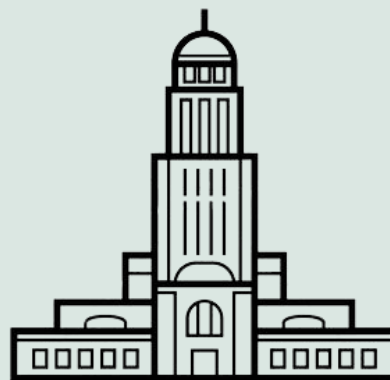


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Introduction

Nebraska has more than 200 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similar entities (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.

The Legislature's Role in Boards and Commissions

The Legislature plays a pivotal role in the establishment, administration, and operation of the state's boards and commissions.

First, as evidenced by the number of statutorily created boards, the Legislature creates boards via passage of legislation. In addition to creating boards, the legislation establishes membership and prescribes powers and duties.

Second, legislators often serve as ex officio board members and appoint members or provide nominees for appointment by the Governor. Information about those boards can be found in Table 2 and Table 3.

Finally, members of the Legislature are frequently required to confirm specific board members appointed by the Governor. Forty-five boards have members who must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Legislature. The boards are identified in Table 5 at the end of this report.



Boards Created in the Nebraska Constitution

Twelve boards are created in the Nebraska Constitution. They are the: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, State Board of Education, Board of Educational Lands and Funds, Commission of Industrial Relations, judicial nominating commissions, Commission on Judicial Qualifications, Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, Public Service Commission, Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, Tax Equalization and Review Commission, and University of Nebraska Board of Regents.



Boards as Agencies of State Government

Of the 230 statutorily created boards documented in this report, 50 are state agencies.

What makes a board a state agency?

The *Nebraska Blue Book* defines state agencies as entities which have their own staffs, are not affiliated with another agency or entity, and appear as distinct items within the state budget.

Nebraska state agencies are categorized as “code agencies” or “noncode agencies”; however, neither phrase is statutorily defined, making categorizing agencies more art than science.¹

Generally, a “code agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by the Governor. The appointee serves at the pleasure of and answers directly to the Governor. On the other hand, a “noncode agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by the governing agency board (whose members are usually gubernatorial appointees themselves).

Of the 50 agency boards, only three are under the direct control of the Governor and are considered code agencies, and the remaining 47 are considered noncode agencies. Table 4 lists these boards and includes additional information about them.

Code Agency



Noncode Agency



Other Statutorily Created Boards

Many of the remaining state boards are created or housed within other state agencies. The health profession licensing boards within the Department of Health and Human Services are examples.

However, a significant number of boards defy categorization; they are not full-fledged state agencies nor are they completely under the control of another state agency.

The *Nebraska Blue Book* classifies these boards as “other state governmental bodies” and describes them as follows: “[M]iscellaneous 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.”² Among this diverse group of boards are the Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, and the State Anatomical Board.

All of these boards are listed within the master list of Nebraska Boards and Commissions found in Table 5.

¹ The terms “code” and “noncode” harken back to 1919, when the Legislature adopted the Civil Administrative Code. Essentially, the 1919 legislation reorganized the executive branch of state government. The legislation abolished over 20 boards, commissions, and other departmental subdivisions and replaced them with six departments, each headed by a gubernatorial appointee. Those agencies and subsequent, similarly structured agencies came to be called “code agencies.” Because sources disagree on how boards are classified and consistent statutory guidance is lacking, this report uses the Governor’s Office classification of code and noncode agency boards, as generally reflected in the *Nebraska Blue Book*.

² The *Nebraska Blue Book*, 2020-21, p.697.



New Boards and Commissions Enacted in 2021

Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force (Laws 2021, LB 247)

The new task force is charged with developing an implementation plan for Nebraska to utilize the 988 mental health crisis hotline established pursuant to the federal National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020.

The task force will identify a method to integrate local mental health crisis hotlines to ensure each individual who accesses a local mental health crisis hotline is connected to a qualified mental or behavioral health professional regardless of the time, date, or number of individuals simultaneously trying to access the hotline. The task force will also develop a plan for staffing a statewide mental health crisis hotline.

Voting members of the task force include the chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, and two-at-large members appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. The Director of Behavioral

Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and the chairperson of the Public Service Commission will participate as nonvoting, ex officio members. Additional task force members will be appointed by the legislative members of the task force. These members are to be selected from the following groups: mental or behavioral health clinicians; behavioral and mental health service providers; advocacy groups focusing on behavioral and mental health; educational institutions; county and municipal law enforcement from each congressional district; other representatives of county and municipal governments from each congressional district; and telecommunications industry representatives. These members will be nonvoting.

The task force’s report containing its recommendations and implementation plan was due to the Governor and Clerk of the Legislature by December 17, 2021. The task force terminates on December 31, 2022.

Semiquincentennial Commission (Laws 2021, LB 275)

The commission will (1) develop programs and plans for the official observance of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States, as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776; (2) serve as the point of contact for state and national organizations and events related to the Semiquincentennial; and (3) work with the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission and others to hold commemorative events and conduct educational activities and celebrations. The commission is specifically tasked with promoting under-represented groups from the American Revolutionary War, including women, American Indians, and persons of color.

The 17-member commission will include members from all regions of the state and represent a wide range of interests including: the Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society; the Director of Economic Develop-

ment; the Commissioner of Education; and the President of the University of Nebraska. Additionally, the governor will appoint a Native American from a federally recognized tribe residing in the state selected

from a list of five nominees submitted by the Commission on Indian Affairs; an African American who is a legal resident of the state selected from a list of five nominees submitted by the Commission on African American Affairs; and a Latino-American who is a legal resident of the state selected from a

list of five nominees submitted by the Commission on Latino-Americans. Other governor-appointed members include a curator or director of a private cultural institution or a professional historian; a member of the Nebraska Tourism Commission; a representative from the Nebraska Humanities Council; and a legal resident from each of the first, second, and third congressional districts.





Changes to Existing Boards in 2021

This report tracks changes to existing boards if the changes affect integral components of a board's structure, such as name, membership, or termination dates, or significantly alter a board's function or duties.

Health Information Technology Board (Laws 2021, LB 411)

The authority of the board to direct the use or release of data applies only to requests submitted to the board after September 1, 2021.

State Racing Commission (Laws 2021, LB 561)

The legislation makes numerous changes to the State Racing Commission. LB 561 changes the name of the commission to the State Racing and Gaming Commission. Membership on the commission is increased from five members to seven members, and the number of appointed at-large members is increased from two to four. The new at-large members will serve until March 31, 2025, and thereafter, the terms of the at-large members will be four years. One of the new members must have experience in the Nebraska gaming industry, and one must be a member of the organization representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of horses at racetracks in Nebraska. The members of the commission will receive compensation of \$1,000 per month, which may be adjusted every two years. No member of the commission may have any personal financial interest in any licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator for the duration of the member's term. The purpose of the commission is expanded from statewide regulation of horseracing to the statewide regulation of horseracing and games of chance as defined in the Nebraska Racetrack and Gaming Act. The commission is authorized to appoint or employ deputies, investigators, inspectors, agents, security personnel, and any other persons necessary to administer and enforce the regulation of horseracing, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, and certain sections of Initiative Law 2020, No. 431. All personnel appointed or employed by the commission must be bonded or insured. The commission may vest certain personnel with the authority and power of a law enforcement officer to carry out the laws of the state administered by the commission. The commission is given the power to prescribe and enforce rules and regulations covering games of chance as provided in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (Laws 2021, LB 632)

Each member of the commission must be a resident of the State of Nebraska and have attained the age of majority.

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Tables

- Table 1 lists those boards created during the 2021 legislative session.
- Table 2 lists those boards on which state senators serve as members.
- Table 3 lists those boards with members who are nominated or appointed by the Legislature.
- Tables 4A and 4B list those boards that are agencies of state government.
- Table 5 is a comprehensive list of all statutorily created boards tracked by this report. (For reference, termination date refers to the termination date listed in statute for that particular board. Terminated boards continue to be listed in this report until they are actually removed from statute by enacted legislation.)

**TABLE 1****Boards Created by the Legislature in 2021**

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses
Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force	LB 247	50-701	No	12/31/2021	Yes
Semiquincentennial Commission	LB 275	81-8311	No	06/30/2027	Yes

TABLE 2**Boards with State Senators as Members**

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32	Speaker (can designate Executive Board chair or Clerk as representative)	Yes	Office of the Capitol Commission
Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee	82-706	Member of the State Tribal Relations Committee	Unspecified	Commission on Indian Affairs
Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05	Chair, Judiciary Committee; Chair, Health and Human Services Committee	Unspecified	Legislative Council
Children's Commission, Nebraska	43-4202	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Chair, Judiciary Committee; Chair, Appropriations Committee (or designees)	No	Foster Care Review Office
Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	Chair, Agriculture Committee; Chair, Natural Resources Committee	No	Office of the Governor
Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, State	79-2204	Chair, Education Committee	No	State Department of Education
First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee	82-803	Chair, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee	Unspecified	
Health Information Technology Board	81-6,127	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Chair, Appropriations Committee	No	
Healthy Soils Task Force	2-402	Chair, Agriculture Committee; Chair, Natural Resources Committee	No	Department of Agriculture

**Boards with State Senators as Members****(Table 2 continued)**

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830	Member, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Member, Appropriations Committee	No	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska Military Department
Information Technology Commission, Nebraska	86-515	Member, Transportation and Telecommunications Committee	No	Department of Administrative Services; Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force	50-701	Chairs of the Health and Human Services Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, as well as two at-large members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board	Yes	
Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-969	Any legislator can serve at his or her option	No	Department of Agriculture
Rural Broadband Task Force	86-1102	Chair of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee and a legislator selected by the Executive Board	No	Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Strengthening Families Act Committee, Nebraska	43-4716	Representatives of the Legislature	No	Children's Commission
Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force	71-2454.01	A member of the Health and Human Services Committee and two at-large members	Yes	
Water Funding Task Force	50-505	Chair, Natural Resources Committee; Five at-large legislators	No	Department of Natural Resources
Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force	50-601	Chair and another member of the State-Tribal Relations Committee; and the chairs of the Health and Human Services Committee, Appropriations Committee, and Judiciary Committee	Yes	
Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee	43-4513	Membership must include "representatives from all three branches of government."	No	Department of Health and Human Services



TABLE 3

Boards with Members Nominated/Appointed by the Legislature

Board	Statute	Nomination/Appointment
Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	The Governor selects two members from lists provided by the Legislature.
Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Committee	82-706	The chair of the State-Tribal Relations Committee appoints a member of the committee.
Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27,157	Five of the nine members of the advisory board are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.
Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	The Health and Human Services Committee provides the Governor with three lists of nominees, each list representing specific qualifications, from which the Governor selects five members.
Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830	The Executive Board of the Legislative Council selects one member each from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Appropriations Committee.
Mental Health Crisis Hotline Task Force	50-701	Legislative members of the task force appoint nonvoting members representing practitioners, advocacy groups, educational institutions, law enforcement, government, and the telecommunications industry.
Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-515	The Executive Board of the Legislative Council selects a member of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.
Rural Broadband Task Force	86-1102	The Executive Board selects a member of the Legislature.
Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.03	Four of the panel's seven members are selected by the Legislature.
Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force	71-2454.01	The chair of the Health and Human Services Committee appoints the members.





Boards as Agencies of State Government

TABLE 4A
Code Agency Boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Year Created
Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska	81-1416	Expenses	18	6 years	1969
Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	Expenses; \$40 per diem	17	4 years	1971
Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	Expenses; \$50 per diem	16	4 years	1937 ¹

TABLE 4B
Noncode Agency Boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540	Expenses; \$50 per diem	5	5 years	Yes	1965
Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1976
African American Affairs, Commission on	81-2601	Expenses; \$50 per diem	14	4 years	No	2020
Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1965 ²
Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221	Expenses; \$75 per diem	3	3 years	No	1927
Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Expenses; \$70 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	2000
Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191	Expenses	5	4 years	No	1941

¹ The Natural Resources Commission was created in 1937 (Laws 1937, c. 8, sec. 4, p. 94) as the State Soil Conservation Committee, later the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. It was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972. The Department of Natural Resources was established in 2000 via the merger of the commission and the Department of Water Resources (Laws 2000, LB 900).

² In 1973, the Legislature repealed the original act and replaced it with new legislation creating a 15-member council.

**Noncode Agency Boards****(Table 4 continued)**

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	Const. Art. VII, sec. 14 85-1403	Expenses	11	6 years	No	1976 ³
Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604	Expenses; \$25 per diem	9 ⁴	3 years	No	1978
Dairy Industry Development Board	2-3951	Expenses	Set by formula	3 years	No	1992
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	Expenses	9	3 years	Yes	1979
Dry Bean Commission	2-3745	Expenses	9 ⁵	3 years	Yes	1987
Education, State Board of/ Vocational Education, State Board of ⁶	Const. Art. VII, sec. 3 79-301 79-321	Expenses	8	4 years ⁷	No	1952 ⁸
Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 6 72-201	Expenses	5	5 years	No	1875 ⁹
Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Expenses	11	4 years	No	1963
Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Expenses	7	5 years	No	1975 ¹⁰

³ In 1990, Nebraska voters approved placing the commission in the State Constitution.

⁴ Additionally, the Director of Agriculture, the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

⁵ The director of the Panhandle Research and Extension Center serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

⁶ The State Board of Education serves as the State Board of Vocational Education.

⁷ The State Board of Education is an elective office.

⁸ A constitutional amendment to create a State Department of Education, governed by a State Board of Education, was approved by voters in 1952. Legislation the next year established this structure in statute.

⁹ The Nebraska Constitution of 1875 provided for a "board of commissioners for the sale, leasing, and general management of all lands and funds set apart for educational purposes...." It was composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. In 1955, the Legislature changed the board's membership to a body appointed by the Governor, after voters approved the change in a constitutional amendment in 1954.

¹⁰ Prior to 1975, the state Electrical Board was a division within the State Fire Marshal's Office.



Noncode Agency Boards

(Table 4 continued)

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428	Expenses; \$60 per diem	8	5 years	No	1937
Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116	Expenses; \$50 per diem	7	3 years	No	1965
Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Expenses; \$25 per diem	7	4 years	No	1971 ¹¹
Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Expenses	5	3 years	Yes	2012
Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Expenses; \$35 per diem	10	4 years	Yes	1879 ¹²
Geologists, Board of	81-3520	Expenses	7	5 years	No	1998
Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002	Expenses	7 ¹³	3 years	No	1981
Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1878 ¹⁴
Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501	Expenses; \$50 per diem	14	4 years	No	1971
Industrial Relations, Commission of	Const. Art. XV, sec. 9 48-803	Expenses; \$475 per diem	5	6 years	No	1947
Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Expenses; \$75 per diem	5 ¹⁵	5 years	No	1969
Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110	Expenses	5 ¹⁶	5 years	No	1957 ¹⁷

¹¹ Laws 1971, LB 776 created an Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee, which over time came to be known as the Gasohol Committee, the precursor to the Ethanol authority and Development Board, which was renamed simply the Nebraska Ethanol Board in 1993.

¹² The commission originated in 1879 as the Board of Fish Commissioners and has undergone numerous permutations since then. In 1929, the Legislature merged the Bureau of Game and Fish in the Department of Agriculture with the state Park Board to create the Game, Forestation and Parks Commission. In 1967, the Legislature created the position of State Forester and removed oversight of forests from the commission, which then became the Game and Parks Commission.

¹³ The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources are ex officio, nonvoting board members.

¹⁴ The Historical Society was founded in 1878, became a state institution in 1883, and became a state agency in 1994.

¹⁵ The State Treasurer and the executive director of the State Employees Retirement Systems serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

¹⁶ The State Surveyor serves as the ex officio secretary of the board.

¹⁷ The board became an independent state agency in 1971.

**Noncode Agency Boards****(Table 4 continued)**

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186	Expenses	6	5 years	No	1967
Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262	Expenses; \$35 per diem	10 ¹⁸	3 years	No	1972 ¹⁹
Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Expenses; \$12,500 annual salary ²⁰	3	6 years	No	1935
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Expenses; \$50 per diem	9 plus 1 ²¹	3 years	Yes	1957
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Expenses; \$50 per diem	3	4 years	No	1959
Parole, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13, 83-188	Annual salary, as fixed by the Governor. Service is considered a full-time job.	5	6 years	No	1969
Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	Expenses; \$60 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	1963
Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107	Expenses; \$100 per diem	8	4 years	Yes	1909 ²²
Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1995
Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	Expenses; \$75 per diem	9 ²³	5 years	No	1971
Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20	Expenses; \$75,000 annual salary ²⁴	5 ²⁵	6 years	No	1906 ²⁶

¹⁸ The board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor, along with the Governor or his or her designee, who serve as an ex officio member with the power to vote.

¹⁹ The commission was originally known as the Commission on Mexican-Americans.

²⁰ Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 53-106 prohibits members of the Liquor Control Commission from holding any other position or office under state law, the laws of other states, or the federal government. The commission is just one of four boards or commissions that is salaried. (The others are the Parole Board, the Public Service Commission, and the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.)

²¹ The Director of Motor Vehicles serves as the board's chair.

²² The predecessor board was known as the Board of Examiners of Public Accountants; the current board was statutorily established in 1957.

²³ The State Investment Officer serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

²⁴ The commission's salary is set by the Legislature.

²⁵ The Nebraska Constitution allows the commission to have between 3 and 7 members; the current board lists 5 members.

²⁶ The Public Service Commission is another board that has undergone numerous changes over its lifetime. Its lineage traces back to the Railway Commission, which was established in 1885 and composed of state constitutional officers. In 1906, voters ratified a constitutional amendment creating an elective railway commission.



Noncode Agency Boards

(Table 4 continued)

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Racing and Gaming Commission, State	2-1201	Expenses; \$1,000 per month	7 ²⁷	4 years	No	1935
Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07	Expenses; \$100 per diem	7 ²⁸	6 years	Yes	1973
Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222	Expenses; \$100 per diem	5	5 years	Yes	1990
State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	Const. Art. VII, sec. 13 85_301	Expenses	7 ²⁹	6 years	No	1867
Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 28 77-5003	Expenses; Salaried (set by Governor)	3	6 years	No	1995
Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	None in statute	9	4 years	No	2012
University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, sec. 10 85-103	Expenses	8	6 years	No	1869
Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302	Expenses	7 ³⁰	5 years	No	1955 ³¹

²⁷ Significant changes were made to the commission in 2021 including increasing the number of members from 5 to 7, providing for a monthly salary, and expanding the commission's areas of oversight (Laws 2021, LB 561).

²⁸ The Secretary of State serves as the commission chairperson.

²⁹ The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex officio member; the governor also annually appoints three nonvoting student trustees, one each from the states three state colleges.

³⁰ The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

³¹ Marketing was established in the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1981, legislation was enacted making it an independent agency. (Laws 1981, LB 11).

**TABLE 5****Nebraska Boards and Commissions**

	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses ³²	Per Diems ³³
1	911 Service System Advisory Committee	86-1025.01			N	
2	Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540			Y	\$50
3	Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Y		Y	
4	Accreditation Committee, State	79-703			N	
5	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of	38-204			Y	\$30
6	Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y	
7	African American Affairs, Commission on	81-2601			Y	\$50
8	Aging, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Commission on	68-1101			Y	
9	Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of	38-308			Y	\$30
10	Anatomical Board, State	71-1001			N	
11	Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-224.03			Y	\$50
12	Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y	
13	Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Y		Y	
14	Assessment Matrix, Committee of Experts to Advise the Department of Agriculture on the Development of	81-2,294			N	
15	Athletic Training, Board of	38-401			Y	\$30
16	Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of	38-504			Y	\$30
17	Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221			Y	\$75
18	Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204	Y		Y	
19	Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Y		Y	\$70

³² 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: “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.”

³³ 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.

**Nebraska Boards and Commissions****(Table 5 continued)**

	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
20	Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	81-5,184	Y		Y	\$50
21	Brain Injury Oversight Committee	71-3703			Y	
22	Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191			Y	
23	Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y	
24	Building Renewal, Task Force for (LB 309 Task Force)	81-174			Y	Y ³⁴
25	Canvassers, Board of State	32-1037			N	
26	Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			N	
27	Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32			Y	
28	Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska State	90-306			N	
29	Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee	82-706		6/30/23	N	
30	Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903	Y		Y	
31	Child and Maternal Death Review Team, State	71-3406			Y	
32	Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05			Y	
33	Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group	43-1306		12/31/19	N	
34	Children's Behavioral Health Task Force	43-4001		6/30/10	Y	
35	Children's Commission, Nebraska	43-4202		6/30/19	Y	
36	Children's Commission, advisory group to monitor the use of alternative response	28-712			N	
37	Chiropractic, Board of	38-804			Y	\$30
38	Claims Board, State	81-8,220			Y	
39	Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	Y		Y	
40	Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603			Y	
41	Committee of experts to advise the Department of Agriculture on the development of an assessment matrix	81-2,294			N	
42	Committee to examine structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services	43-4203			N	
43	Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N	

³⁴ Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is on a per diem established by the Governor.



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
44	Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Board of Directors	44-4216			Y	Y ³⁵
45	Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, State Board to Administer	13-2603			N	
46	Conveyance Advisory Committee	81-5,212			Y	
47	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	Const. Art. VII, sec. 14 85-1403	Y		Y	
48	Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604			Y	\$25
49	Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art, Board of	38-1007			Y	\$50
50	County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213			Y	
51	County Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2304			Y	
52	Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	81-1802	Y		Y	
53	Craft Brewery Board, Nebraska	53-501			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		Y	
57	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, language assessment advisory committee to the Commission on	71-4747		7/1/2022	N	
58	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission of the	71-4728.03			N	
59	Dentistry, Board of	38-1106			Y	\$30
60	Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y	
61	Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee ³⁶	81-6,122			N	
62	Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y	
63	Dry Bean Commission	2-3745			Y	
64	Dry Pea and Lentil Commission	2-4103			Y	

³⁵ Paid only when traveling for business of the CHIP board, at the rate set by the pool administrator.

³⁶ The Disability Services Stakeholder Olmstead Planning Advisory Committee is the name chosen by committee members for the committee, which was not formally given a name in Laws 2016, LB 1033.



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
65	Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees	79-1104.03			Y	
66	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y	
67	Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27,156			Y	
68	Education, State Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 3 79-301			Y	
69	Educational, Health, Cultural, and Social Services Finance Authority, Nebraska	58-813			Y	
70	Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 6 72-201	Y		Y	\$50
71	Educational Opportunity for Military Children, State Council on	79-2204			Y	
72	Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council	79-1245			N	
73	Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Y		Y	
74	Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Y		Y	
75	Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810			Y	
76	Emergency Medical Services, Board of	38-1206	Y		Y	
77	Emergency Response Commission, State	81-15,210	Y		Y	
78	Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428			Y	\$60
79	Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y	
80	Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registered	38-1307			Y	\$25
81	Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	Y		Y	\$40
82	Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15,170	Y		Y	
83	Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116			Y	\$50
84	Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Y		Y	\$25
85	Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01			Y	
86	First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee	82-803		Upon completion of its purpose	N	
87	Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Y		Y	

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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
88	Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee	43-4216			N	
89	Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	38-1405			Y	\$30
90	Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Y		Y	\$35
91	Geographic Information Systems Council	86-570			Y	
92	Geologists, Board of	81-3520			Y	Y ³⁷
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	Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724			N	
97	Health Information Technology Board	81-6,127	Y		Y	
98	Health Professions, Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of	71-6224			Y	
99	Health, State Board of	71-2601	Y		Y	\$20
100	Healthy Soils Task Force	2-402		1/1/2021	Y	
101	Hearing Instrument Specialists, Board of	38-1503			Y	\$25
102	Hemp Commission, Nebraska	2-517			Y	
103	Highway Commission, State	39-1101	Y		Y	\$20
104	Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y	
105	Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830			N	
106	Housing and Homelessness, Nebraska Commission on ³⁸	58-704; 81-1281			Y	
107	Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, Nebraska Commission on ³⁹	68-1605(3)			Y	

³⁷ 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."

³⁸ The Commission on Housing and Homelessness was formed by Executive Order 98-4 and combines two statutorily created advisory committees previously listed as the Housing Advisory Committee to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Affordable Housing Committee, both under the authority of the Department of Economic Development.

³⁹ In 2002, the former Advisory Committee on Families with Special Needs Housing became the Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, which serves as the advisory committee to the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program. Its parent agency is the Department of Health and Human Services.



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
108	Human Trafficking Issues, Task Force to Investigate	81-1430			Y	
109	Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501			Y	\$50
110	Industrial Relations, Commission of	Const. Art. XV, sec. 9 48-803	Y		Y	\$475
111	Information Technology Commission, Nebraska	86-515	Y		Y	
112	Information Technology Commission, Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska	86-521			N	
113	Interagency Management Committee	71-7106			N	
114	Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y	
115	Interrelated Water Review Board ⁴⁰	46-719			N	
116	Invasive Species Council, Nebraska	37-1403			N	
117	Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N	
118	Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Y		Y	\$75
119	Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226			Y	
120	Jail Standards Board	83-4,124			Y	
121	Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N	
122	Judicial nominating commissions ⁴¹	Const. Art. V, sec. 21 24-801			N	
123	Judicial Qualifications Commission	Const. Art. V, sec. 28 24-715			Y	
124	Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201			Y	
125	Juvenile Justice, Nebraska Coalition for	43-2411			Y	
126	Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110			Y	
127	Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186			Y	

⁴⁰ “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).

⁴¹ There are actually 33 commissions of nine members each representing the various judicial districts and courts within the state.



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128	Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262			Y	\$35
129	Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416			Y	
130	Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Board	7-204			Y	
131	Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401			Y	
132	Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Y		Y	\$12,500 annual salary
133	Massage Therapy, Board of	38-1704			Y	\$30
134	Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of	38-1805			Y	\$30
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 Crisis Task Force	50-701		12/31/22	Y	
139	Mental Health Practice, Board of	38-2105			Y	\$30
140	Mental Health Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-814			Y	
141	Military and Veteran Affairs, Commission on	55-601			Y	
142	Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Y		Y	\$50
143	Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	Y ⁴²		Y	\$50
144	Natural Gas Fuel Board	66-2001	Y		N	
145	Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission	81-8,309		6/30/2018	Y	
146	Niobrara Council	72-2007			Y	
147	Nursing Board, Nebraska Center for	71-1799			Y	
148	Nursing, Board of	38-2204			Y	\$100
149	Nursing Home Administration, Board of	38-2406			Y	\$30
150	Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	38-2505			Y	
151	Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Y		Y	\$400 ⁴³

⁴² The Legislature confirms the three gubernatorial appointees to the 16-member commission.

⁴³ Laws 2018, LB 713 increased the per diem from \$50 to no more than \$400 per day and raised the annual maximum from \$2,000 to \$4,000.



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
152	Optometry, Board of	38-2603			Y	\$30
153	Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Group	71-4504			Y	
154	Pardons, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13 83-1,126			N	
155	Parole, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13 83-188	Y		N	Salaried
156	Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel	83-4,164			N	
157	Personnel Board, State	81-1318	Y		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		Y	\$60
167	Priority School Intervention Team	79-760.07			Y	
168	Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y	
169	Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N	
170	Problem Gambling, Nebraska Commission on	9-1003	Y		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	



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
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		Y	\$75
178	Public Guardianship, Advisory Council on	30-4106			Y	
179	Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	Y		Y	\$20 ⁴⁴
180	Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20			N	\$75,000 annual salary
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 and Gaming Commission, State	2-1201	Y		Y	\$1,000/month
185	Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07			Y	\$100 ⁴⁵
186	Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222			Y	\$100
187	Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N	
188	Rent-Restricted Housing Projects Valuation Committee	77-1333			N	
189	Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority	44-2837			N	
190	Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	38-3203			Y	\$30
191	Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team	28-712.01			N	
192	Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-967		6/30/15	Y	
193	Rural Broadband Study Task Force	86-1102			Y	
194	Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654	Y		Y	
195	Safety Center Advisory Council, Nebraska	85-1008			N	

⁴⁴ 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.

⁴⁵ 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.



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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
196	School Districts, State Committee for the Reorganization of	79-435			Y	
197	Semiquincentennial Commission	81-8311		6/30/2027	Y	
198	Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3			Y	
199	Sports Arena Facility Financing Act, board to administer	13-3102			N	
200	Solid waste management programs, advisory committee to advise the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the study on the status of	81-15,159.01			N	
201	State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	Const. Art. VII, sec. 13 85-301	Y		Y	
202	State Fair Board, Nebraska	2-101	Y ⁴⁶		N	
203	State Records Board	84-1204			Y	
204	Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee	71-8803	Y		Y	Y ⁴⁷
205	Strengthening Families Act Committee, Nebraska	43-4716			N	
206	Stroke System of Care Task Force	71-4209			N	
207	Substance Abuse Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-815			Y	
208	Suggestion Award Board	81-1348			Y	
209	Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 28 77-5003	Y		Y	
210	Teacher Education and Certification Advisory Committee	79-808			Y	
211	Technical Committee to Review Statewide Assessment and Reporting Plan	79-760.03	Y		Y	
212	Telecommunications Relay System Act, Special Advisory Committee to Administer the	86-315			N	

⁴⁶ Four of the 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

⁴⁷ 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.

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	Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses	Per Diems
213	Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Advisory Board	86-327			N	
214	Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	Y		N	
215	Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y	
216	University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, sec. 10 85-103			Y	
217	Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N	
218	Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06			Y	
219	Veterans' Homes Board	80-318			Y	
220	Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-3306			Y	\$30
221	Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force	71-2454.01			N	
222	Violence Prevention, Advisory Council to the Office of	81-1447			Y	
223	Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board	46-1217			Y	
224	Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302			Y	
225	Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force	50-601		12/31/19	N	
226	Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee	82-702		6/30/23	N	
227	Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702			Y	
228	Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N	
229	Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101			N	
230	Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee	43-4513			N	

