

TECHNICAL PANEL

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Varner Hall - Board Room
3835 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Walter Weir, CIO, University of Nebraska, Chair
Ed Toner, CIO, State of Nebraska
Christy Horn, University of Nebraska
Kirk Langer, Lincoln Public Schools
Michael Winkle, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ROLL CALL, MEETING NOTICE & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Mr. Weir called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the [NITC website](#) and the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on December 9, 2015. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on February 5, 2016. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the meeting room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Langer moved to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Toner-Yes, Horn-Yes, Langer-Yes, Weir-Yes, and Winkle-Yes. Results: Yes-5, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

ENTERPRISE PROJECTS

Project Update: Nebraska Department of Education – NeSA

Matt Blomstedt, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education; Jeremy Heneger, Assistant Director of Assessment, Nebraska Department of Education; John Bandy, CIO, Data Recognition Corporation (“DRC”); and Sandy Wiese, Vice President for Governmental Relations, DRC

Mr. Blomstedt provided an updated to the Panel, including information regarding the outages and other issues during the recent writing assessment testing. Mr. Bandy acknowledged and apologized for the technical issues schools and students were experiencing. There have been some outages during the testing period – one was due to inadequate patch management and the other was due to server storage issues.

Ms. Horn asked questions regarding accessibility for students with disabilities. Mr. Langer noted previous discussions about locating hardware on Network Nebraska to eliminate potential issues with commodity Internet service.

It is everyone’s best interest to have discussions and work together to solve issues. Members offered to provide any assistance they can.

Mr. Toner asked DRC if they thought the state should receive a performance credit due to the performance issues. Mr. Bandy stated he would be open to this. Mr. Toner and Mr. Blomstedt will continue discussions regarding the performance credit.

Mr. Weir asked the project to determine what were the lessons learned and what are we going to do to make sure it does not occur again.

Project Status Dashboard

Andy Weekly, Project Manager

The Technical Panel comments section was added to the report at the members' request.

Mr. Weekly provided a report on the following projects: Network Nebraska; Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA); Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN); Medicaid Management Information System Replacement Project (MMIS); District Dashboards; Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment System; and AFIS Upgrade Project. The following agencies will be asked to provide a report at the April Technical Panel meeting: NDE and DHHS.

TECHNICAL PANEL CHARTER

Rick Becker, OCIO Legal Counsel

Mr. Becker discussed proposed changes to the Technical Panel Charter. Specifically, members were asked their thoughts on eliminating alternate members on the Panel. All agreed that such a change was appropriate. The revised charter will be an action item at the next meeting.

WORK GROUP UPDATES AND OTHER BUSINESS

There were no work group reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Langer moved to adjourn. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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