

**MEETING AGENDA**  
**Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education**  
**140 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska**  
**Friday, February 21, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m. (CT) and Via Zoom**

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Note: Items on which the Commission will take action are indicated in **bold**.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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 is posted beside the table containing the documents for today's meeting.

**II. ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS** - Dr. Paul Von Behren, Chair, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT**

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

- Individuals commenting on the action item are allowed five minutes each.
- Each speaker may speak only once.
- Proponents will speak first.
- Opponents will speak after proponents.

**V. Action Item**: - Southeast Community College - Proposal for a New Instructional Program – Dental Hygiene, AAS (Appendix 1)

A. Summary of Activity:

- The proposal was received on November 26, 2024.
- The proposal was considered at the January 25, 2025, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education meeting.

- The Commission voted to hold a special meeting to obtain additional information and take action on the program.

B. Southeast Community College Responses to Commission Questions (Appendix 2)

C. Letters in Support of the SCC Dental Hygiene AAS Degree (Appendix 3)

- Nebraska Dental Association Letter Requesting Additional Dental Hygienists (January 2023)
- Nebraska Dental Association (February 2025)
- Antelope Dental Letter of Support
- Dr Nelson: Holdrege Family Dental Letter of Support
- Dr Philips Holdrege Family Dental Letter of Support
- Dr Sand Holdrege Family Dental Letter of Support
- Nebraska Family Dentistry Letter of Support
- Optimal Dental Letter of Support
- Pine Ridge Dental Letter of Support
- Ridge Point Dental Letter of Support
- Superior Dental Letter of Support
- Future Student Letter of Support
- Central Community College Letter of Support
- Samantha McKenna, DDS, Quality Denal Care, Bennington, NE
- Teri Ford-Wolfgram, CEO, Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Columbus and Fremont, NE
- Candi Filbrandt, DDS, Omaha, NE
- W. Alex Mayhan, DDS, Quality Dental Care Bennington; Plattsmouth Dental
- Kris Harris, DDS, Grand Island, NE
- Marty J. Matz, DDS, The Tooth Doc, Omaha, NE
- Paula Cohen Schlemmer, DMD, MS, Lincoln, NE
- Tanya Powell, DDS, Lincoln, NE
- Dr. Maribel Caudillo, Inspired Dental, Papillion/LaVista, NE
- Sean Pauley, DDS, Lincoln, NE
- Rachel Brown-McDonald, DDS, Cottonwood Dental, Grand Island, NE

C. Letters in Opposition to the SCC Dental Hygiene AAS Degree (Appendix 4)

- Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association
- American Dental Hygienists' Association
- University of Nebraska

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**