Nebraska’s public postsecondary institutions and how they compare to their peer institutions.

*Committee recommendation*

**Committee Recommendation:** The Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee recommends approval of the 2024 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report.

*2024 Tuition, Fees, and College  
Affordability Report approved*

**Commission Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the 2024 Tuition, Fees, and College Affordability Report. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship  
2023-24 Year-End Report*

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

**Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship 2023-24 Year-End Report**

Mr. Morrow presented the report stating that ACE scholarships pay tuition and mandatory fees of eligible low-income Nebraska high school students taking dual-enrollment and early-admit college courses at participating Nebraska colleges and universities. For 2023-2024, the ACE program was funded with \$1.5 million dollars general funds appropriated by the Legislature. There were 2,627 students from 192 high schools that received 5,584 scholarships. The total awarded was \$1,110,314.55 with the average award per scholarship equaling \$199.12.

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*Committee recommendation*

*Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship  
2023-24 Year-End Report approved*

*Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG)  
2023-24 Year-End Report*

*Mr. Morrow presented the report*

*Executive Committee*

*Approval of the 2025 CCPE Meeting  
Calendar*

*Chair Von Behren spoke*

*Approval of the 2025 CCPE Meeting  
Calendar approved*

*CCPE Biennial Budget Request for  
2025-27*

*Gary Timm presented the Budget  
Request*

Mr. Morrow reviewed graphs on scholarships awarded, credit hours taken, eligibility, and gender and race/ethnicity of recipients. He spoke on college continuation rates, noting ACE students are doing very well going on to college. The ACE report includes each college, the amount awarded, number of students, scholarships, and average amount of each scholarship per college.

**Committee Recommendation:** That the Commission approve the 2023-24 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Year-End Report.

**Commission Wilson, on behalf of the Budget, Construction, and Financial Aid Committee, moved to approve the 2023-24 Access College Early (ACE) Scholarship Year-End Report. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**Nebraska Opportunity Grant (NOG) 2023-24 Year-End Report**

Mr. Morrow presented the report, commenting that Nebraska ranked 31st in the country for need-based undergraduate grant dollars per undergraduate enrollment in 2021-22. In the 2023-24 award year, \$24,416,073 was awarded to 13,507 students with the average award being \$1,807.66. He gave an overview of the NOG awarding by source, sector, and family income over the past 10 years.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Approval of the 2025 CCPE Meeting Calendar**

Chair Von Behren presented the proposed 2025 CCPE Meeting Calendar for approval.

**Commissioner Headrick made a motion to approve the 2025 CCPE Meeting Calendar. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O'Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

**CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2025-27**

Gary Timm, Chief Finance Officer, reported that the CCPE agency budget is due to the DAS-Budget Division on September 15, 2024. The request is broken down into two categories: Financial Aid and Operating Funds. He stated the CCPE is requesting an increase in NOG funds of \$1 million of General funds and \$500,000 of lottery funds for the first year of the biennium and an additional \$1 million of General Funds the second year of the biennium. Based on current average awards, each \$1 million increase would provide funding for approximately 550 students. Also included in the request were increases to the aid amounts for the Excellence In Teaching Program.



Mr. Timm reviewed the Administrative Funds request for a 3 percent annual increase for staff salaries and a 5 percent increase in employee health plan costs each year of the biennium, along with increases for travel costs and certain operating expenses.

*Committee recommendation*

**Committee Recommendation:** The Executive Committee recommends approval of the July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, Agency Budget Request. The Committee also recommends authorizing the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the budget request.

*CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2025-27 approved*

**Chair Von Behren, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved to approve the CCPE Biennial Budget Request for 2025-27, and authorizing the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the budget request. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Daniels, Frison, Griffin, Headrick, Nelson, O’Holleran, Von Behren, and Wilson. The motion carried.**

*Next Commission meeting is October 11, 2024*

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next Commission meeting will be Friday, October 11, 9:45 a.m. at Southeast Community College, Milford Campus, Milford, Nebraska.

*Commissioner Headrick comments*

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Headrick thanked the CCPE staff.

*Chair Von Behren adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Von Behren** adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

