

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

This section includes miscellaneous boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities and quasi-governmental bodies and bodies with members from more than one branch of state government. None of these entities are full-fledged state agencies, but they have a degree of independence that keeps them from being classified within any department or agency. All statutory references in this section indicate the location in the Revised Statutes of Nebraska where each governmental body was created, unless otherwise indicated.

State Anatomical Board

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Statutory Reference: 71-1001

The State Anatomical Board acquires, prepares, stores and disburses human cadavers to Nebraska schools of medicine, dentistry and allied health.

The seven-member board includes the following members:

- the anatomy department chairpersons of Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) or their designees
- anatomy professors appointed by the anatomy department chairpersons of Creighton University and UNMC
- anatomy professors appointed from the Creighton University and University of Nebraska dental colleges
- a member of the public appointed by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure

Member	Position
Vimla Band, Omaha	Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Margaret Jergenson, Omaha.....	Department of Oral Biology, Creighton University School of Dentistry
Ken Kramer, Omaha.....	Department of Biomedical Sciences, Creighton University School of Medicine
Carol Lomneth, Omaha	Department of Biomedical Sciences, Creighton University School of Medicine
Travis McCumber, Omaha	Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Nancy Phillips, Omaha.....	Member of Public
Shayla Yoachim, Lincoln.....	Department of Oral Biology, College of Dentistry, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Nebraska Aquaculture Board

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Statutory Reference: 2-5003

The Nebraska Aquaculture Board was created to increase stocks of fish and other aquatic life in the state. The board works to encourage the practice of aquaculture in order to promote agricultural diversity, augment food supplies, expand employment opportunities and promote economic activity.

The board consists of one employee of the Game and Parks Commission who is familiar with aquatic disease, appointed by the secretary of the commission, and one employee of the Department of Agriculture appointed by the director. The governor appoints three aquaculturists and a representative of an industry or product that is related to or used in aquaculture. Members serve three-year terms, except for the initial aquaculturist members of the board, whose appointments are staggered so that one member is appointed for a one-year term, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term, as determined by the governor.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Ronald Bright, Bridgeport	Aquaculturist	July 1, 2023
Jamey Jameson, Bladen	Aquaculturist	July 1, 2022
Rich Lackaff, Bassett	Aquaculturist	July 1, 2024
William Murray, Broadwater	Aquaculturist	July 1, 2023
Dean Rosenthal, Lincoln	Game and Parks Commission	Ex Officio
Allissa Troyer, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture	Ex Officio

Board of State Canvassers

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Statutory Reference: 32-1037

The Board of State Canvassers certifies the votes of certain offices and issues cast at each statewide primary and general election and orders recounts if necessary. The board canvasses the votes for president; U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives; state constitutional officers; Nebraska Legislature; Public Service Commission; University of Nebraska Board of Regents; State Board of Education; public power district boards; community college boards; natural resources district boards; reclamation district boards; educational service unit boards; learning community coordinating councils; retention of judges; constitutional amendments; and initiatives and referendums.

The board consists of the auditor of public accounts, attorney general, governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. The board meets on the fourth Monday after each statewide primary and general election. The present canvassing system was established by legislation in 1955.

Member	Position
Robert B. Evnen, Lincoln	Secretary of State
Mike Foley, Lincoln	Auditor of Public Accounts

Mike Hilgers, Lincoln	Attorney General
John Murante, Omaha.....	Treasurer
Jim Pillen, Columbus.....	Governor

Nebraska Capitol Commission

Contact Person: Robert C. Ripley, Capitol Administrator, Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, State Capitol, Seventh Floor, Lincoln, NE 68509-4696, phone (402) 471-6691

Statutory Reference: 81-1108.32

The Nebraska Capitol Commission advises and votes on recommendations from the Office of the Capitol Commission regarding the following:

- policies and guidelines for the proper conservation, restoration, enhancement and interpretation of the State Capitol and its furnishings and grounds
- policies and guidelines for the use of the Capitol’s preservation and adaptive-use spaces, including adoption of a document of standards
- facilities planning, construction, administration and documentation
- maintenance of the State Capitol and grounds
- participation with the Capitol Environs Commission on related projects

The 1949 Legislature changed the original Capitol Commission to the State Building Commission. The Building Commission membership was altered by the 1965 Legislature and again in 1974 when the Legislature designated the body as advisory. The 2004 Legislature changed the name back to the Capitol Commission and altered the membership to include representation from the legislative and judicial branches. The governor chairs the commission. Other ex officio members include the speaker of the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Three other Nebraska residents are appointed by the governor, representing each of the three congressional districts. The appointed members serve staggered three-year terms. The commission meets quarterly.

The capitol administrator also is a member and serves the commission as a non-voting secretary.

Members	Position	Term Expires
Doug Carey, Lincoln.....	1st Congressional District	April 15, 2021
Trent Loos, Litchfield.....	3rd Congressional District	April 15, 2020
Thomas F. Sanderson, Omaha.....	2nd Congressional District.....	April 15, 2025
Sen. John Arch, La Vista.....	Speaker of the Legislature.....	Nonexpiring
Jill Dolberg, Lincoln.....	History Nebraska.....	Nonexpiring
Michael Heavican, Lincoln	Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Pillen, Columbus (Chair).....	Governor.....	Nonexpiring
Kevin Van Den Wymelenberg, Lincoln.....	College of Architecture Dean	Nonexpiring

Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission

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Statutory Reference: 90-306

The Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission is a joint City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska body that protects the setting of the Nebraska State Capitol. The commission also creates design standards for architectural and urban design changes and oversees improvements within the Capitol Environs District. The commission meets monthly.

Two commission members are appointed by the governor, and five are appointed by the mayor and city council of Lincoln. Members serve three-year terms. Ex officio members include the following officials or their designees: the city of Lincoln planning director, the city of Lincoln parks and recreation director, the director of the state Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission's capitol administrator.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Heidi Cuca, Lincoln.....	Governor's Appointee	April 15, 2025
Andrea Gebhart, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2025
Delonte Johnson, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2024
Kile Johnson, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2024
Karen Nalow, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2023
Ann Post, Lincoln.....	Governor's Appointee	April 15, 2023
David Quade, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2025
David Cary, Lincoln.....	Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department.....	Ex Officio
Jason Jackson, Lincoln.....	Department of Administrative Services.....	Ex Officio
Robert C. Ripley, Lincoln.....	Capitol Commission.....	Ex Officio
Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Lincoln.....	Lincoln Parks and Recreation.....	Ex Officio

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Contact Person: Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3717

Statutory Reference: 86-519

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) provides a wide range of technology services to state agencies, boards and commissions and political subdivisions. Services include: application development, web development, mainframe computing, information security, project management, 24/7 service desk support, enterprise licensing, voice and wireless services, desktop computing, servers, cabling, VPNs, firewalls, video conferencing, public safety communications, wide area network services and the statewide network known as Network Nebraska. The OCIO also supports the work of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.¹

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature.

¹For more information about the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, see Page 715.

The OCIO was created by the Legislature in 1998. At that time, the CIO's responsibilities were largely limited to policy, planning and project monitoring. The 2006 Legislature gave the CIO oversight responsibility for the Division of Communications and the Information Management Services Division, both previously divisions of the Department of Administrative Services. The Division of Communications, established in 1975, began as the Telecommunications Bureau in 1967. The Information Management Services Division, renamed in 1998, was established as Central Data Processing in 1967, after initially operating as part of the Accounting Office.

Enterprise Computing Services

Contact Person: Dave Hattan, Administrator, Enterprise Computing Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-0648

The Enterprise Computing Services administrator is responsible for applications development, web development, mainframe computing and project management.

IT Operations

Contact Person: Tim Cao, Administrator, Operations, 501 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3031

IT Operations is responsible for the management of the OCIO Enterprise Service Desk, the 24/7 infrastructure monitoring Network Operations Center, business continuity and the state's IBM mainframe and AS/400 computers that serve state agencies as well as all 93 counties. IT Operations also is responsible for statewide IT support services and the customer liaison Business Service Management structure in place at key state agencies.

IT Financial Services

Contact Person: Noah Finlan, Controller, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-4385

The purpose of the IT Financial Services area is to align fiscal resources to achieve the strategies of the OCIO. Activities include cost recovery planning, rate setting, asset management, contracts, enterprise licensing and reviews of agency purchases of information technology goods and services.

Network Services

Contact Person: Jeff Cadwallader, Administrator, Network Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-5909

The Network Services team is responsible for end-to-end support from the desktop through the wide area network. This includes the enterprise data center, voice and wireless services, desktop, server, cabling, VPNs, firewalls, security policy and operations, video conferencing, public safety communication and wide area network services. The mission of Network Services is to provide efficient, economical and reliable telecommunications services.

Child Support Advisory Commission

Contact Person: Trevor Fitzgerald, Legal Counsel, Executive Board of the Legislative Council, Room 2108, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604, phone (402) 471-2718, email — tfitzgerald@leg.ne.gov

Statutory Reference: 43-3342.05

Every four years the Nebraska Supreme Court notifies the Executive Board of the Legislative Council of its intent to review child support guidelines pursuant to state law. The Supreme Court and the Executive Board then make appointments to fill the Child Support Advisory Commission's membership. The commission's duties include reviewing the child support guidelines adopted by the Supreme Court and recommending changes, if appropriate.

The commission presents reports of its activities and recommendations to the Supreme Court and the Executive Board. The Supreme Court reviews the commission's report and may amend the child support guidelines based upon the commission's recommendations. Once the recommendations are completed, the commission's work is done until the next Supreme Court review of the state's child support guidelines.

The Executive Board manages and administers the commission. Members include two district court judges whose jurisdiction includes domestic relations; one member of the Nebraska Bar Association who practices primarily in the area of domestic relations; one county attorney who works in child support; one professional who works in the field of economics, mathematics or another field of expertise relevant to child support; one custodial parent who has a court order to receive child support; one noncustodial parent who is under a support order to pay child support; the chairperson of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, who serves as chairperson of the commission; and the chairperson of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee.

The state treasurer, the state court administrator and the director of the Title IV-D division or their designees serve as ex officio members. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Nebraska Children's Commission

Contact Person: Laura Opfer, Policy Analyst, Nebraska Children's Commission, 1225 L St., Ste. 401, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 430-6599, website — www.childrens.nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 43-4202

The Nebraska Children's Commission was created by LB821 (2012) as a high-level leadership body to provide a permanent forum for collaboration among state, local, community, public and private stakeholders in child welfare and juvenile justice programs and services. It is the only statutory body working with all three branches of government on these issues. Tasks include creating strategic priorities for child welfare and juvenile justice reform, monitoring and evaluating the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, providing research to help inform current reform efforts, facilitating collaborative opportunities and disseminating information on child welfare and juvenile justice reform.

The commission also oversees the following statutory committees: Bridge to Inde-

pendence Advisory, Foster Care Reimbursement Rate, Juvenile Services, Strengthening Families Act and Alternative Response.

For administrative purposes, the offices and staff of the Nebraska Children's Commission are located in the Foster Care Review Office.

Fifteen members of the commission, who are appointed by the governor, represent a variety of stakeholders in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The commission also includes nonvoting, ex officio representatives from all three branches of government.

The committee meets at least once every three months, and members are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Jarren Breeling, Papillion.....	Family Support Representative	June 30, 2023
A'Jamal Byndon, Omaha.....	Disparities Coordinator.....	June 30, 2023
Vernon J. Davis, Lincoln.....	Former Foster Youth.....	June 30, 2021
Kathy Dinkel, Omaha	Adoptive Parent.....	June 30, 2021
Misty Flowers, Bloomfield.....	Federally Recognized Tribe.....	June 30, 2023
Rachel Folds, Walton.....	Foster Parent	June 30, 2023
Ron Giesselmann, Fremont.....	Children's Home Director.....	June 30, 2023
Richard Hasty, Plattsmouth.....	Schools	June 30, 2021
Sara Hoyle, Lincoln.....	Human Services Director.....	June 30, 2023
Terri Knutson, Omaha.....	Biological Parent.....	June 30, 2023
Melissa Nance, Omaha.....	Child Welfare Service Agency.....	June 30, 2023
Felicia Nelsen, Lincoln.....	Parent Association.....	June 30, 2021
Lana Temple-Plotz, Omaha.....	Children's Home Society.....	June 30, 2021
Susan J. Thomas, Fairbury.....	CASA Representative.....	June 30, 2023
LaShawn Young, Omaha.....	Child Welfare Stakeholder.....	June 30, 2023
Stephanie Beasley, Lincoln.....	Director, Children and Family Services.....	Ex Officio
Jeanne Brandner, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator Designee.....	Ex Officio
Jennifer Carter, Lincoln.....	Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare	Ex Officio
Sheri Dawson, Lincoln.....	Director, Behavioral Health	Ex Officio
Sen. Jen Day, Omaha.....	HHS Committee Designee.....	Ex Officio
Sen. Myron Dorn, Adams.....	Appropriations Committee Designee.....	Ex Officio
Monika Gross, Lincoln.....	Director, Foster Care Review Office.....	Ex Officio
Judge Roger Heideman, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator Designee.....	Ex Officio
LaDonna Jones-Dunlap, Lincoln.....	Department of Education Designee.....	Ex Officio
Deb VanDyke-Ries, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator Designee.....	Ex Officio
Vacant	Judiciary Committee Designee.....	Ex Officio

State Claims Board

Contact Persons: Allen Simpson, State Risk Manager, 1526 K St., Ste. 180, P.O. Box 94974, Lincoln, NE 68509-4974, phone (402) 471-4436, fax (402) 471-2800, email — allen.d.simpson@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 81-8,220

The State Claims Board is part of the state's Risk Management Program. The board meets at the call of the chairperson, the risk manager or a majority of the board to conduct hearings to hear and decide tort, miscellaneous and contract claims filed against any state agency. Suits are not permitted under the State Tort Claims Act unless the risk manager or State Claims Board has made final disposition of the claim, or unless

the risk manager or board does not make final disposition of a claim within six months after the claim is made in writing and filed.² In addition, the board meets to review Line of Duty claims for first responders who die in the line of duty.

Members are the director of insurance, the director of administrative services and the commissioner of labor. By law, the attorney general is the board’s legal advisor.

Member	Position
John Albin, Lincoln	Commissioner of Labor
Eric Dunning, Lincoln	Director of Insurance
Jason Jackson, Lincoln.....	Director of Administrative Services

Climate Assessment Response Committee

Contact Person: Cicely Wardyn, Assistant Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, 245 Fallbrook Blvd., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68521, phone (402) 471-2341, website — www.carc.nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 2-4901

The 1992 Legislature created the Climate Assessment Response Committee to:

- collect and analyze data about drought and other severe climate occurrences and disseminate information to the governor and others
- answer questions and provide advice about requests for federal disaster declarations and the use of funds or other assistance that become available because of a declaration
- establish criteria for the startup and shutdown of assessment and response activities by state and federal agencies during droughts and other climate-related emergencies
- define the responsibilities of all agencies during droughts and climate-related emergencies, and maintain an inventory of those responsibilities
- work to improve the methods of assessing the effects of drought on agriculture and industry

The committee is composed of representatives appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, from livestock producers, crop producers, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Conservation and Survey Division and Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska. Ex officio members are the director of the state Department of Agriculture or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of the state Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee and the director of the state Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee. Chairpersons of the Legislature’s Agriculture and Natural Resources committees are nonvoting, ex officio members of the committee. The governor may appoint a member of the Governor’s Policy Research Office. Representatives from the federal Consolidated Farm Service Agency or any other federal or state agency also may serve on the committee at the invitation of the governor.

The committee meets twice annually, but it may convene at the call of the chairperson, on request of a majority of members, or during periods of drought or other severe weather situations. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

² For more information about the State Risk Management Division in the state Department of Administrative Services, see Page 440.

Member	Represents
Sen. Bruce Bostelman, Brainard	Chairperson, Natural Resources Committee
Jesse Bradley, Lincoln	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Sen. Steve Halloran, Hastings	Chairperson, Agriculture Committee
R.M. Matt Joeckel, Lincoln	UNL Conservation and Survey Division
Ervin Portis, Lincoln	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Rick Rasby, Lincoln	UNL Cooperative Extension
Carl Sousek, Prague	Crop Producer
Mark Svoboda, Lincoln	National Drought Mitigation Center
Cicely Wardyn, Lincoln	Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Becky Wisell, Lincoln	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Vacant	Livestock Producer

Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee

Contact Person: Gary Timm, Chief Finance and Administrative Officer, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, 140 N. 8th St., Ste. 300, Lincoln, NE 68509-5005, phone (402) 471-0020, email — gary.timm@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 85-1539

The Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee oversees state funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund. The fund provides grants to community colleges for applied technology and occupational faculty training, instructional equipment upgrades, employee assessment, pre-employment training, employment training and dislocated worker programs benefiting the State of Nebraska. Grants also are available for programs or activities to enhance student performance in degree, certificate or diploma completion, retention or foundations education or the collection, reporting, analysis and utilization of student data.

The committee also has oversight responsibility for the community college gap assistance program, which is administered by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The program’s primary goal is to address workforce shortages in high-need occupations in Nebraska, as well as to train individuals already employed in high-demand areas and increase their advancement potential. Because students enrolled in programs that are not Pell-eligible are not eligible for federal financial aid, community colleges may award gap assistance to students that could lead to jobs in these occupations.

The seven-member committee consists of one representative each from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor and Department of Education, as well as three representatives from the community college areas appointed to two-year terms.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Bruce Exstrom, Lincoln.....	Southeast Community College	2021
Charlie Gregory, Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Community College.....	2021
Candace Walton, Grand Island	Central Community College.....	2021
Dan J. Curran, Lincoln	Department of Economic Development	Nonexpiring
Donna Hoffman, Lincoln.....	Department of Education	Nonexpiring

Shauna Smith, LincolnDepartment of LaborNonexpiring
 Gary Timm, Lincoln.....Coordinating Commission for
 Postsecondary EducationNonexpiring

Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents

Contact Person: LeMoyne Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1400 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 479-4436, email – lemoyne.schulz@nebraska.gov, website – <https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/lpa/boards-liaison/>

Statutory Reference: 39-2304

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents tests and licenses local officials, or their agents, charged with overseeing the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads and municipal streets. Registered professional engineers are licensed by equivalency for the Class B entry-level license; all other applicants for the Class B license must pass an examination, which is administered twice yearly. Experienced licensees may apply for a Class A license, which requires professional development hours for renewal. Licensing promotes competency in local planning and administration as part of a policy enacted in 1969 to provide efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets.

The board’s seven members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the governor. All must be licensed county highway and city street superintendents. Four members represent counties of various populations. Three represent municipalities of various populations, one from each congressional district. The Nebraska Department of Transportation’s Boards - Liaison Services Section provides administrative support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Kent H. Anderson, Paxton.....	Class 1 County.....	Oct. 27, 2025
David A. Goedeken, Omaha.....	First Class City, District 1.....	Oct. 27, 2025
Chris Jacobsen, Broken Bow.....	Class 3 County.....	Oct. 27, 2023
James. K. McDonald, David City.....	Second Class City, District 3.....	Oct. 27, 2011
Timothy Ryan, Keystone.....	Class 2 County.....	Oct. 27, 2023
Vacant.....	County.....	Oct. 27, 2021
Vacant.....	Village, District 2.....	Oct. 27, 2017

Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board

Contact Persons: Glen White, Interim Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5604; Keisha Patent, Director, Legislative Fiscal Office, Room 1007, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604, phone (402) 471-2263

Statutory Reference: 77-27,156

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board was created in 1984 to act as an advisory body to the governor and the Legislature for state general fund revenue

projections. The board develops a consensus projection of the state's economic activity as it relates to the general fund revenue derived for existing state tax rates.

The board consists of nine members. Five are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The other four members are appointed by the governor and serve at the governor's pleasure. Members must demonstrate expertise in tax policy, economics or economic forecasting. Appointees serve four-year terms.

The board meets in February, April and October in odd-numbered years and in February and October in even-numbered years. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Appointed By	Term Expires
Leslie Andersen, Bennington	Governor	Sept. 26, 2026
Thomas Henning, Kearney	Governor	Sept. 26, 2026
John L. Kuehn, Heartwell	Governor	Sept. 26, 2026
Fred Lockwood, Scottsbluff	Legislative Council	Sept. 26, 2024
Richard McGinnis, Lexington	Legislative Council	Sept. 26, 2024
Matthew Miltenberger, Gretna	Governor	Sept. 26, 2026
David A. Ochsner, Geneva	Legislative Council	Sept. 26, 2024
Tonn M. Ostergard, Crete	Legislative Council	Sept. 26, 2024
Steven Seline, Omaha	Legislative Council	Sept. 26, 2024

Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services Finance Authority

Contact Person: Gregory A. Johnson, Executive Manager, Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services Finance Authority, 1015 N. 98th St., Ste. 200, Omaha, NE 68114, phone (402) 390-2480, fax (402) 390-0885, email — neefa@neefa.com

Statutory Reference: 58-801

The Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services Finance Authority helps Nebraska's not-for-profit colleges, universities, healthcare facilities and social service agencies build, finance and refinance capital improvement projects by issuing tax-exempt bonds on their behalf. Bond indebtedness is solely a liability of the not-for-profit entity and not an obligation of the authority. The authority has statutory authorization to issue bonds to fund educational assistance loan programs, but no such bonds have been issued to date.

The authority has seven members, appointed by the governor to four-year terms. At least one member must have knowledge and experience in public accounting, one member must have knowledge in educational building construction, one member must be an officer of a Nebraska private college or university, one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of finance, one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of health care and one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of social service agencies. No more than four members may belong to the same political party. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Susanne Blue, Lincoln (D) ³	Social Service.....	Dec. 31, 2021
Russ Gronewold, Lincoln (D).....	Health Care.....	Dec. 31, 2021
Mary Hawkins, Bellevue (D).....	College Officer.....	Dec. 31, 2022
Rick Spalding, Fremont (R).....	Finance.....	Dec. 31, 2020
Maryanne Stevens, Omaha (D).....	College Officer.....	Dec. 31, 2022
Cori Vokoun, Lincoln (R).....	Construction.....	Dec. 31, 2020
Jim Watts, Lincoln (R).....	Public Accounting.....	Dec. 31, 2022

Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority

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Statutory Reference: 79-1810

The 1997 Legislature created the Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority to help private elementary and secondary schools in the constructing, financing and refinancing of projects involving educational facilities. The authority may issue and refund bonds and may make loans to schools to finance the cost of projects.

The authority has five members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. No more than three members can be from the same political party. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Fr. James Meysenberg, Lincoln (N).....	Dec. 31, 2020
Jonathan Nikkila, Omaha (R).....	Dec. 31, 2018
Thomas J. Purcell III, Omaha (D).....	Dec. 31, 2020
Doris Robertson, Lincoln (R).....	Dec. 31, 2018
Justin Vossen, Omaha (R).....	Dec. 31, 2018

Environmental Trust Board

Contact Person: Karl Elmshaeuser, Executive Director, The Nebraska Environmental Trust, 700 S. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-3472, phone (402) 471-5409, email — karl.elmshaeuser@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 81-15,167

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Act of 1992 authorized a portion of proceeds from the state lottery to be placed in a fund “for the purpose of conserving, enhancing and restoring the natural, physical and biological environment of the state.” After voters approved the lottery in November 1992, legislation governing the lottery and distribution of proceeds was re-enacted in 1993 under LB138.

Forty-four and one-half percent of lottery proceeds are put into the Environmental Trust Fund after prizes and operating expenses are paid for and the first \$500,000 of proceeds are paid to the Compulsive Gamblers’ Assistance Fund.

The 14-member Environmental Trust Board manages the Environmental Trust Fund and carries out the goals of the trust. The board leverages private funds to support

³Political party affiliation: R=Republican; D=Democratic; N=Nonpartisan.

short and long-term environmental goals and provides funding for proposals according to the priorities of habitat, surface and groundwater, recycling and waste management, air quality and soil management.

The re-enacting legislation specified that land easements obtained through the trust fund may be acquired only on a willing-seller basis.

Board membership includes nine members of the public appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, to six-year terms. Other members include the directors of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and Energy, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, Game and Parks Commission, and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee. Three appointees are chosen from each congressional district. Each citizen member must have demonstrated experience and interest in the state's environment, and at least two citizen members must have experience in private financing of public-purpose projects. The Game and Parks Commission provides administrative support to the board through an agreement.

The board meets at least four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Joshua N. Andersen, Edgar	District 3	March 10, 2025
Quentin Bowen, Humboldt.....	District 3	March 10, 2023
Rodney Christen, Steinauer	District 3	March 10, 2027
Felix Davidson, Valley.....	District 2, Finance Experience	March 10, 2025
Paul Dunn, Omaha	District 2, Finance Experience	March 10, 2023
Jim Hellbusch, Columbus.....	District 1	March 10, 2027
Jeff Kanger, Lincoln.....	District 1	March 10, 2025
John Orr, Blair.....	District 1, Finance Experience	March 10, 2023
Mark Quandahl, Omaha	District 2, Finance Experience	March 10, 2027
Jim Macy, Lincoln	Director, Department of Environment and Energy.....	Nonexpiring
Tim McCoy, Lincoln.....	Director, Game and Parks Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Charity Menefee, Lincoln.....	Division Director, Department of Health and Human Services.....	Nonexpiring
Thomas Riley, Eagle	Director, Department of Natural Resources.....	Nonexpiring
Sherry Vinton, Whitman.....	Director, Department of Agriculture.....	Nonexpiring

Nebraska State Fair Board

Contact Person: Jaime Parr, Executive Director, Nebraska State Fair Board, P.O. Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802-1387, phone (308) 382-1620, fax (308) 384-1555, website — www.statefair.org

Statutory Reference: 2-101

A law passed by the 2002 Legislature created the Nebraska State Fair Board to manage the state fair, a duty previously performed by the State Board of Agriculture. The new board also promotes training and competition for youth interested in agriculture, horticulture, science, industry, mechanics, arts and skilled crafts.

Nebraska City hosted the first state fair in 1859 and two others in 1868 and 1869. An 1879 act made the state fair an annual event and prescribed the State Board of Agriculture’s duties. In 2008, the Legislature passed LB1116, moving the state fair to Grand Island.

The board’s annual meeting is held in Grand Island during odd-numbered years and in a location of the board’s choice during even-numbered years. The board’s 13 members consist of:

- seven members elected by county fair districts
- four members appointed by the governor, with three representing the three congressional districts and one representing the Grand Island business community
- two ex officio members: the executive director of the Nebraska Future Farmers of America and the state 4-H program administrator of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Terms for the seven members representing county fair districts are staggered so that elections are held annually.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Dawn Caldwell, Edgar.....	Business Community, At Large.....	December 2024
Tom Dinsdale, Grand Island.....	Business Community, Grand Island.....	December 2024
Bob Haag, Indianola.....	District 4.....	January 2024
Lanna Hubbard, Mitchell.....	District 6.....	January 2025
Kevin Jorgensen, St. Paul.....	District 5.....	January 2023
Jeff Kliment, Valparaiso.....	District 2.....	January 2025
Brett Lindstrom, Omaha.....	Business Community, Omaha.....	December 2024
Tom Schellpeper, Stanton.....	District 3.....	January 2024
Beth Smith, Lincoln.....	Business Community, Lincoln.....	December 2025
Boyd Strope, O’Neill.....	District 7.....	January 2023
Steve Wehrbein, Plattsmouth.....	District 1.....	January 2024
Ryan Hassebrook, Raymond.....	FFA.....	Ex Officio
Kathleen Lodl, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln.....	Ex Officio

Geographic Information Systems Council

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Statutory Reference: 86-570

The Geographic Information Systems Council is an advisory committee to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) and makes recommendations to the NITC and the Legislature for standards, program initiatives and funding. The committee also establishes guidelines and policies for statewide Geographic Information Systems (GIS) operation and management to include: databases, hardware and software, setting of standards, education and general coordination of GIS development.

The committee represents interests between state agencies and among state, local and federal government agencies. The committee is affiliated with national coordination efforts through the Federal Geographic Data Committee and the National States Geographic Information Council. The committee’s interagency and intergovernment-

tal coordination efforts focus on facilitating data sharing, coordinating joint database development and developing GIS enterprise services, data standards and education.

Committee members include specified state officials or their designees, governor-appointed representatives of specified public sector entities and representatives of other public sector entities nominated by the NITC and appointed by the governor. The governor-appointed members serve three-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses. The committee meets at least four times a year.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Lash L. Chaffin, Omaha.....	League of Nebraska Municipalities.....	Sept. 9, 2024
Tim Cielocho, Columbus.....	Public Power Agencies.....	Sept. 9, 2025
Neil Dominy, Lincoln.....	Federal Agencies.....	Sept. 9, 2023
Bailey Gibson, Grand Island.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2023
Eric Herbert, Fort Calhoun.....	Omaha Area.....	Sept. 9, 2024
Don Linquist, Page.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2025
John McKee, Fairbury.....	Nebraska Association of County Officials.....	Sept. 9, 2023
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln.....	Lincoln Area.....	Sept. 9, 2025
Lesli Rawlings, Wayne.....	Geospatial Professional Organization.....	Sept. 9, 2025
Nancy Salmon, Phillips.....	Nebraska Association of County Officials.....	Sept. 9, 2023
Michael Schonlau, Omaha.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2023
Matt Tinkham, Omaha.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2025
Chuck Wingert, Sterling.....	Natural Resources Districts.....	Sept. 9, 2024
John A. Bolduc, Lincoln.....	Superintendent, State Patrol.....	Nonexpiring
Tom Golden, Lincoln.....	Public Service Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Matt Joeckel, Lincoln.....	UNL Conservation and Survey Division.....	Nonexpiring
Vicki Kramer, Lincoln.....	Director, Department of Transportation.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Macy, Lincoln.....	Director, Department of Environment and Energy.....	Nonexpiring
Tim McCoy, Lincoln.....	Game and Parks Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Brandon Metzler, Omaha.....	Clerk of the Legislature.....	Nonexpiring
Erv Portis, Lincoln.....	NEMA.....	Nonexpiring
Thomas Riley, Eagle.....	Director, Department of Natural Resources.....	Nonexpiring
Casey Sherlock, Lincoln.....	State Surveyor.....	Nonexpiring
Dannette R. Smith, Lincoln.....	CEO, Health and Human Services.....	Nonexpiring
Ed Toner, Lincoln.....	Chief Information Officer.....	Nonexpiring
Glen White, Lincoln.....	Interim Tax Commissioner.....	Nonexpiring
Kenny Zoeller, Lincoln.....	Governor's Policy Research Office.....	Nonexpiring

Governor's Residence Advisory Commission

Contact Person: Suzanne Pillen, First Lady, Governor's Residence, 1425 H St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3466

Statutory Reference: 72-2101

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission was created in 1998. It conducts an inspection of the governor's residence in June each year and submits a report to the governor with recommendations for any major maintenance or repair projects.

The governor's spouse is the commission chairperson. If the governor is unmarried, or if the governor's spouse is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the governor appoints an at-large member to fill that seat on the commission. Other commission members include the director of the Department of Administrative Services or his or her designee; the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator; two at-large members

from each congressional district, with no more than three at-large members from the same political party; the Nebraska State Historical Society director; and an American Society of Interior Designers member. The at-large members and the interior designer are governor-appointed and serve four-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Deanne Caspers-Moon, Beatrice (R) ⁴	District 3	May 15, 2026
Adrian Matthews Ferguson, Omaha (D)	District 2	May 15, 2026
Marilyn Schooley Hansen, Omaha	American Society of Interior Designers	May 15, 2026
Deanna Leyden, Lincoln (R)	District 1	May 15, 2026
Jamesena Moore, Bellevue (D)	District 1	May 15, 2026
Susie Norton, Omaha (D)	District 2	May 13, 2022
Jolene Ward, Kearney (R)	District 3	May 13, 2022
Vacant	District 1	May 13, 2022
Leisa Ausdemore, Lincoln	Director, Governor's Residence	Ad Hoc
Jill Dolberg, Lincoln	Interim Director, History Nebraska	Nonexpiring
Doug Hanson, Hickman	Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal	Nonexpiring
Jason Jackson, Omaha	Director, Department of Administrative Services	Nonexpiring
Suzanne Pillen, Columbus	Governor's Spouse	Nonexpiring

Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission

Contact Person: Jill Dolberg, Interim Director, History Nebraska, 1500 R St., Lincoln, NE 68508-1651, phone (402) 471-4745

Statutory Reference: 72-724

The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission was created in 1961 to officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence.

Until 1996, the commission named one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame every two years, except when two people were named in the first two years of the Hall of Fame's existence, and four people were selected in 1976 in honor of the nation's bicentennial. Legislation passed in 1998 provides that no more than one person can be added to the Hall of Fame every five years. The legislation also provides that no person can be considered for the Hall of Fame until at least 35 years after his or her death. The 1969 Legislature provided that Congressional Medal of Honor recipients with a Nebraska connection become members of the Hall of Fame. Busts of Hall of Fame members, except for Medal of Honor recipients, are displayed in the State Capitol in Lincoln and in other commission-approved locations.⁵

The commission has seven members. Six members are appointed by the governor to six-year terms. Three or fewer members can belong to the same political party. The director of History Nebraska is the seventh member and serves as the commission's secretary. The governor is an ex officio member. History Nebraska administers the commission's affairs.

⁴Political party affiliation: R=Republican; D=Democratic; N=Nonpartisan.

⁵See Pages 66-74 for a listing of Nebraska Hall of Fame members.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Rod Bates, Lincoln (D) ⁶	Member	Sept. 14, 2026
Sara Crook, Peru (R)	Member	Sept. 14, 2026
Timothy Heller, Omaha (R)	Member	Sept. 14, 2027
Ron Hull, Lincoln (D)	Member	Sept. 14, 2023
Jim McKee, Lincoln (N)	Member	Sept. 14, 2027
Aaron Wyatt, Lincoln (R)	Member	Sept. 14, 2023
Jill Dolberg, Lincoln	Member/Secretary	Nonexpiring
Jim Pillen, Columbus	Governor	Ex Officio

State Highway Commission

Contact Person: Sarah Soula, External Affairs Manager, State Highway Commission, NDOT Communication Division, 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 479-4871

Statutory Reference: 39-1101

The 1953 Legislature created the seven-member State Highway Commission to advise the director on policies to carry out the department's duties and responsibilities. In 1987, the Legislature added another commission member and aligned commission districts to match Department of Roads districts. The commission holds public meetings throughout the state to advise the public of department policies and projects.

Commission members are appointed to six-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Members represent Nebraska's eight highway commission districts. Each member must be a U.S. citizen, at least 30 years old and a resident of the district he or she represents for three years before appointment. No more than four commission members may be from the same political party. The director is an ex officio member of the commission and votes to break tie votes. Commission members receive \$20 a day for conducting commission business.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
David Copple, Norfolk (R)	District 3	Sept. 13, 2023
Jerome Fagerland, Atkinson (D)	District 8	Sept. 13, 2019
Mary K. Gerdes, Johnson (R)	District 1	Sept. 13, 2023
James W. Hawks, North Platte (R)	District 6	Sept. 13, 2019
James H. Kindig, Kenesaw (D)	District 4	Sept. 13, 2023
Doug Leafgreen, Gering (D)	District 5	Sept. 13, 2019
Greg Wolford, McCook (R)	District 7	Sept. 13, 2023
Vacant	District 2	Sept. 13, 2019
Vicki Kramer, Lincoln	Director	Ex Officio

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Contact Person: Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Nebraska Information Technology Commission, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3560, website — nitc.nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 86-515

The purpose of the commission is to make the state's investment in information technology infrastructure more accessible and responsive to the needs of its citizens

⁶Political party affiliation: R=Republican; D=Democratic; N=Nonpartisan.

while making government, education, healthcare and other services more efficient and cost-effective. Specific tasks include:

- developing a statewide technology plan
- determining a broad strategy for developing information technology in Nebraska
- adopting technical standards and guidelines
- making recommendations on technology investments to the governor and the

Legislature

The commission has established five councils in the areas of education, communities, e-health, GIS and state government. The purpose of the councils is to identify, prioritize and coordinate user needs. A technical panel reviews any technology project or request for funding and recommends technical standards and guidelines. The commission also provides staff assistance to the Rural Broadband Task Force.

The commission has nine members appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, for four-year terms. The governor, or his or her designee, serves as chairperson. One member represents elementary and secondary education, one represents postsecondary education, one represents communities and five represent the public. Additionally, a member of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board, serves as a nonvoting liaison.

Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses. The Office of the Chief Information Officer provides administrative and operational support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Leah Barrett, Norfolk	Communities	April 2, 2026
Bret R. Blackman, Omaha	Postsecondary Education	April 2, 2026
James Ediger, Aurora.....	Public.....	April 2, 2026
Shane Greckel, Bloomfield.....	Public.....	April 2, 2024
Kirk Langer, Lincoln	Elementary/Secondary Education.....	April 2, 2026
Zachary J. Mellender, Omaha.....	Public.....	April 2, 2026
Katie Niemoller, Papillion	Public.....	April 2, 2026
Daniel Spray, Norfolk.....	Public.....	April 2, 2024
Sen. Suzanne Geist, Lincoln.....	Legislature.....	Ex Officio
Ed Toner, Lincoln.....	Governor.....	Ex Officio

Nebraska Invasive Species Council

Contact Person: Kevin Pope, Invasive Species Council Chairperson, Hardin Hall 423 South, 3310 Holdrege St., Lincoln, NE 68583-0984, phone (402) 472-7028, email – kpope2@unl.edu

Statutory Reference: 37-1403

The 2012 Legislature created the Nebraska Invasive Species Council with the passage of LB391. The council works to coordinate invasive species management and research throughout the state by:

- developing and periodically updating a statewide adaptive management plan for invasive species
- facilitating the communication, cooperation and coordination of local, state, federal, private and nongovernmental entities for the prevention, control and management of invasive species

- serving as a forum for discussion, identification and understanding of invasive species issues

- assisting with public outreach and awareness

Council members may include up to five at large members as well as representatives of an electric generating utility, the Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Forest Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Nebraska Weed Control Association and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts.

Representatives of the Midwest Region of the National Park Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Geological Survey and the Nature Conservancy serve as nonvoting, ex officio members. The council meets at the call of the chairperson or upon request of a majority of the members. Members serve without compensation and are not reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Craig Allen, Lincoln	University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Dec. 31, 2024
Mitch Coffin, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture	Dec. 31, 2024
Steven Jara, Lincoln	Forest Service	Dec. 31, 2024
Justin King, Columbus	Electric Generating Utility	Dec. 31, 2024
Brent Meyer, Denton	Weed Control Association	Dec. 31, 2024
Jonathan Nikkila, Kearney	Public Interest	Dec. 31, 2024
Kevin Pope, Lincoln	Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit	Dec. 31, 2024
Dennis Schroeder, Lincoln	Public Interest	Dec. 31, 2024
Kristopher Stahr, Lincoln	Game and Parks Commission	Dec. 31, 2024
Kimberly Stuhr, Springfield	Public Interest	Dec. 31, 2024
Arnie Stuthman, Platte Center	Public Interest	Dec. 31, 2024
John Thorburn, Holdrege	Natural Resources Districts	Dec. 31, 2024
Kim Todd, Lincoln	Public Interest	Dec. 31, 2024
Brenda Densmore, Lincoln	U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Center	Ex Officio
Tom Heatherly, Lincoln	Dept. of Environment and Energy	Ex Officio
Chris Helzer, Aurora	The Nature Conservancy	Ex Officio
Ritch Nelson, Lincoln	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Ex Officio
Cindy Stuefer-Powell, Lincoln	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	Ex Officio
Carmen Thomson, Omaha	National Park Service	Ex Officio

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Contact Person: Shannon R. Harner, Executive Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, 1230 O St., Ste. 200, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 434-3900, toll-free phone (800) 204-6432, fax (402) 434-3921, website — www.NIFA.org

Statutory Reference: 58-226

The 1983 Legislature created the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority as an independent instrumentality by consolidating the Nebraska Mortgage Finance Fund, the Nebraska Agricultural Development Corporation and the Nebraska Development Finance Fund. The authority is authorized to provide:

- home mortgage financing for low- and moderate-income Nebraskans
- financing for affordable rental housing and affordable housing infrastructure
- financing for hospitals and other healthcare facilities
- agricultural financing for first-time farmers
- financing for manufacturing or industrial enterprises, certain nonprofit enterprises,

solid waste disposal, wastewater treatment, safe drinking water, public safety communications systems projects and economic impact projects using federal new market tax credits.

The authority is authorized to invest in loans made for the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of eligible projects and may guarantee certain micro enterprise loans. The authority has no taxing power but is authorized to issue bonds and other obligations for its public purposes. The authority also administers the federal low-income housing tax credit program pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The authority has nine members. The director of the Department of Economic Development, the Nebraska Investment Council chairperson and the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture or their designee serve as ex officio members. These members may designate a representative to perform their duties under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act.

Six public representatives, two from each congressional district, are appointed by the governor to four-year terms. At least one member each must be experienced in the following areas: real estate development; industrial mortgage credit, commercial credit, agricultural credit or housing mortgage credit; agricultural production; banking or investment banking; home building or be a licensed real estate broker. One member is appointed at large. No more than three public members may belong to the same political party. All authority members must be Nebraska residents. Meetings of the authority are held at least quarterly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
George Achola, Omaha	Real Estate Development, District 2.....	Jan. 10, 2025
Warren Arganbright, Valentine	Investment Banking, District 3.....	Jan. 10, 2023
Susan Bredthauer, Lincoln.....	Housing Mortgage Credit, District 1.....	Jan. 10, 2023
Herb Freeman, Yutan.....	Licensed Real Estate Broker, District 2.....	Jan. 10, 2026
Galen E. Frenzen, Fullerton.....	Agricultural Production, District 3	Jan. 10, 2025
Colten Zamrzla, Lincoln.....	At Large, District 1	Jan. 10, 2026
Anthony Goins, Lincoln.....	Director of Economic Development	Ex Officio
Sherry Vinton, Whitman.....	Director of Agriculture	Ex Officio
Michael Walden-Newman, Lincoln.....	Investment Council Chair Designee	Ex Officio

Board of Pardons

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Statutory References: Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 13; and

83-1,126

The Board of Pardons receives and considers applications for pardons, reprieves, commutations of sentence, and remission of fines and forfeitures. After a pardon has been granted, the board can empower the governor to authorize those pardoned to own and transport firearms.

The 1911 Legislature created the state Prison Board and an advisory board of pardons. The board also served as the advisory board of parole. These boards' functions were merged with the Department of Public Welfare in 1919.

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1920 created a Board of Pardons and designated the governor, secretary of state and attorney general as its members. The 1937 Legislature passed a uniform act for the supervision of Nebraska prisoners paroled in other states.

The 1969 Legislature, pursuant to a constitutional amendment passed in 1968, created a separate Board of Parole.⁷ Pardon authority remained with the Board of Pardons.

Member	Position	Elected Office
Robert Evnen, Lincoln.....	Secretary.....	Secretary of State
Mike Hilgers, Lincoln.....	Member.....	Attorney General
Jim Pillen, Columbus.....	Chairman.....	Governor

Propane Education and Research Council

Contact Person: Lynne McNally, Executive Director, Nebraska Propane Education and Research Council, 301 S. 12th St., Ste. 140, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 475-3996

Statutory Reference: 66-1617

The 1998 Legislature authorized creation of a Nebraska Propane Education and Research Council (NPERC). Nebraska propane retail marketers of propane later established the council by a referendum vote. The purpose of the NPERC is to develop programs and projects that promote the safe, efficient use of propane for consumers; educate the public and industry employees on propane safety; conduct research to improve the safety and efficiency of propane equipment; and support awareness of the uses and environmental advantages of propane. To fund its activities, the council levies a fee on odorized propane sold in the state.

The council consists of nine governor-appointed members, including four representing retail marketers; one representing wholesalers, suppliers and importers; one representing manufacturers and distributors of liquified petroleum gas equipment; one representing the academic or propane research community; one propane user or consumer; and the state fire marshal or his or her designee. Council members serve three-year terms.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Rachel Brehm, Chapman.....	Academic/Propane Research.....	Oct. 29, 2023
Carrie Engel, Lincoln.....	Retail Marketers.....	Oct. 29, 2022
Neal A. Kanel, Dawson.....	Retail Marketers.....	Oct. 29, 2021
Roger Kreifels, Emerald.....	Retail Marketers.....	Oct. 29, 2022

⁷For more information on the Nebraska Board of Parole, see Page 670.

Drew Nelson, Creighton.....	Propane Users/Consumers.....	Oct. 29, 2023
Phil Rowse, Grand Island.....	Equipment Manufacturers.....	Oct. 29, 2022
Rich Wedding, Firth.....	Retail Marketers.....	Oct. 29, 2021
Vacant.....	Wholesalers/Suppliers/Importers.....	Oct. 29, 2021
Scott Cordes, Norfolk.....	Acting State Fire Marshal.....	Nonexpiring

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

Contact Person: LeMoynes Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1400 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 479-4436, email — lemoyne.schulz@nebraska.gov, website — <https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/lpa/boards-liaison/>

Statutory Reference: 39-2106

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards oversees annual construction planning and fiscal reporting for state and local highways, roads and streets, as well as the application of minimum design, construction and maintenance standards for functional classifications (categories) of public roadways. The standards ensure that each road can safely handle the traffic pattern and volume it is expected to carry, as part of a policy enacted in 1969 to provide for the efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets.

Nebraska counties and municipalities, as well as the Nebraska Department of Transportation, must annually adopt a one- and six-year plan of highway, road and street improvements and file a certification of compliance with the board, including certification that they have complied with applicable state standards and other operations and reporting requirements.

The 11 members are appointed by the governor, subject to legislative approval, to four-year terms. Two members represent the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Three members represent counties, with requirements that one be a licensed highway superintendent, that two be county board members, and that one each be from a small, medium or large (population) county. The three municipal members must be city engineers, village engineers, public works directors, city managers, city administrators, street commissioners or licensed street superintendents, and one each must be from a small, medium or large municipality. The other three members are lay members representing each congressional district. The Nebraska Department of Transportation’s Boards - Liaison Services Section provides administrative support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Roger A. Figard, Lincoln.....	Municipality over 50,000 residents.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Barbara J. Keegan, Alliance.....	Class 3 County, Highway Superintendent.....	Nov. 30, 2025
John F. Krager, III, Omaha.....	District 2, Lay Citizen.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Lisa Kramer, Kennard.....	Class 5 County, Supervisor.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Russell L. Kreachbaum, Jr.	Class 2 County, Commissioner.....	Nov. 30, 2023
James A. Litchfield, Wakefield.....	Municipality less than 2,500 residents.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Brandie S. Neemann, Lincoln.....	Department of Transportation.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Steven D. Rames, Norfolk.....	Municipality between 2,500 and 50,000.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Timothy Weander, Omaha.....	Department of Transportation.....	Nov. 30, 2023
Edward R. Wootton, Sr., Bellevue.....	District 1, Lay Citizen.....	Nov. 30, 2025
Vacant.....	District 3, Lay Citizen.....	Nov. 30, 2023

Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council

Contact Person: Darla Morris, Finance Director, Nebraska Safety Center, West Center, University of Nebraska at Kearney, 1917 W. 24th St., Kearney, NE 68849, phone (308) 865-8287

Statutory Reference: 85-1008

The Nebraska Legislature established the Nebraska Safety Center (NSC) in 1978. The NSC was established to help Nebraskans prevent accidents.

The purpose of NSC is to provide:

- instruction - educational courses and coordinated activities relating to all safety and safety education
- research - leadership in identifying priorities and providing expertise in safety research projects
- service - information and workshop opportunities to all interested individuals
- coordination - articulation for development of a statewide system of teacher preparation in safety education programs

The Nebraska Safety Center has a 21-member statewide advisory council appointed by the University of Nebraska at Kearney chancellor and approved by the university president for three-year terms. The NSC Advisory Council assists the center in carrying out its purposes and functions.

The council, which meets once a year, makes annual recommendations to the NSC director concerning the center’s budget, staff, facilities, equipment and programs. Council members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents
Jeff Allen, Lincoln	State Colleges
Kelly Christensen, Kearney	Community Colleges
Jim Cover, Lincoln	Department of Labor
Stephanie DeGroot, Lincoln.....	Department of Education
Teresa “Tracy” Dethlefs, Kearney.....	Medical Profession
Lary Dix, Lincoln.....	County Government
Dan Ernst, Lincoln.....	Nebraska School System
Kathleen Fimple, Lincoln.....	Post-Secondary Education
Kent Grisham, Lincoln.....	Transportation
Doug Hohbein, Lincoln.....	Fire Safety
Carol Jorgensen, Elm Creek.....	Emergency Medical Services
Paul Kenney, Kearney.....	Agriculture
Bill Kovarik, Lincoln.....	Department of Motor Vehicles
Damon McDonald, Deshler.....	Public School System
Mike Morgan, Kearney.....	City Government
John Rademacher, Kearney.....	Judiciary
Larry Rilet, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska
Lance Rogers, Lincoln.....	Law Enforcement
Rick Smith, Kearney.....	Business
Mike Thome, Kearney.....	Game and Parks Commission
Dan Waddle, Lincoln.....	Department of Transportation

Semiquincentennial Commission

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Statutory Reference: 81-8,309

The Semiquincentennial Commission was created by the 2021 Legislature with the passage of LB275 and is charged with developing educational and commemorative activities, events and celebrations in observance of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

The commission is composed of 17 members appointed by the governor, including individuals from all regions of the state who represent a diverse array of industries as well as members of the Black, Latino and Native American communities. No more than eight members may be affiliated with the same political party. For administrative and budgetary purposes only, the commission is housed within History Nebraska, formally known as the Nebraska State Historical Society. The commission terminates on June 30, 2027. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member

Represents

Don Arp II, Lincoln (R) ⁸	Nebraska Humanities Council
Jeff Barnes, Omaha (L).....	Professional Historian
Candace Cain, Burwell (R).....	3rd Congressional District
Ted Carter, Lincoln (N).....	University of Nebraska
Cristina V. Castro-Matukewicz, Omaha (N)	Commission on Latino-Americans
Roy Christensen, Lincoln (R)	1st Congressional District
Dan Curran, Lincoln (R).....	Department of Economic Development
Jill Dolberg, Lincoln (D).....	History Nebraska
Gwen Easter, Omaha (R).....	Commission on African American Affairs
Tyeisha Kosmicki, Omaha (R)	2nd Congressional District
Ebony McKiver, Lincoln ⁹	Department of Education
Deb Miner, Bellevue (R)	Daughters of the American Revolution
Debra Nelson-Loseke, Columbus (R)	Nebraska Tourism Commission

Suggestion Award Board

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Statutory Reference: 81-1348

The Suggestion System provides state employees with a means to give suggestions on improving the operations of state government. Cost saving suggestions that are accepted and implemented result in recognition and/or monetary compensation for the employee who submitted the proposal.

Membership on the Suggestion Award Board consists of the Administrative Services state personnel director, auditor of public accounts, director of Administrative Services and three employees from bargaining units selected and appointed by the governor. One or more suggestion system coordinators also are appointed in each agency to act as liaisons between the agency and the board. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

⁸ Political party affiliation: R=Republican; D=Democratic; L=Libertarian; N=Nonpartisan.

⁹ No party affiliation provided.

Member

Mike Foley, Lincoln.....	Auditor of Public Accounts
Jane Hardy, Tecumseh.....	Protective Services Unit
Jason Jackson, Lincoln.....	Administrative Services Director
Diane Laffin, Lincoln.....	Administrative Professionals Unit
Casey Ricketts, Lincoln.....	Examining, Inspection & Licensing Bargaining Group
Kevin Workman, Lincoln.....	State Personnel Director

Represents

Commission on Uniform State Laws

Contact Person: Marcia M. McClurg, Revisor of Statutes, Room 358, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604, phone (402) 471-2225

Statutory Reference: 49-901

The 1951 Legislature created the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Commission members work with commissioners in all states to formulate uniform laws on specific subjects. State legislatures may enact these laws.

Each commission member must attend National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws meetings and promote uniformity in state laws. The commission reports its transactions and its recommendations for legislation to the clerk of the Legislature. The commission also works to bring uniform judicial interpretation of uniform laws.

Commission members include three lawyers appointed by the governor to four-year terms and the revisor of statutes. The commission also includes Nebraskans who have a long service record in promoting state legislation uniformity. These members are elected life members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The commission meets at least once every two years. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member

C. Arlen Beam, Lincoln.....	Life Member
James E. O'Connor, Omaha.....	Aug. 11, 2023
Joanne M. Pepperl, Lincoln.....	Life Member
Harvey S. Perlman, Lincoln.....	Life Member
Larry L. Ruth, Lincoln.....	Life Member
Donald L. Swanson, Omaha.....	Aug. 11, 2023
Steven Willborn, Lincoln.....	Aug. 11, 2023
Marcia M. McClurg, Lincoln (Revisor of Statutes).....	Nonexpiring

Term Expires

Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees

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Statutory Reference: 12-101

Under Nebraska law, Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln is a public charitable corporation. The cemetery's general control and management is vested in a board of trustees. The board can authorize one of its members to sign petitions for improving any streets, alleys, or public ways or grounds abutting cemetery grounds. The board may

sue or be sued, contract work and be under contract, and acquire and convey real and personal property.

The cemetery’s board of trustees has five unpaid members, appointed by the governor to six-year terms. The board meets quarterly.

Member	Term Expires
Daniel D. Duren, Lincoln	Jan. 1, 2027
Robert Fitzsimmons, Lincoln.....	July 1, 2027
Lloyd Hinkley, Lincoln.....	Jan. 1, 2026
Ryan Oestmann, Lincoln.....	Jan. 1, 2023
Faye Osborn, Lincoln.....	Jan. 1, 2025