

**EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**Nebraska Information Technology Commission**  
Tuesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. CDT Lower  
Level, Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln, NE  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Burke Brown, District OR 1  
Mr. Andrew Buker, Alt. for Bret Blackman, University of Nebraska-Omaha;  
Mr. Mike Carpenter, Doane University  
Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02  
Mr. John Dunning, Wayne State College;  
Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross High School  
Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Public Schools  
Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools  
Mr. Greg Maschman, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09  
Ms. Mary Niemiec, University of Nebraska  
Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College

**LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:** Mr. Steven Stortz, Norfolk Lutheran School; Ms. SuAnn Witt, NDE;  
Ms. Ling Ling Sun, NET

**MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT:** Steve Hotovy, Nebraska State College System; Mr. Derek Bierman, Northeast Community College; Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; Mr. Ed Toner, OCIO; and Dr. Kathleen Fimple, CCPE

**CALL TO ORDER, ELECTRONIC POSTING, LOCATION OF OPEN MEETING LAW DOCUMENTS, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS**

Co-Chair, Mary Niemec, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. There were 12 voting members present. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting Notice was posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on December 17, 2018. The agenda was posted to the [NITC Web site](#) on December 17, 2018. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was on the front table.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING\***

**Mr. Hamersky moved to approve the December 19, 2018 meeting agenda. Mr. Maschman seconded. Roll Call: Brown-Yes, Buker-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Dunning-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Hoelsing-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Maschman-Yes, Needham-Yes, Niemiec-Yes, Peters-Yes. Vote 12-0-0; Motion carried.**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE 10/30/2018 MEETING\***

**Mr. Carpenter moved to approve the October 30, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Hamersky seconded. . Roll Call: Brown-Yes, Buker-Yes, Carpenter-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Dunning-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Hoelsing-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Maschman-Yes, Needham-Yes, Niemiec-Yes, Peters-Yes. Vote 12-0-0; Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, MISCELLANY**

Ling Ling Sun was introduced as the new NET liaison on the Education Council. Ms. Sun provided a brief background of her experience and interest in the Council.

Mr. Rolfes indicated that there were eight Education Council memberships that were up for renewal or replacement by the NITC. The NITC approved the council's membership nominations. Some alternates still need to be designated.

## **ACTION ITEM TASK GROUP ROSTERS**

There are several members, as well as alternates, that have not signed up for one the Council's Task Groups. Mr. Rolfes will be following up with members.

## **NEBRASKA RURAL BROADBAND TASK FORCE UPDATE**

**Meeting Minutes and Documents.** All meeting information, minutes and meeting documents can be found on the website, <https://ruralbroadband.nebraska.gov/> as well.

Definitions were discussed and the following was decided (list):

- Rural was defined as, "Open countryside with population densities less than 500 people per square mile and or places with fewer than 2,500 people."
- Unserved areas are defined as areas with internet service at less than 10 Mbps down/1 Mbps up.
- Underserved areas are areas which have internet service at 10 Mbps down/1 Mbps up or greater but less than 25 Mbps down/3 Mbps up.

Last and middle mile costs have had lots of discussion. This should not affect Network Nebraska.

Rural Broadband Study Task Force Resources. At the May meeting, the Task Force will focus on education, defining and measuring the Homework Gap. Mr. Buker commented that after the January meeting, there will be more development of the recommendations.

## **NETWORK NEBRASKA 2018-2020 ACTION ITEMS AND TASK GROUP REPORT**

Future Network deliverables. Mr. Needham reported that this topic has not been addressed yet by the task group. NNAG has really been Network Nebraska's voice. There are no concerns at the Education Council level to address separately.

Communication Hub deliverables (Marketing Survey Discussion & NNAG letter to Ed Toner). The Task Group met in November. The minutes were included in the meeting materials. The history of the Marketing task group and the marketing survey were included. The Marketing Survey was intended to be replaced with another marketing tool but has not been completed. The Task Group submitted a letter to Ed Toner requesting the assistance of Holly West, OCIO Public Information Officer. He has approved the request and she is working with the task group.

Security Initiative deliverables. Depending on the survey results, the task force will be able to determine what the participants are wanting or needing in regards to Cyber Security. Ms. Sun indicated that NET utilizes Network Nebraska for real time video and hopes that the Broadband Task Force will be making recommendation for real time video. Most networks' use is 50% real time video. It was suggested to include multicast and real time video in the Network Nebraska infographic.

The task group would like to include any questions that they may have regarding Digital Education. Plans are to have a draft by the next Education meeting.

## **DIGITAL EDUCATION 2018-2020 ACTION ITEMS**

Student Transition deliverables (P-16 Initiative). Ms. Neimec reported that the initiative has been addressing student transition activities. Currently, there is an effort to gather data on innovating educational efforts from all educational entities. Ms. Neimec is checking into getting a graduate assistantship to organize and implement this effort. Hopefully, the task group will be meeting in January.

Equity of Access deliverables (Upcoming Rural Broadband Task Force Meeting). This will be discussed at the February EC meeting. The Council would like to address barriers that may be outside the “technology” that may be influencing student’s success, such as language and learning disabilities.

Mr. Cone addressed the issue of confidentiality of student information when surveying students about broadband. It was recommended to ask the parents first about sharing their information.

## **SUBSECTOR REPORTS**

University of Nebraska, Mary Niemeck. UNL is finishing up the semester.

Nebraska State Colleges, John Dunning. A new chancellor is coming in Dr. Sherman. There are several collaborative projects still underway such as single sign-on.

Nebraska Community Colleges. There was no report.

Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities. Greg Maschman commented that the institution is always interested in collaborating for savings. The IT department is moving into a new science building. A search for a new president is underway. Chuck Lenosky reported that Wayne State, along with Hastings College and an institution in Phoenix, Arizona, implemented an accelerated nursing program. The first class will be graduating this semester. A new dental building was opened in the fall. Currently, Mr. Lenosky’s office is looking at what to do with cable TV services. Mike Carpenter co-hosted with the Education Council a Cyber Resiliency Workshop on September 28 and would like to do it again. Homeland Security has agreed to assist if we want to do a Spring workshop. It would be good to do one in Central and Western Nebraska. March 27<sup>th</sup> was suggested which is right before NETA conference. The Council will need to decide to stay urban or go outstate. Homeland Security was very pleased with the turnout and interest in Nebraska. Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Rolfes are coordinating this effort and asked members to send them their recommendations.

Public K-12 and ESUs. Trent Kelly reported that Mr. Rolfes will be speaking to their Nebraska Association of Technology Administrators group. In January, the ESUs are meeting to discuss options to have all ESU information in one location for all schools.

Private/Denominational K-12. Mr. Hamersky reported that a lot of schools are doing their E-rate applications. The schools are finishing up the third year of E-rate infrastructure. Mr. Stortz reported that the Lutheran schools are looking at submitting E-rate as well. The Lutheran schools are implementing a student numbering system across the state and working on single sign-on.

Nebraska Educational Television, Ling Ling Sun. NET is looking at replacing the Network Monitoring Control System to expand monitoring control to other divisions. Technology will determine the extent of an entity’s control.

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Mike Baumgartner. CCPE has been working on their annual report and gathering information from Nebraska institutions. Other issues being addressed are dual credit and distance education courses. The report will be posted on their website. Mr. Rolfes will send the link to members. It was suggested to have Mr. Baumgartner provide an overview of the report at the next Council meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 2/20/2019 MEETING**

Due to a number of members not being available on February 20, Mr. Rolfes will poll the members for the next meeting date.

Agenda items for the next meeting may include the following:

- P-16 Initiative
- Report on Dual Credit
- Digital Education meeting and update
- Cyber Resiliency Conference
- NN Survey Draft
- OER (perhaps wait until April's meeting)

## **CONSIDER LOCATION(S) FOR THE 2/20/2019 MEETING**

February's meeting will be by video conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Dunning moved to adjourn. Mr. Carpenter seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Tom Rolfes, Office of the CIO/NITC.