

*State Boards and Commissions  
in Nebraska, 2008*

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## Introduction

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Nebraska has some 231 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similar entities (hereinafter, collectively referred to as boards). 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 Office compile and annually update a list of statutorily created boards. This publication contains that list. The list does not purposefully include (1) boards created by executive order, by agency rule or regulation, or pursuant to federal mandates, unless enacted via state statute; (2) commissions or councils created pursuant to interstate compacts; or (3) boards created via state statute but which serve local governments.

## Legislative Action Affecting Boards and Commissions

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In 2008, the Legislature created four new boards and neatly eliminated four.

### New Boards

***Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee (LB 606)***. Supporters and opponents of using embryonic stem cells for research purposes came to a compromise with the enactment of LB 606, which creates the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee to oversee the awarding of grants intended to fund Nebraska institutions and researchers who do nonembryonic stem cell research. The six-member committee includes the deans of both the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Creighton University Medical Center, as well as four scientists from outside Nebraska who are conducting human stem cell research with funding from the National Institutes of Health.

***Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee (LB 830)***. In an effort to help the state contain soaring Medicaid costs, LB 830 instituted a preferred drug list and other measures intended to reduce the cost of prescription medicine for low-income recipients. The bill creates a Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee to advise the Department of Health and Human Services on all matters relating to the establishment and maintenance of this list. The committee can have from 15 to 20 members, but must include at least, (1) eight physicians, (2) four pharmacists, (3) a university professor of pharmacy or a person with a doctoral degree in phar-

macology, and (4) two public members in its membership. No more than 25 percent of the committee can be composed of state employees.

***Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board (LB 1014).*** New graduates of law school often start their careers with significant debt, a deterrent to accepting public legal service work. To encourage more young attorneys to work for nonprofits serving indigent defendants, LB 1014 creates an educational loan forgiveness program. The program is overseen by the Commission on Public Advocacy. To assist the commission, LB 1014 creates the Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board to develop and recommend rules and regulations that will govern the loan repayment program. The board's membership consists of the director of Legal Aid of Nebraska, the deans of the Creighton School of Law and the University of Nebraska College of Law, a student from each law school selected by the dean of the law school, a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association, and the chief counsel of the Commission on Public Advocacy.

***Technical Advisory Committee to Review the Statewide Education Assessment Plan (LB 1157).*** In 2007, the Legislature adopted a plan to assess how well Nebraska's public schools were performing in terms of student achievement. LB 1157 makes some changes to the assessment plan, including requiring the State Board of Education to annually select the assessment instruments to be used by school districts and the grade levels to be assessed. The technical advisory committee, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, was created to review the assessment plan and selected instruments. The committee consists of three nationally recognized experts in educational assessment and measurement, one Nebraska school district administrator, and one Nebraska school teacher.

### **Repealed Boards**

- ***Nebraska State Quarter Design Committee (LB 195)***
- ***Nebraska Health Care Council (LB 480)***
- ***Governor's Roundtable (LB 797)***
- ***Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Task Force (LB 928)***

### **Actions Affecting Existing Boards**

This annual publication does not track every change made to existing boards. However, significant changes are briefly noted below.

***Nebraska State Workforce Investment Board (LB 210).*** The changes in LB 210 are intended to make the 47-member board

more effective by reducing its size through the elimination of non-federally mandated statutory members. The two legislative members of the board are also made nonvoting, ex officio members.

***Nebraska Capitol Commission (LB 752).*** The bill allows the Governor to designate the Lieutenant Governor as his or her representative on the commission when the Governor is absent and allows the Speaker of the Legislature to designate the chairperson of the Executive Board or the Clerk of the Legislature as his or her representative on the commission when absent. Both designees are given full voting privileges for the meeting they attend.

***Geographic Information Systems Steering Committee (LB 823).*** This committee is renamed the Geographic Information Systems Council.

***Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature (LB 928).*** This commission is renamed the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission. Additionally, the newly named commission is reduced from 25 members to 12, who are appointed by the Governor and representative of certain constituencies. Members also must possess “a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise” relating to behavioral health. The commission is given a new sunset date of June 30, 2009.

***Children’s Behavioral Health Task Force (LB 928).*** The bill makes changes to the task force’s membership, including eliminating the chair of the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature as a member. It also allows the chairpersons of the Legislature’s Health and Human Services Committee and Appropriations Committee, who are ex officio members, to designate another member of their respective committees as task force members to serve in their stead.

***Game and Parks Commission (LB 1049).*** Several changes are made to the commission, chief among them is that the term of service is reduced from five years to four and commissioners are limited to serving two consecutive terms. The commission is also increased in size from eight to nine members. Finally, to meet the political-party qualification for membership, a nominee’s party affiliation is determined by how he or she was registered to vote at the last general election.

***State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services (LB 1058).*** This committee is renamed the State Committee on Problem Gambling and given additional duties.

*State Fair Board (LB 1116)*. In concert with moving the Nebraska State Fair from Lincoln to Grand Island, the board's nonvoting, ex officio members are changed from the chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the chairperson of the Nebraska Arts Council to the 4-H program administrator of the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska and the executive director of the Nebraska FFA. LB 1116 also changes the qualifications for four members who are appointed by the Governor.

## **Nebraska Boards and Commissions Tables**

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The following tables list statutorily created boards and commissions. The first table lists those boards created during the 2007 legislative session and the second table provides, it is hoped, a comprehensive list of all of Nebraska's boards as charted by this report. For reference, termination dates refer to the termination date listed in statute for that particular board; however, terminated boards and commissions continue to be listed until they are actually removed from statute.

Table 1

## Nebraska Boards and Commissions Created by the Legislature in 2008

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diem
1. Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee	LB 606	71-8803	Yes		Y	Y
2. Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee	LB 830	68-953			Y	N
3. Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board	LB 1014	7-204			Y	N
4. Technical Advisory Committee to Review Statewide Assessment and Reporting Plan	LB 1157	79-760.03	Yes		Y	N

Source: Table prepared by Legislative Research Office, October 2008

TABLE 2

## Nebraska Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
1.	Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540			Y	\$50
2.	Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14, 105	✓		Y	\$50
3.	Accreditation Committee, State (Department of Education)	79-703			N	
4.	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of	38-204			Y	\$30
5.	Advisory Council, State (Department of Labor)	48-610			Y	Y <sup>3</sup>
6.	Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y	
7.	Affirmative Action Committee	81-1363			Y	
8.	Affordable Housing Committee, Nebraska	81-1281			N	
9.	Aging Advisory Committee	68-1101			Y	
10.	Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnership Act, Committee to Carry Out the Purposes of	2-5423		1/1/11	N	
11.	Airline Authority, Nebraska State	3-804	✓		Y	Y <sup>4</sup>
12.	Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of	38-308			Y	\$30
13.	Anatomical Board, State	71-1001			N	
14.	Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-224.03			Y	\$50
15.	Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
16.	Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	✓		Y	
17.	Athletic Advisory Committee	81-8, 139.01			Y	
18.	Athletic Training, Board of	38-401			Y	\$30
19.	Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of	38-504			Y	\$30
20.	Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221			Y	\$75
21.	Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204	✓		Y	
22.	Behavioral Health Oversight Commission	71-818		6/30/09	Y	
23.	Biopower Steering Committee	66-1701		12/31/08	Y	
24.	Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	✓		Y	\$70
25.	Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	48-739	✓		Y	\$50
26.	Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191			Y	
27.	Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y	
28.	Broadband Services Task Force	86-599		12/1/06	N	
29.	Building Renewal, Task Force for (LB 309 Task Force)	81-174			Y	Y <sup>5</sup>
30.	Canvassers, Board of State	32-1037			N	
31.	Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			N	
32.	Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32			Y	
33.	Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska State	90-306			N	
34.	Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee	2-5302			Y	



Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
35.	Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903	✓		Y	
36.	Child Death Review Team	71-3406			Y	
37.	Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05			Y	
38.	Children's Behavioral Health Task Force	43-4001		6/30/10	Y	
39.	Chiropractic, Board of	38-804			Y	\$30
40.	Claims Board, State	81-8, 220			Y	
41.	Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	✓		Y	
42.	Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603			Y	
43.	Community College Aid, Grant, and Contract Review Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N	
44.	Community Corrections Council	47-622	✓ <sup>6</sup>		Y	
45.	Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Committee	81-1201.08			N	
46.	Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, State Board to Administer	13-2603			N	
47.	Conveyance Advisory Committee	48-2503			Y	
48.	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	85-1403 Const. Art. VII, sec. 14	✓		Y	
49.	Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604			Y	\$25
50.	Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art, Board of	38-1007			Y	\$50

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
51.	County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213			Y	
52.	County Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2304			Y	
53.	Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	81-1802	✓		Y	
54.	Critical Incident Stress Management Council	71-7105			N	
55.	Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska	2-3951			Y	
56.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	✓		Y	
57.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission of the	71-4728.03			N	
58.	Dentistry, Board of	38-1106			Y	\$30
59.	Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y	
60.	Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y	
61.	Donor Registry of Nebraska Advisory Board	71-4823			N	
62.	Dry Bean Commission	2-3745			Y	
63.	Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees	79-1104.03			Y	
64.	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y	
65.	Economic Development Commission	81-1201.02			Y	
66.	Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27, 156			Y	
67.	Education, State Board of	79-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 3			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
68.	Educational Finance Authority, Nebraska	85-1710			Y	
69.	Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-201 Const. Art. VII, sec. 6	✓		Y	\$40
70.	Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council	79-1245			N	
71.	Educational Technology Consortium, State	79-1301			N	
72.	Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	✓		Y	
73.	Electrical Board, State	81-2103	✓		Y	
74.	Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810			Y	
75.	Emergency Medical Services, Board of	38-1206	✓		Y	
76.	Emergency Response Commission, State	81-15,210	✓		Y	
77.	Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428			Y	\$60
78.	Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y	
79.	Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registered	38-1307			Y	\$25
80.	Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	✓		Y	\$40
81.	Environmental Quality, Technical Advisory Committee to the Department of	81-15, 189		3/1/02	Y	
82.	Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15, 170	✓		Y	
83.	Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116			Y	\$50
84.	Ethanol Board, Advisory Committee to the <sup>7</sup>	66-1337			N	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
85.	Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	✓		Y	\$25
86.	Families With Special Housing Needs, Advisory Committee on	68-1605			N	
87.	Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01			Y	
88.	Foster Care Review Board	43-1302	✓		Y	
89.	Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	38-1405			Y	\$30
90.	Game and Parks Commission	37-101	✓		Y	\$35
91.	Geographic Information Systems Council	86-570			Y	
92.	Geologists, Board of	81-3520			Y	Y <sup>8</sup>
93.	Governor's Residence Advisory Commission	72-2101			Y	
94.	Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002			Y	
95.	Grape and Winery Board, Nebraska	53-301			Y	
96.	Greenbelt Advisory Committee	77-1355			Y	
97.	Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724			N	
98.	Health Advisory Board, (Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles)	60-4,118.02			Y	
99.	Health Professions, Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of	71-6224			Y	
100.	Health, State Board of	71-2601	✓		Y	\$20
101.	Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters, Board of	38-1503			Y	\$25

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
102.	Highway Commission, State	39-1101	✓		Y	\$20
103.	Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y	
104.	Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830			N	
105.	Housing Advisory Committee to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	58-704			N	
106.	Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501			Y	\$50
107.	Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council	29-3932			Y	
108.	Industrial Relations, Commission of	48-803	✓		Y	\$250
109.	Information Technology Commission, Nebraska	86-515	✓		Y	
110.	Information Technology Commission, Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska	86-521			N	
111.	Interagency Management Committee (to the Critical Incident Stress Management Committee)	71-7106			N	
112.	Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council	86-539			Y	
113.	Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y	
114.	Interrelated Water Review Board <sup>9</sup>	46-719			N	
115.	Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N	
116.	Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	✓		Y	\$75
117.	Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226			Y	
118.	Jail Standards Board	83-4,124			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
119.	Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N	
120.	Judicial Nominating Commission <sup>10</sup>	24-801 Const. Art. V, sec. 21			N	
121.	Judicial Qualifications Commission	24-715 Const. Art. V, sec. 28			Y	
122.	Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201			Y	
123.	Juvenile Justice, Nebraska Coalition for	43-2411			Y	
124.	Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110			Y	
125.	Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8, 186			Y	
126.	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416			Y	
127.	Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board	7-204			Y	
128.	Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission, Nebraska	81-8,307		12/31/07	Y	
129.	Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401			Y	
130.	Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	✓		Y	
131.	Livestock Auction Market Board	54-1160			Y <sup>11</sup>	\$50
132.	Massage Therapy, Board of	38-1704			Y	\$30
133.	Medicaid Reform Council	68-948		6/30/10	Y	
134.	Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of	38-1805			Y	\$30

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
135.	Medical Radiography, Board of	38-1903			Y	
136.	Medical Review Panel	44-2841			Y	\$50
137.	Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-2010			Y	\$30
138.	Mental Health Practice, Board of	38-2105			Y	\$30
139.	Mental Health Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-814			Y	
140.	Mexican-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262			Y	\$35
141.	Motor Fuel Trust Fund, Committee to Oversee the	66-737			N	
142.	Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	✓		Y	\$50
143.	Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	✓ <sup>12</sup>		Y	\$50
144.	Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission	81-12,123		12/31/10	Y	
145.	Niobrara Council	72-2007			Y	
146.	Nursing Board, Nebraska Center for	71-1799		7/1/10	Y	
147.	Nursing, Board of	38-2204			Y	\$100
148.	Nursing Home Administration, Board of	38-2406			Y	\$30
149.	Nursing Home Advisory Council	71-6044			Y	
150.	Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	38-2505			Y	
151.	Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	✓		Y	\$50
152.	Optometry, Board of	38-2603			Y	\$30

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153.	Pardons, Board of	83-1,126 Const. Art. IV, sec. 13			N	
154.	Parole, Board of	83-188 Const. Art. IV, sec. 13	✓		N	
155.	Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel (Department of Correctional Services)	83-4,164			N	
156.	Perfusionist Committee	38-2712			Y	\$50
157.	Personnel Board, State	81-1318	✓		N	
158.	Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee	68-953			Y	
159.	Pharmacy, Board of	38-2808			Y	\$30
160.	Physical Therapy, Board of	38-2905			Y	\$30
161.	Physician Assistant Committee	38-2056			Y	
162.	Podiatry, Board of	38-3003			Y	\$30
163.	Police Standards Advisory Council, Nebraska	81-1406			Y	
164.	Potato Development Committee, Nebraska	2-1803			Y	
165.	Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee, Nebraska	2-3404			Y	\$25
166.	Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	✓		Y	\$60
167.	Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y	



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168.	Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N	
169.	Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Advisory Committee	85-1655			N	
170.	Problem Gambling and Addiction Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-816			Y	
171.	Professional Practices Commission	79-861			Y	
172.	Propane Education and Research Council	66-1617			N	
173.	Psychology, Board of	38-3103			Y	\$30
174.	Public Accountancy, Educational Advisory Committee to the Board of	1-113			N	
175.	Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107			Y	\$100
176.	Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923			Y	
177.	Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	✓		Y	\$50
178.	Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee	38-2889			N	
179.	Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	✓		Y	\$20 <sup>13</sup>
180.	Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20			N	
181.	Public Water Supply, Advisory Council on	71-5311			Y	
182.	Quality Jobs Board	77-4908			N	
183.	Racial Profiling Advisory Committee	20-506			N	
184.	Racing Commission, State	2-1201	✓		Y	

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185.	Railway Council, Nebraska	74-1413	✓		Y	\$60
186.	Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07			Y	\$100 <sup>14</sup>
187.	Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222			Y	\$100
188.	Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N	
189.	Regional Interoperability Advisory Board	86-418.01		1/1/09	Y	
190.	Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority (Department of Insurance)	44-2837			N	
191.	Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	38-3203			Y	\$30
192.	Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-967		6/30/09	Y	
193.	Rural Development Commission	81-3601			Y	
194.	Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654	✓		Y	
195.	Safety Center Advisory Council, Nebraska	85-1008			N	
196.	Sex Offender Treatment and Management Services, Working Group to Study	71-1228		12/1/06	N	
197.	School Districts, State Committee for the Reorganization of	79-435			Y	
198.	Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3			Y	
199.	Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board, Nebraska	44-5261			N	
200.	Special Education Services Task Force	79-11,151		12/31/07	Y	
201.	State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	85-301 Const. Art. VII, sec. 13	✓		Y	

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202.	State Fair Board, Nebraska	2-101	✓ <sup>15</sup>		N	
203.	State Records Board	84-1204			Y	
204.	Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee	71-8803	✓		Y	Y <sup>16</sup>
205.	Substance Abuse Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-815			Y	
206.	Suggestion Award Board	81-1348			Y	
207.	Tax Equalization and Review Commission	77-5003 Const. Art. IX, sec. 28	✓		Y	
208.	Tax Policy Reform Commission	77-6002		12/31/07	Y	
209.	Teacher Education and Certification Advisory Committee	79-808			Y	
210.	Technical Committee to Review Statewide Assessment and Reporting Plan	79-760.03	✓		Y	
211.	Teen Tobacco Education and Prevention Project Committee	71-5715		2004 <sup>17</sup>	Y	
212.	Telecommunications Relay System Act, Special Advisory Committee to Administer the	86-315			N	
213.	Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Advisory Board	86-327			N	
214.	Transit and Rail Advisory Council, Nebraska	74-1504	✓	6/30/05	Y	
215.	Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y	

Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses <sup>1</sup>	Per Diems <sup>2</sup>
216.	University of Nebraska Board of Regents	85-103 Const. Art. VI, sec. 10			Y	
217.	Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N	
218.	Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06			Y	
219.	Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board, Nebraska	12-1301			Y	
220.	Veterans' Homes Board	80-318			Y	
221.	Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-3306			Y	\$30
222.	Vocational Education, State Board of <sup>18</sup>	79-321			Y	
223.	Vote Nebraska Initiative	32-1701		12/31/04	Y	
224.	Water Policy Task Force	46-2,132		12/31/09	N	
225.	Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board	46-1217			Y	
226.	Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302			Y	
227.	Women, Nebraska Commission on the Status of	81-8,255			N	
228.	Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702		12/31/09	Y	
229.	Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N	
230.	Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623			N	
231.	Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101			N	

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## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> 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. sec. 81-1178 provides that “Any member of any state commission, council, committee, or board which has been created by statute shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees whether or not specific reference is made to such sections.”

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, per diems listed are the maximum allowable in statute for that particular board. Since some statutes indicate that the permissible per diem is “at least” or “up to”, the actual per diem paid to a given board member could be less than that listed. 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.

<sup>3</sup> The State Advisory Council members are paid a fee, set by the Commissioner of Labor, for each day of active service.

<sup>4</sup> The Nebraska State Airline Authority members “shall receive a per diem as the Governor shall determine.” However, this authority disbanded after overseeing an intra-state air service study issued in 1990 and has not been re-appointed.

<sup>5</sup> Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is “established by the Governor on a per diem basis. . . .”

<sup>6</sup> Legislative confirmation is required for the seven members who are gubernatorial appointees.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> 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.”

<sup>9</sup> “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).

<sup>10</sup> There are actually 33 commissions of nine members each representing the various judicial districts and courts within the state.

<sup>11</sup> The Livestock Auction Market Board is a three-person board with one appointed member, who receives expenses.

<sup>12</sup> The Legislature confirms the three gubernatorial appointees to the 16-member commission.

<sup>13</sup> The three lay members of the board are the only members to receive a per diem, which is set at the same rate as that paid to the members of the State Highway Commission.

<sup>14</sup> All members of the Real Estate Commission receive a per diem except the chairman, who is an ex officio member and the Nebraska Secretary of State.

<sup>15</sup> Four of the 11 voting members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

<sup>16</sup> Committee members who are not employed by Nebraska medical schools receive a stipend per meeting. The amount is determined by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services based on standard consultation fees.

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> Membership is comprised of the State Board of Education.