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## **MINUTES**

**Joint Meeting of the Nebraska State Board of Education  
and the  
Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary  
Education**

**Nebraska Department of Education Office Building  
500 South 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Rooms 260-262, Lincoln,  
Nebraska**

**Friday, December 5, 2025, 7:30 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. A copy of the current Open Meetings Act was posted beside the table containing the documents for the meeting.

*Meeting called to order at 7:31 a.m.*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Nebraska State Board of Education President Elizabeth Tegtmeier called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

*NDE Roll Call*

### **NDE ROLL CALL**

#### **NDE Members Present:**

Elizabeth Tegtmeier	Maggie Douglas
Liz Renner (arrived 7:41 a.m.)	Sherry Jones
Kristin Christensen (arrived 7:33 a.m.)	
Lisa Schonhoff (arrived 7:38 a.m.)	
Commissioner Dr. Brian Maher	

#### **NDE Members Absent:**

Deborah Neary	Kirk Penner
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#### **NDE Staff Present:**

Lane Carr	Dr. Ryan Foor
Allyson DenBeste	Dr. Jane Stavem
Shirley Vargas	Dr. Deborah Frison
Dr. Zainab Rida	Jamie Cook
Andrea Boring	

*CCPE Roll Call*

### **CCPE ROLL CALL**

#### **CCPE Commissioners Present:**

Tim Daniels	Tami Weber
Dr. Deborah Frison	Dr. Paul Von Behren

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### *CCPE Roll Call continued*

Dr. Dennis Headrick      W. Scott Wilson  
Dannika Nelson

## CCPE Commissioners Absent:

Dr. LeDonna Griffin      Molly O'Holleran  
Mary Lauritzen

## **CCPE Commission Staff Present:**

Dr. Michael Baumgartner     Helen Pope  
Dr. Kathleen Fimple         Matthew Roque  
Jill Heese                     Gary Timm  
J. Ritchie Morrow

*Elizabeth Tegtmeier, President, State Board of Education President*

## WELCOME

State Board of Education President Elizabeth Tegtmeier welcomed everyone and discussed the mutual interests and concerns of the NDE and CCPE. Both agencies work together to achieve similar goals by meeting workforce needs, and assuring Nebraska students are prepared and given opportunities.

*Tim Daniels, Chair, Nebraska  
Coordinating Commission for  
Postsecondary Education*

# WELCOME

CCPE Chair Tim Daniels thanked the State Board of Education for hosting the meeting. He spoke on the coordination of activities with the NDE and touched on activities at the Coordinating Commission.

*Dr. Brian Maher, Nebraska  
Commissioner of Education*

## **MESSAGE**

Nebraska Commissioner of Education Dr. Brian Maher discussed key areas on how the State of Nebraska is benefiting from the efforts of the CCPE/NDE relationship.

*Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education*

## MESSAGE

Dr. Michael Baumgartner, Executive Director for the Coordinating Commission, spoke on the Commission's mission and its priorities and collaborative efforts with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Thomas Harnisch, SHEEO

## PRESENTATION

Thomas L. Harnisch, Ed.D., Vice President for Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), presented a PowerPoint presentation on recent federal updates

*Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Tegtmeier adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.