



February 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

9:00 AM	1. Call to Order, Electronic Posting, Location of Open Meeting Law Documents, Roll Call, Introductions	Co-Chair
9:05 AM	2. Consider approval of the Agenda for the February 15, 2023 meeting*	Co-Chair
9:08 AM	3. Consider approval of the Minutes from the A. June 15, 2022 Meeting* B. August 03, 2022 Meeting* C. October 19, 2022 Meeting*	Co-Chair
9:13 AM	4. Public Comment	Co-Chair
9:18 AM	5. Vote for Nominated Higher Education Chair*	Co-Chair
9:20 AM	6. Open Meetings Overview	Co-Chairs/B.Kingery
9:30 AM	7. NITC Update A. Statewide Technology Plan B. Progress Report	B. Kingery
9:40 AM	8. Network Nebraska Update A. Participation Fee Review Committee B. RFP 2022 C. Marketing Update	NNAG Rep B. Kingery C. Struebing
9:55 AM	9. Digital Education Update	Co-Chairs
10:05 AM	10. Task Group Reorganization Review*	Co-Chairs
10:35 AM	11. Legislative Bill Review A. LB638 B. LB650 C. LB651	B. Kingery
10:55 AM	12. Subsector Reports (if time permits) A. University of Nebraska B. Nebraska State Colleges C. Nebraska Community Colleges D. Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities E. Public K-12 and ESUs F. Private/Denominational K-12 G. Nebraska Public Media H. Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education I. Nebraska Department of Education	Co-Chairs
11:15 AM	13. Other Business/Announcements	Co-Chairs
11:20 AM	14. Consider Location(s) for the April 19, 2023 Meeting	Co-Chairs
11:25 AM	15. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting	Co-Chairs
11:30 AM	16. Adjournment	Co-Chairs

* Indicates an expected action item.

The Council will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9:00AM CT

Host Location:

Central Community College, 3134 U.S. Hwy 34, Grand Island

Zoom link provided by sending a request to tom.rolfes@nebraska.gov

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University
Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska (Alt. for Bret Blackman)
Mr. Burke Brown, Palmyra District OR-1
Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools
Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02
Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School
Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools
Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)
Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College (Host site)
Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT: Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media; Gregg Robke, ESU 4; Cassandra Joseph, South Sioux City Public Schools; and Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Greg Maschman, Nebraska Wesleyan University; Leonard Kwapnioski, Columbus Public Schools; Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Dr. Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; and Ed Toner, OCIO

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

The Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. There were 10 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The Meeting Notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on June 14, 2022. The agenda was posted to the NITC Web site on June 14, 2022. The [Open Meetings Act](#) link was sent along with the meeting materials.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 15, 2022 MEETING*

Mr. Kelly moved to approve the June 15, 2022 agenda as presented. Mr. Brown seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Buker-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 02/16/2022 MEETING*

Mr. Brown moved to approve the February 16, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Hamersky seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 04/19/2022 MEETING*

Mr. Brown moved to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Kelly seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Mr. Rolfes reported that the next NITC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2022. The proposed slate of nominations will be approved at that time.

Higher Education Sector Nominations (7/1/2022-6/30/24 term):

Jeremiah Ourada, Independent Colleges & Universities (New)
Tom Peters, Community College System
Nick Muir, State College System (New)

K-12 Education Sector Nominations (7/1/2022-6/30/24 term):

Gary Needham, Educational Service Units
Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Administrators
Alan Moore, School Board Members
Burke Brown, Public Teachers

[STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN](#) ACTION ITEMS

Council members reviewed and discussed [changes](#) to the Digital Education and Network Nebraska Action Items. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions for clarification.

Mr. Brown moved approval of the changes to the Digital Education and Network Nebraska Action Items. Mr. Buker seconded. Roll call vote: Bierman-Yes, Blackman-Yes, Brown-Yes, Chrisman-Yes, DeTurk-Yes, Hamersky-Yes, Kelly-Yes, Needham-Yes, Peters-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS

The following sectors provided a report: University of Nebraska, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Public K-12 and ESUs, Nebraska Public Media, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, and the Nebraska Department of Education.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NITC meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

OTHER

Mr. Rolfes reminded the Council members that a higher education co-chair still needs to be elected. In addition, he reminded the council that the NITC will be celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2023.

Mr. Rolfes provided information on federal and state funding opportunities. The Governor's office will be making an announcement soon about the agency or agencies responsible for the NTIA Digital Equity and BEAD grants programs.

Co-Chair Needham proposed an August meeting date change from 8/17/2022 to 8/3/2022. This will be an in-person meeting, and will be an afternoon meeting, 1-3:30 p.m. to all time for members to drive in the meeting.

On July 15th, Mr. Rolfes will be retiring from the State of Nebraska. The National Telecommunication Information Administration (NTIA) approached him to assist Nebraska's broadband efforts and initiatives. He will begin his new position on Monday, July 18th. Council members expressed their congratulations and thanks for his work and dedication to the Council and Network Nebraska.

AGENDA ITEMS AND LOCATION FOR THE WEDNESDAY, 8/3/2022 MEETING

The council agreed to meet on August 3rd, 1-3:30 p.m. Mr. Buker will check on a meeting room at the Innovation Campus. If available, a tour may be offered. Agenda items for the August meeting

- Federal Funding
- Review Charter
- Tentative Co-Chair Caucus for Higher Education, NITC will be approving new members in July
- Task Group Reorganization (This may wait until the October meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DeTurk moved to adjourn. Mr. Brown seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

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

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 03, 2022, 1:00 P.M. CT

Host Location:

Varner Hall Lower Level, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska (Alt. for Bret Blackman)

Mr. Burke Brown, Palmyra District OR-1

Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools

Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School

Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Non-Voting):

Dr. Mike Baumgartner, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Cassandra Joseph, South Sioux City Public Schools

Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education

Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media

VOTING MEMBERS & LIAISONS PRESENT VIA VIDEO – PARTICIPATION ONLY:

Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02; Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools; Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College; Leonard Kwapnioski, Columbus Public Schools; Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Dr. Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; Gregg Robke, ESU 4; and Ed Toner, OCIO

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

The Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. There were 6 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. The Meeting Notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on July 14, 2022. The agenda was posted to the NITC Web site on July 14, 2022. The Open Meetings Act link was sent along with the meeting materials.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETING*

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE [MINUTES](#) FROM THE 06/15/2022 MEETING*

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NITC UPDATE

The July meeting NITC meeting was cancelled. Due to the July cancellation the nomination of the new Council members and Council's action items were not approved. The next NITC meeting will be in early November.

CYBERSECURITY COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

(Moved up in the agenda to accommodate speaker's schedules.)

Rick Haugerud, Assistant Vice President of IT Security Services for the University of Nebraska, provided a presentation regarding cybersecurity goals, initiatives, and collaborative efforts.

Andy Boell, Chair of the Northeast Nebraska Network Consortium, provided a presentation regarding the consortium's formation and its cybersecurity initiative. The consortium is pleased that the ESU perspective is involved in solutions discussions. The consortium is interested in having a representative from the Education Council serve on their consortium. The consortium is developing a charter.

Members agreed with the concept of the K20 perspective and collaboration. It was suggested to adding public libraries as well. Another issue to address regarding cybersecurity is governance and the institution's policies and procedures. It would be helpful if all institutions had similar policies and procedures. Geographic location and the size of schools will affect policies and procedures. Conducting audits was another recommended area to discuss. Funding and cost have always been an issue for institutions. More funding is needed.

Patrick Wright, State Information Security Officer, informed the council that federal funding will be available soon for cybersecurity initiatives. NEMA will be the grantor of the 4-year funding. They will be establishing a committee to assist them with the application process. More information about the committee and funding will be coming out soon.

TASK GROUP REORGANIZATION

Rationale for Proposed Group Structure
Consider Approval of New Task Group Structure

No quorum was present to conduct official business, but the council proceeded with discussion.

A couple of the challenges with the Council's task groups are leadership of a task groups, time involved, size of the task group. All members are busy with their positions and serving on task group would involve more time. Need members who are committed and dedicated to the council and its action items. It was difficult to reach quorum for the task group meetings. Alternates can also serve on the task force groups.

In discussions with the former NITC Education IT Manager and the co-chairs, to reach achievable results, they proposed that there be a task force assigned to each of the 6 action items.

The members expressed concerns about having 6 task groups, as well as getting 6 members to chair a task group. To assure participation, it was suggested to have the task group meetings coincide with the Education Council meetings. Task groups could meet before or after the meeting.

Emerging technologies, former action item, it was recommended to invite guest speakers inform the council.

This agenda item will be discussed further at the October meeting.

GEER I PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Kingery reported that the following projects were approved:

- Network Nebraska Backbone Upgrade.
- DDoS Mitigation Appliances
- Eduroam Year 2 dues
- Eduroam Year 3 dues were built into the Network Nebraska budget
- Eduroam equipment and labor costs. eduroam has seen an increase in participation from 30% to 40% since the announcement of the funds
- Broadband automated speed test. The first testing has been completed and the project has posted metrics. Mr. Needham stated that the ESU's may want to look at the Eduroam projects. Eduroam.us website has information regarding participants.
- TV white space. The project is looking for sites within ESU 10 as a site test location.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS (if time permits)

There were no updates to report from the following: University of Nebraska, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Nebraska Public Media, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Nebraska State Colleges. Cheri Polenske has been hired as the Chief Information Officer for the State College systems. She is already in contact and working with other state colleges.

Public K-12 and ESUs. Mr. Needham reported that there has been a lot of focus on security and working on the GEER projects.

Private/Denominational K-12. Mr. Hamersky reported that they have also been busy this summer working on funding opportunities.

Nebraska Department of Education. Chris Struebing reported that at the E-rate Coordinators meeting in Alliance, there were lots of questions regarding E-rate eligibility of WIFI on school buses. She will be in contact with the E-rate coordinators in the schools for their input and recommendations.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no other business.

CONSIDER DATE(S), LOCATION(S) AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting is scheduled for October 19th, at 9 a.m. This will work out for the Co-Chair due to being in Lincoln for an ESU NOC meeting that afternoon. The ESU meeting is scheduled at Lincoln Public Schools. The NITC staff will be in touch with LPS about a meeting room. Ms. Kingery will send out a meeting invite to council members to hold this date and time on their calendars.

Agenda items for the October meeting will include:

- Discussion on Task Groups
- Higher Ed Co-Chair
- Education IT budgets review and recommendation(s) to the NITC (If they are any that are submitted.)

ADJOURNMENT

Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the Becca Kingery, Interim Education IT Manager, with the Office of the CIO.

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. CT

Host Location:

Lincoln Public Schools District Office, 5906 O Street, Lincoln, NE

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew Buker, University of Nebraska (Alt. for Bret Blackman)

Ms. Cassandra Joseph, (Alt. for Burke Brown, Palmyra District)

Mr. Matt Chrisman, Mitchell Public Schools

Dr. Ted DeTurk, ESU 02; Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools

Mr. Trent Kelly, Hastings Public Schools

Mr. Gary Needham, ESU 09 (Host site)

Dr. Paul Turman, Nebraska State College System

LIAISONS/ALTERNATES PRESENT (Non-Voting): Dr. Kathleen Fimple, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; Christina Struebing, Nebraska Department of Education; and Ling Ling Sun, Nebraska Public Media

MEMBERS/LIAISONS ABSENT: Mr. Derek Bierman, Doane University; Mr. Tom Peters, Central Community College; Leonard Kwapnioski, Columbus Public Schools; Mr. Stephen Hamersky, Omaha Gross Catholic High School; Dr. Dan Hoelsing, Schuyler Community Schools; Edward Koster, Southeast Community College; Dr. Jaci Lindburg, University of Nebraska; Mr. Alan Moore, ESU 03; and Ed Toner, OCIO

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

The Co-Chair, Gary Needham, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were 6 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. Meeting Notice Posted to the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) October 14, 2022. The meeting agenda was posted to the [NITC Web site](#) on October 14, 2022.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 MEETING*

No quorum was present to conduct official business. Co-Chair Needham informed the Council that the eduroam meeting will be moved up in the agenda after Public Comment.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2022 AND AUGUST 3, 2022 MEETINGS*

No quorum was present to conduct official business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EDUROAM PRESENTATION

Brett Bieber, Assistance Vice President, IT Client Services, Information Technology Services, University of Nebraska. provided an eduroam status report. Mr. Bieber entertained questions from the Council members.

CAUCUS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION Co-Chair

The Higher Education sector nominated Dr. Paul Turman as the Co-Chair representing higher education. Dr. Turman accepted the nomination. There was no quorum present to approve the nomination. This will be on the December meeting agenda. After the Council approves the nomination, it will need to be approved the NITC.

DISTANCE EDUCATION UPDATE

Mr. Needham commented that eduroam is assisting with the digital equity in higher education. ESUs are still working though some technical issues before implementation.

NETWORK NEBRASKA UPDATES

Mr. Needham distributed the current makeup of the Network Nebraska Governance Structure draft document. Asked members to review it. NOC asked for this information.

Network Nebraska Fee Structure Collaboration*. Ron Cone, ESU 10, is Co-chair of NNAG (Network Nebraska Advisory Group). NNAG is in the process of reviewing Network Nebraska fees and would like the Education Council's input and participation with the review. The Network Nebraska membership has grown from 93 to over 200 participants – libraries and museums have joined. The question has been raised as to where the fee was appropriate for all schools - larger school's costs versus smaller or rural school's cost. If not, how would the tiers be developed or determined, etc. The time involved would be 2 to 4 one-hour meetings a month between now and February. NAWG will be making fee decisions at the March or May meeting. Trent Kelly (K12) and Dr. Turman (Higher Education) volunteered. It was suggested to look at a consumption-based fee or a base rate fee. Ms. Kingery noted that there is also the "quarter" option that has not been used or needs clarification.

Marketing Plan Volunteer. Ms. Struebing, NDE, has been working on some documents. She volunteered to develop a Marketing Plan. Members were asked to send her ideas. Volunteers are welcome.

2022 RFP Update. Ms. Kingery reported that the smaller RFP for 10 schools and a few libraries is almost ready for release. Hopefully, more providers will compete. The larger

RFL for 250 circuits will be expiring. Planning, preparation and discussions for the 2023 RFP will need to begin soon.

CISA Grant Liaison. FEMA has received a CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) FEMA Cybersecurity grant. The committee would like to have one Education Council volunteer to assist the project, and, to provide status updates to the Council. Ms. Sherry Polenski, CIO for State College Systems, is already part of the discussions, and will serve as the EC representative.

TASK GROUP REORGANIZATION (Continued)

Last month, it was proposed to have task group for each action items. Most members agreed that too many task groups would be too time consuming. Between now and the December meeting, the new co-chairs will discuss the reorganization of the Task Groups and bring recommendations to the group.

Dr. Turman left the meeting.

SUBSECTOR REPORTS (if time permits)

University of Nebraska. Mr. Buker reported that UNL is preparing to release RFP for 400g internet.

Public K-12 and ESUs. Ms. Kingery provide the GEAR funding contact for questions regarding notification of applications. Mr. DeTurk informed the Council that ESU 2 is in an Interlocal agreement regarding Cyber Security to work on the coordination of efforts. GEAR funds have been used to upgrade Network Nebraska equipment and is currently being deployed.

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Dr. Fimple updated the Council on SARA's (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) national requirements which may make it harder for states to comply and implement. The national office is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director. The Nebraska Indian College is wanting to participate in SARA

Nebraska Department of Education. Ms. Stuebing reported that she attended a national conference and met other E-Rate Coordinators. They were able to meet and discuss concerns and issues with FCC and USC reps.

There were no reports from the Nebraska State Colleges, Nebraska Community Colleges, Nebraska Independent Colleges and Universities, Private/Denominational K-12, and Nebraska Public Media.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no other business or announcements.

CONSIDER DATE(S), LOCATION(S) AND AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Education Council is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st in Lincoln. Agenda items will include:

- Election of Co-Chair, representing Higher Education
- Task Groups

Members were asked to send the co-chairs other agenda items they may want to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further minutes, the Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Becca Kingery of the Office of the CIO/NITC.



Task Group Organization Summaries

Communication Task Group

Network Nebraska Action Item #2

"The Education Council, OCIO/NITC staff, and Network Nebraska support staff will sufficiently and appropriately communicate to, and in support of, current and potential Network Nebraska Participants."

Deliverables: communication strategy; conduct periodic participant survey

Digital Education Task Group

Digital Education Action Item #1

"Help ensure the success of Nebraska digital education"

Deliverables: inventory current use, future promotion of effective practices, connect constituencies to promote improvement

Digital Education Action Item #2

"Expand awareness and address the need for equity of access as it relates to digital education"

Deliverables: identify solutions to lack of accessibility of reliable, secure internet; address equitability of access off campus

Network Nebraska Services Task Group

Network Nebraska Action Item #1

"Prepare for the future of Network Nebraska as a statewide, secure, multipurpose, high capacity, scalable telecommunications network that shall meet the demands of state agencies, local governments, and educational entities as defined in section 79-1201.01."

Deliverables: liaison with NNAG and CAP to provide insight and guide decision-making regarding services, and associated business models

Network Nebraska Action Item #3

"Identify needs and deliver advanced services to Network Nebraska members, including security, cloud computing, and education infrastructure, to meet the growing needs of its membership."

Deliverables: develop strategies for the delivery of advanced services; incorporate developed strategies into the Network Nebraska business model; implement additional value-add services

Security Task Group

Network Nebraska Action Item #4

"Promote the adoption of statewide cybersecurity practices for Nebraska K-20 education."

Deliverables: promote cybersecurity best practices within K-20 community; encourage participation in cyber-related industry events to spread education/awareness



Current Legislative Bills 1st Regular Session 2023

LB635

“to provide powers and duties to school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission relating to an educational resource database provided to students in kindergarten through grade twelve”

Committee: Education

Any educational research databases provided by school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission must provide filtering, or block access to all materials deemed “obscene or harmful” to minors, unique accounts must be created for each student provided by the school district with credentials provided to parents/guardians.

Becomes operative August 1, 2023.

Declared Emergency: Yes

Scheduled Public Hearing: N/A

LB638

“To adopt the Nebraska K-12 Cybersecurity and Data Protection Act”

Committee: Education

Establishment of a cybersecurity team by the ESU Coordinating Council to conduct statewide needs analysis to determine appropriate cybersecurity measures for utilization by ESUs and their member school districts.

Declared Emergency: Yes

Scheduled Public Hearing: N/A

LB650

Addendum to 84-712.05: “To allow certain records relating to cybersecurity to be withheld from the public”

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Amended to include records relating to the nature, location, or function of cybersecurity by the State of Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions to existing law pursuant to restrictions from public disclosure with exceptions for open administrative meeting, open meeting, or open court, etc. Appoints adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations for specific provision to the NITC.

Declared Emergency: Yes

Scheduled Public Hearing: N/A

LB651

To adopt “an act relating to appropriations for cybersecurity; ... and to provide funding for enhancing political subdivisions’ cybersecurity”

Committee: Appropriations

Appropriate \$20M of General Funds annually beginning in 2023-24 to the Department of Administrative Services Information Management Services Division for the purpose of supporting the following: cybersecurity preparedness activities; procurement of tools, hardware, etc. for cybersecurity defense; increase cyber incident response capabilities; expand vulnerability monitoring; support cybersecurity workforce development within the state; etc.

\$3M of appropriated funds (with \$1M for salaries/per diems) for: security of cybersecurity vulnerabilities within vendor ecosystems; provide access to observable cybersecurity vulnerabilities; notification of state executive agencies’ vendors of specific vulnerabilities.

\$8M of appropriated funds for: upgrades to critical IT infrastructure.

\$4M of appropriated funds for: software and services.

\$4.5M of appropriated funds (with \$250k for salaries/per diems) for: negotiation of contracts

Declared Emergency: Yes

Scheduled Public Hearing: 3/16/23