

Boards and Commissions in Nebraska, 2004

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Introduction

Nebraska has 245 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similar entities (hereinafter, collectively referred to as boards and commissions). Among the many tasks assigned to them, boards provide oversight of governmental programs, regulate licensed professionals, carry out studies, oversee implementation of new programs, advocate for certain constituencies, and advise state agencies.

In 1997, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council requested that the Legislative Research Division compile and annually update a list of statutorily created boards. This publication contains that list. The list does not include (1) boards created by executive order, by agency rule or regulation, or pursuant to federal mandates, unless enacted via state statute; (2) interstate compacts, unless the compacts have a statutorily created state counterpart; or (3) boards created via state statute but which serve local governments.

Legislative Action Affecting Boards and Commissions

In 2004, the Legislature created or remade 11 boards, six of them within a bill that revamped the state's mental health care system, and terminated 13 others mostly via a house-cleaning bill from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

New Boards

Workgroup on special services for persons with developmental disabilities (LB 297). The workgroup was established to assist the Department of Health and Human Services with implementing legislative intent to provide specialized services by July 1, 2010 to all persons deemed eligible under the Developmental Disabilities Act. The workgroup terminates upon completion of a report to the Legislature or by December 1, 2004, whichever occurs first. The department appoints members to the workgroup from the state Department of Education, the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities, the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, consumers, families, consumer advocacy organizations, developmental disabilities service providers, and other interested parties.

Donor Registry of Nebraska Advisory Board (LB 559). The advisory board was created to advise and assist the federally designated organ procurement organization in Nebraska on matters relating to the Donor Registry of Nebraska. The nine-member board is comprised of representatives from interested organizations and parties as defined by statute.

Interrelated Water Review Board (LB 962). The board was created to resolve disputes pertaining to the various aspects of water management plans designed to reduce the depletion of water resources in the state's river basins. The board is to be convened by the Governor upon notification of an unresolvable dispute and the board exists only for the time period needed to mediate the dispute. The five-member board consists of the Governor or designee knowledgeable about water issues to serve as chair, an appointee of the Governor's choosing, and three members appointed by the Governor from a list of at least six provided by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature (LB 1083). The commission's task is, broadly, to oversee the state's transition to a community-based behavioral health care system and includes reviewing the Health and Human Services System plan for implementing the transition. The commission terminates on June 30, 2008. Its 20 members are appointed by the Governor from interested parties, including the regional behavioral health authorities, mental health boards, behavioral health service recipients and providers, and representatives from Norfolk and Hastings, which will eventually lose their regional centers as part of the state's mental health reforms.

State Behavioral Health Council (LB 1083). The council was created to advise the Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health and promote the interests of behavioral health consumers and their families. The council's membership is drawn from three advisory committees that were revised and renamed as part of the state's mental health reforms. They are the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (formerly the State Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council); the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (formerly the State Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee); and the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services (formerly the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling).

Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling (LB 1083). The board was created to oversee the licensure of alcohol and drug counselors, who are newly required to be licensed under LB 1083. The board is composed of six alcohol and drug counselors, a psychiatrist, a psychologist or mental health practitioner, and two public members.

Racial Profiling Advisory Committee (LB 1162). The advisory committee serves the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in his or her duties to review racial profiling data from motor vehicle stops by law enforcement officers. Its membership is largely drawn from law

enforcement organizations, but also includes a member each from the American Civil Liberties Union and the AFL-CIO.

The Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board (LB 1231). The advisory board was created to review the state veteran cemetery system, recommend actions to aid development of the system, assist in fundraising, and advise the director of Veterans' Affairs. The director serves as chair of the board, which is composed of three veterans appointed by the Governor from lists forwarded from each county within which a state veterans' cemetery is located, and three members, one from each congressional district, with experience in cemetery administration or operation.

Repealed Boards

- *Ethanol Pricing Task Force (LB 810 and LB 940)*
- *Nebraska Futures Center Board (LB 940)*
- *Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission (LB 940)*
- *Advisory committee for water quality monitoring study (LB 940)*
- *Agricultural Structure Assessment Task Force (LB 940)*
- *Election Process Task Force (LB 940)*
- *Electronic Benefit System Task Force (LB 940)*
- *Fatigue Counter-Measure Task Force (LB 940)*
- *Juvenile Diversion, Detention, and Probation Services Implementation Team (LB 940)*
- *Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force (LB 940)*
- *Task Force on the Productive Integration of the Immigrant Workforce Population (LB 940)*
- *Task Force to Study the State Patrol (LB 940)*
- *Interrelated Water Review Committee of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (LB 962)*

Actions Affecting Existing Boards

This annual publication does not track every change made to existing boards. However, significant changes (for example, changes affecting a board's structure, function, funding, or termination dates) are briefly noted below.

Nebraska State Capitol Commission (LB 439). The commission gains heightened responsibility, along with new members, with the adoption of the Nebraska State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Act. The act creates the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission and assigns the responsibility of custodian of the State Capitol and its grounds to the commission. (Previously, this job belonged to the State Building Division of the Department of Administrative

Services.) Regarding membership, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is removed as a member and the State Court Administrator and the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society are added.

Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council (LB 818). The council's termination date is shifted from December 31, 2004 to December 31, 2009.

Dairy Industry Development Board (LB 836). The board's process for determining the size of the board and how members are nominated and appointed is revised, reflecting a continuing decrease in the number of milk producers in Nebraska. Among the changes, dairy cooperatives and other first purchasers qualify one member for every 40 producers, or major portion thereof, who market through such first purchasers. Previously, apportionment was allocated to maintain one member for each 50 producers. Further, board members are to be representative of the type and geographic distribution of milk producers within the state.

Water Policy Task Force (LB 962). The task force is given a termination date of December 31, 2009. Previously, it had no termination date.

Committee to oversee the Motor Fuel Trust Fund (LB 983). The committee is given a new at-large member and motor fuel producers are added to the list of candidates from whom two members must be selected.

Athletic Advisory Committee (LB 1033). The committee is expanded to include a medical professional among its membership.

Public Employees Retirement Board (LB 1097). The board gains an eighth member and the requirement that one member must be a participant in the State Patrol retirement system; thereby assuring that each of the five state-administered plans has a representative on the board. Another new requirement mandates that school employees have two representatives – one a teacher, the other an administrator – which is achieved by reducing the three nonstate-employee members to two.

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Tables

The following tables list the boards and commissions created via Nebraska state statutes. The first table lists those boards created during the 2004 legislative session. The second table lists all current statutorily created boards in Nebraska.

TABLE 1

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Created by the Legislature in 2004

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diem
1. Developmental disabilities, workgroup on special services for persons with	LB 297	83-1216		12/1/04	N	
2. Donor Registry of Nebraska Advisory Board	LB 559	71-4823			N	
3. Interrelated Water Review Board	LB 962	46-719			N	
4. Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature	LB 1083	71-818	1	6/30/08	Y	
5. State Behavioral Health Council	LB 1083	71-813			Y	
6. Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling	LB 1083	71-112			Y	
7. State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services ²	LB 1083	71-814			Y	
8. State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services ³	LB 1083	71-815			Y	
9. State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services ⁴	LB 1083	71-816			Y	
10. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee	LB 1162	20-506			N	
11. Nebraska Cemetery Advisory Board	LB 1231	12-1301			Y	

Endnotes

¹ Majority vote of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee members.

² Formerly the State Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council.

³ Formerly the State Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee.

⁴ Formerly the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling.

⁵ Racial profiling data to be studied until 4/1/06.

TABLE 2

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
1. Abstractors Board of Examiners	76-540			Y	\$50
2. Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14, 105	✓		Y	\$50
3. Accreditation Committee, State	79-703			N	
4. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Board of	71-1718.01			Y	\$30
5. Advocacy, Commission on Public	29-3923			Y	
6. Advisory Council, State	48-610			Y	\$40
7. Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y	
8. Affirmative Action Committee	81-1363			Y	
9. Affordable Housing Committee, Nebraska	81-1281			Y	
10. Aging Advisory Committee	68-1101			Y	
11. Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of	71-1112			Y	
12. Anatomical Board, State	71-1001			N	
13. Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-22403(1)			Y	\$50
14. Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y	
15. Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	✓		Y	
16. Athletic Advisory Committee	81-8, 139.01			Y	
17. Athletic Training, Board of Examiners in	71-1112			Y	\$20

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems¹
18. Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of Examiners in	71-112			Y	\$20
19. Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221			Y	\$75
20. Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204	✓			
21. Behavioral Health Council, State	71-813			Y	
22. Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature	71-818	✓ ²	6/30/08	Y	
23. Big Blue River Compact Administration	1-115 Appendix			Y	
24. Biopower Steering Committee	66-1701		12/31/08	Y	
25. Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	✓		Y	\$70
26. Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	48-739	✓		Y	\$50
27. Boundary Commission, Nebraska	1-120 Appendix			Y	
28. Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-135				
29. Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y	
30. Building Renewal, Task Force for (LB 309 Task Force)	81-174			Y	3
31. Canvassers, State Board of	32-1037			N	
32. Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108-32			Y	
33. Capitol Enviros Commission, Nebraska State	90-306			N	
34. Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems ¹
35. Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee	2-5302			Y	
36. Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission	81-1599.02	✓		N	
37. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Advisory Council of	71-1736			N	
38. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903	✓		Y	
39. Child Death Review Team	71-3406			Y	
40. Chiropractic, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
41. Claims Board, State	81-8, 220			Y	4
42. Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	✓		Y	
43. Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603			Y	
44. Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska State	85-301	✓		Y	
45. Commission of Industrial Relations	48-803	✓		Y	\$250
46. Commission on Public Advocacy	29-3923			Y	
47. Communications Relay Advisory Committee	86-1307			N	
48. Community College Aid, Grant, and Contract Review Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N	
49. Community College Board of Governors	85-1506			Y	
50. Community Corrections Council	47-622	✓ ⁵		Y	
51. Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee	81-1201.08			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems ¹
52. Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	85-1403	✓		Y	
53. Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	2-3604			Y	\$25
54. Cosmetology, Board of	71-373			Y	\$50
55. County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213			Y	
56. County, Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2301			Y	
57. Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	81-1802	✓		Y	
58. Critical Incident Stress Management Council	71-7105			N	
59. Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska	2-3951			Y	
60. Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	✓		Y	
61. Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission for the	71-4728-03			N	
62. Dentistry, Board of	71-112			Y	
63. Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y	
64. Developmental disabilities, workgroup on special services for persons with	83-1216		12/1/04	N	
65. Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y	
66. Donor Registry of Nebraska Advisory Board	71-4823			N	
67. Dry Bean Commission	2-3745			Y	
68. Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y	
69. Economic Development Commission	81-1201.02			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems ¹
70. Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27, 156			Y	
71. Education Commission of the States	79-1501			N	
72. Education Roundtable	85-9,184			Y	
73. Education Technology Consortium	79-1301			N	
74. Educational Finance Authority	85-1710			Y	
75. Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-201	✓		Y	\$40
76. Electrical Board, State	81-2103	✓		Y	
77. Electronic Information Committee	50-440			N	
78. Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810			Y	
79. Emergency Medical Services, Board of	71-5176	✓		Y	
80. Emergency Response Commission	81-15,210			Y	
81. Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428			Y	\$45
82. Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y	
83. Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registration for	71-3705.01			Y	\$25
84. Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	✓		Y	\$40
85. Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15, 170	✓		Y	
86. Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116			Y	\$50
87. Ethanol Board, Advisory Committee to the ⁶	66-1337			N	
88. Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	✓		Y	\$25

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
89. Excellence in Education Council	9-812			N	
90. Excellence in Health Care Council	71-7614			Y	
91. Families With Special Housing Needs, Advisory Committee on	68-1605			N	
92. Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01			Y	
93. Foster Care Review Board	43-1302	✓		Y	
94. Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	71-1112			Y	\$30
95. Game and Parks Commission	37-101	✓		Y	\$35
96. Geographic Information System Steering Committee	86-570			Y	
97. Geologists, Board of	81-3520			Y	7
98. Governor's Residence Advisory Commission	72-2101			Y	
99. Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	2-4002			Y	
100. Greenbelt Advisory Committee	77-1355			Y	
101. Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724			N	
102. Health Advisory Board	60-4,118.02			Y	
103. Health, State Board of	71-2601	✓		Y	\$20
104. Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters, Board of	71-4715			Y	\$25
105. Highway Commission, State	39-1101	✓		Y	\$20
106. Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y	
107. Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee	58-704			N	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
108. Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501			Y	\$50
109. Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council	29-3932			Y	
110. Industrial Competitiveness Alliance Board	81-1201.14			N	
111. Inquiry and Review, Board of (Veterans)	80-318			Y	
112. Interagency Management Committee	71-7106			N	
113. Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council	86-539			Y	
114. Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y	
115. Interrelated Water Review Board ⁸	46-719			N	
116. Interstate Adult Supervision, State Council for	29-2640			N	
117. Interstate Agricultural Grain Marketing Commission	Appendix DD			N	
118. Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N	
119. Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	✓		Y	\$20
120. Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226			Y	
121. Jail Standards Board	83-4,124			Y	
122. Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N	
123. Judicial Nominating Commission	24-801			N	
124. Judicial Qualifications Commission	24-715			Y	
125. Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201			Y	
126. Labor, State Advisory Board to the Commissioner of	48-610			Y	\$40

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems ¹
127. Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110			Y	
128. Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8, 186			Y	
129. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416			Y	
130. Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401			Y	
131. Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	✓		Y	⁹
132. Livestock Auction Market Board	54-1160			Y ¹⁰	\$50
133. Local Monitoring Committee (low-level radioactive waste)	81-15,101.01			Y	
134. Massage Therapy, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
135. Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of Examiners in	71-112			Y	\$30
136. Medical Review Panel	44-2841			Y	\$50
137. Medicine and Surgery, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
138. Mental Health Practitioners, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
139. Mental Health Regional Governing Boards ¹¹	71-5004			Y	
140. Mental Health Regional Governing Boards, Advisory Committees to ¹²	71-5006			Y	
141. Mental Health Regional Quality Review Teams	71-5003.01			Y	
142. Mental Health Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-814			Y	
143. Mexican-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262			Y	\$35
144. Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission	74-1601			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
145. Midwestern Higher Education Commission	85-1301			Y	
146. Missouri Basin Natural Resources Council	2-32, 103			N	
147. Motor Fuel Trust Fund, committee to oversee the	66-737			N	
148. Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	✓		Y	\$50
149. Motor Vehicle Insurance Data Base Task Force	60-302.05		7/1/04 ¹³	N	
150. Natural Resources Data Bank, Technical Advisory Committee to the	2-1570			N	
151. Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	14		Y	\$50
152. Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice	43-2411			Y	
153. Nebraska Center for Nursing Board	71-1799			Y	
154. Nebraska Grape and Winery Board	53-301			Y	
155. Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-515	✓		Y	
156. Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission	81-8,307			Y	
157. Nebraska State Fair Board	2-101	✓ ¹⁵		N	
158. Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council	74-1504	✓		Y	
159. Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board	12-1301			Y	
160. Niobrara Council	72-2007			Y	
161. Nurse-Practitioner-Anesthetist Advisory Council	71-1736			N	
162. Nursing, Board of	71-1132.07			Y	\$30 ¹⁶
163. Nursing Home Administration, Board of Examiners in	71-6065			Y	\$20

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Termination Expenses	Per Diems ¹
164. Nursing Home Advisory Council	71-6044			Y	
165. Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	71-6115			Y	
166. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	57-904	✓		Y	\$50
167. Optometry, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
168. Pardons, Board of	83-1,126			N	
169. Parole, Board of	83-188	✓		N	17
170. Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel				N	
171. Personnel Board, State	81-1318	✓		Y	
172. Pharmacy, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
173. Physical Therapy, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
174. Physician Assistant Committee	71-1,107.25			Y	
175. Podiatry, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
176. Police Standards Advisory Council	81-1406			Y	
177. Potato Development Committee, Nebraska	2-1803			Y	
178. Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee, Nebraska	2-3404			Y	\$25
179. Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	✓		Y	\$60
180. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y	
181. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
182. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Advisory Committee	85-1655			N	
183. Problem Gambling and Addiction Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-816			Y	
184. Professional Practices Commission	79-861			Y	
185. Propane Education and Research Council	66-1617			N	
186. Psychologists, Board of	71-112			Y	
187. Public Accountancy, Educational Advisory Committee to the Board of	1-113			N	
188. Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107			Y	\$100
189. Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	✓		Y	
190. Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee	71-1,147.59			N	
191. Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	✓		Y	\$20
192. Public Safety Wireless Communication Advisory Board	86-419			Y	
193. Public Service Commission	Ne. Const., Art. IV, sec. 20			N	¹⁸
194. Public Water Supply, Advisory Council on	71-5311			Y	
195. Quality Jobs Board	77-4908			N	
196. Quarter Design Committee, Nebraska State	90-120			Y	
197. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee	20-506			4/1/06 ¹⁹	N
198. Racing Commission, State	2-1201				Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
199. Railway Council, Nebraska	74-1403	✓		Y	\$60
200. Real Estate Appraiser Board	76-22222			Y	\$100
201. Real Estate Commission	81-885.07			Y	\$100 ²⁰
202. Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N	
203. Reorganization of School Districts, State Committee for the	79-435			Y	
204. Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority	44-2837			N	
205. Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	71-112			Y	\$30
206. Rural Development Commission	81-3601			Y	
207. Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654	✓		Y	
208. Safety Center Advisory Council	85-1008			N	
209. School Finance Review Committee	79-1032			N	
210. Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3 ²¹			Y	
211. Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board, Nebraska	44-5261			N	
212. Soybean Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board ²²	2-3327			N	
213. State Board to Administer the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act	13-2603			N	
214. State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts	79-435			Y	
215. State Disbursement and Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05 ²³			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems ¹
216. State Records Board	84-1204			Y	
217. State Tax Board	77-501			N	
218. Substance Abuse Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-815			Y	
219. Suggestion Award Board	81-1348			Y	
220. Task Force for Nebraska State Radio Communication System	86-1802			Y	
221. Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 2877-5003	✓		Y	24
222. Technical Advisory Committee, for the Department of Environmental Quality	81-15, 189		3/1/02	Y	
223. Technical Advisory Committee for Regulation of Health Professions	71-6224			Y	
224. Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-521			N	
225. Teen Tobacco Education and Prevention Project Committee	71-5715			2004 ²⁵	Y
226. Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska Educational	79-1313	✓		Y	
227. Telecommunications Relay System Special Committee	86-315			N	
228. Telecommunications Universal Service Advisory Committee	86-327			N	
229. Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y	
230. Trauma Advisory Board, Regional	71-8251			Y	

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems¹
231. Uniform State Laws, Commission on	49-901			Y	
232. University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, Sec 10 & 85-103			Y	
233. Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N	
234. Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06			Y	
235. Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of Examiners in	71-112			Y	\$30
236. Vocational Education, State Board of ²⁶	79-321			Y	
237. Vote Nebraska Initiative	32-1701		12/31/04	Y	
238. Water Policy Task Force	46-2,132		12/31/09	N	
239. Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Board	46-1217			Y	
240. Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302			Y	
241. Women, Nebraska Commission on the Status of	81-8,255			N	
242. Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702		12/31/09	Y	
243. Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N	
244. Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623			N	
245. Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101			N	

Source: Table prepared by Legislative Research Division, September 2004

Endnotes

General note: As per Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 71-112, the professional boards in the various health-related fields receive expenses as well as a per diem not to exceed \$30. Additionally, the per diem and expenses cannot be greater than “is received in fees from the applicants taking the examination in any particular profession”. Each individual board sets its own per diem within those parameters. Additionally, these boards may set per diems and pay the expenses up to this rate for any subcommittees they create. The per diems listed here were provided by the Health and Human Services Department of Regulation and Licensure Credentialing Division.

¹ A “Y” in this column indicates that a provision authorizing expenses exists in the statute creating the board or commission; an “N” indicates the enacting statute makes no mention of allowing expenses. However, Neb. Rev. Stat. secs. 81-1177, 81-1179, and 81-1180 provide that all statutory boards and commissions are entitled to expense reimbursement.

² Confirmation is required by a majority of the Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee members.

³ Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is “established by the Governor on a per diem basis . . .”

⁴ Claims Board members are the Director of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, and the Director of Administrative Services, who shall “receive no compensation for their services except that provided by law for the offices they hold . . .”

⁵ Legislative confirmation is required for the seven members who are gubernatorial appointees.

⁶ The advisory committee is an ad hoc, informal entity comprised of representatives from the University of Nebraska, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Agriculture, and the State Energy Office that provides counsel to the Ethanol Board on an as needed basis, according to Todd Sneller, executive director of the Ethanol Board.

⁷ LB 1161 states, “Each member of the board shall receive as compensation the same per diem and travel expenses as other state employees for each day actually spent in traveling to and from and while attending sessions of the board and its committees or authorized meetings of the National Association of State Boards of Geology, or their subdivisions or committees, and all necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Geologists Regulation Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.”

⁸ “The board, when appointed and convened, shall continue in existence only until it has resolved a dispute referred to it pursuant [to statute].” Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 46-719(1a).

⁹ The Liquor Control Commission members are salaried. Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 53-112 states this annual salary is “not to exceed” \$12,500.

¹⁰ The Livestock Auction Board is a three-person board with one appointed member, who receives expenses.

¹¹ There are six; one for each mental health service region in the state.

¹² Each regional mental health governing board can appoint one advisory committee member.

¹³ The director of Motor Vehicles can reconvene the task force as deemed necessary.

¹⁴ The Legislature confirms the three gubernatorial appointees to the 16-member commission.

¹⁵ Four of the 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

¹⁶ The Board of Nursing statute authorizes up to a \$100 per diem.

¹⁷ The Parole Board is salaried.

¹⁸ Public Service Commission members receive an annual salary of \$50,000.

¹⁹ The advisory commission does not have a termination date per se, but is given no statutory role once the collection period for racial profiling data ends on April 1, 2006.

²⁰ The chairman of the Real Estate Commission is the Secretary of State and does not receive a per diem.

²¹ Four of the seven members of the panel are selected by the Legislature.

²² In 1995, the Legislature passed LB 434, which essentially laid the groundwork for transferring the duties of the Soybean Board to a private, nonprofit corporation as allowed under the federal Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6301) See Neb. Rev. Stat. secs. 2-3325 and 2-3326 for further information.

²³ The Executive Board of the Legislature appoints nine of 12 members.

²⁴ By statute, the members of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission are considered employees of the state.

²⁵ The committee is no longer awarding grants and exists only statutorily while the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Commission continues to administer the remaining multiple-year grants. See, Laws 2003, LB 574.

²⁶ Membership is comprised of the State Board of Education.