



WORK SESSION MINUTES

**Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
South Sioux City College Center, Large Conference Room
1001 College Way, South Sioux City, Nebraska
Thursday, July 23, 2026
6:00 p.m. (CDT)**

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.

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.(CDT) AND ADJOURN AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 P.M.(CDT)

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

TIM DANIELS, CHAIR

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daniels called the work session to order at 6:10 p.m. and asked for roll call.

Commissioners Present

Tim Daniels	Molly O'Holleran
Dr. Deborah Frison	Tami Weber
Dr. Dennis Headrick	W. Scott Wilson
Dannika Nelson	

Commissioners Absent

Beth Forney	Dr. Paul Von Behren
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Commission Staff Present

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

Update on The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Higher Education Provisions

J. Ritchie Morrow, Financial Aid Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation and gave a detailed account of the higher education provisions of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. He summarized Program Accountability, Workforce Pell, Changes in Loans, and Pell/Cost of Attendance.

Update on P-20 Alliance Work

Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Executive Director, provided an update on the work of Nebraska's P-20 Alliance. The alliance's goals are to increase educational attainment, enhance workforce pathways, and improve system efficiency and accountability.

Chair Daniels called for a break at 7:55 p.m. The Work Session resumed at 8:05 p.m.

Update on Proactive Admissions Project

Dr. Baumgartner gave a brief update on the Proactive Admissions Project. He noted that a project specialist will be hired to administer the project that is made possible by a four-year grant.

Discussion of FY27 Budget Restrictions and Preparation of the 2027-29 Biennium Budget Request

Dr. Baumgartner and Gary Timm, Chief Finance & Administrative Officer, discussed the distribution of the Community College ARPA grant funding designated for capital projects, programs or courses that meet federal criteria. The entire \$60 million has been approved and disbursed to the six community colleges. Mr. Timm reviewed the budget reductions and modifications handout that was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Daniels adjourned the Work Session at 8:35 p.m.