

Joint CEOB/GNWDB Meeting Notes

Start: 1:04pm

GNWDB Attendance: Cristal Dimas, Emily Duncan (Virtual), Bernie Hansen, Sarah Heller-Glen, Denise Pfeifer, Jody Stutzman, Stacey Weaver, Lisa Wilson (**QUORUM NOT MET**)

CEOB Attendance: Joe Hewgley, Brian Bequette, Hal Haeker, Troy Uhlir (**QUORUM MET**)

Notice of Publication – Elliott Cain provided the Notice of Publication

Update from Commissioner Thurber – Commissioner Thurber virtually joined the meeting to update the board on future plans for the NDOL

Minutes: GNWDB - *Meeting Minutes could not be voted on due to Quorum not being met*

CEOB – Approved **1st** Troy Uhlir **2nd** Bryan Bequette

Yes – Bryan Bequette, Troy Uhlir, Joe Hewgley, Hal Haeker

Thank you - Chair Lisa Wilson acknowledged Stacey Weaver's retirement from the board and thanked Stacey for her years of service to the board.

Announcements – Elliott Cain Provided updates on staffing across Greater Nebraska

Board Appointments – Recommendation of moving Melanie Kunc and Tamar Jiminez to sub committees. Questions on process resulted in a pause of moving members. Jody Stutzman also commented that she was currently not a member of a committee.

Regional Updates -Regional Managers Lori Marquez, Brent Laclair, Randy Kissinger, Melanie Kunc, and Bernie Hansen provided updates for their respective regions.

Unemployment and Wagner Peyser Data – Andrew Baumgardner provided and update on the number of new UI claims and continued claims from the January to June.

Unemployment rate was 3% across Nebraska ranking the state 6th in the nation. Labor force Participation was at 69.8% ranking the state 1st in the nation. Charts for Average wage, unemployment rates by county and job postings we also provided. No Comments

Enrollments – Andrew Baumgardner provided information regarding Enrollments across Greater Nebraska, No comments

Active Participants – Bernie Hansen provided information regarding active participants within Greater Nebraska, No Comments

Priority of Service – Bernie Hansen provided information on Priority of Service for Adult and Youth programs. Adult met the requirements without issue. Youth Program Missed the

5% goal with a 5.8% at the time of reporting. Jami Canham explained that through corrections, this performance has been updated and ended up at 2.7%.

Performance – Bernie Hansen provided details for performance across the state in Title Ib, JVSG, and WP programs. Greater Nebraska did well in many areas, however Youth continued to be a struggle. Jami Canham explained through communication with JAG and MACY, they were able to obtain more records for reporting, bringing GN closer to the Performance goals. Reported .9% off from goal with a potential increase still coming.

Internal Monitoring – Melissa Johnson of MJ Consulting joined the meeting, provided background to her services and history with the DoL. She noted that she has been reviewing records and noted that Greater Nebraska is doing well with only minor discrepancies that are easily fixed. No Comments

Complaint System – Bernie Hansen presented complaints received since January 1 of 2026. None were against the ES Offices. All 17 were against employers and no H2-A. They were handled by their respective divisions. He noted that there was a request for a complaint form but has not been submitted to the OSO. No Comments.

Finance Report – Elliott Cain covered budget allocation for the program year, No comments

OSO Report – Andrew Baumgardner presented the One Stop Operator report for Greater Nebraska, reporting on Enrollments, Registrations, Co- Enrollments, and Referrals, No Comments

Partner Programs – Andrew Baumgardner provided information on SCSEP and Michelle Webb provided updated information on Registered Apprenticeship, highlighting over 5100 Active Apprentices (a first for Nebraska), 550 employers, and Sponsors such as NEMAC, JAG, DHHS. SAEF4 Grant and SAA updates. No Comments

AJC Recertifications – Andrew Baumgardner provided an update to the AJC Recertifications that took place in May of 2026, noting that there were no concerns and both Beatrice and Grand Island locations would be Recertified.

MOU Partnerships – Andrew Baumgardner provided an update to the MOU partnerships that were negotiated through April and May of 2026.

Customer Satisfaction Survey – Andrew Baumgardner provided details on the Customer Satisfaction Survey. Highlighted were the high levels of satisfaction and the improvement in staff involvement with the public. Areas of concern were minimal and focused on finding the best practices. No Comments

Employer Satisfaction Survey – Andrew Baumgardner provided results from the employer satisfaction survey and the Industry Sector Survey. Highlighted points were improved satisfaction from employers, better service delivery, and high recommendations. Concerns were targeted at finding the best methods to inform employers of services available. Several offices have already have a process to address this. Industry Sector Survey highlighted the barriers employers face and what services would best assist them. Main barriers are finding quality candidates and performance. Jami Canham asked if there was a way to include a question regarding the integration of A.I. into the work force.

Public Comment – Elliott Cain spoke to both boards regarding feedback for the change of meeting format from two days to a single day.

GNWDB Adjourn – 1st Stacey Weaver 2nd Denise Pfeifer

Yes - Cristal Dimas, Emily Duncan (Virtual), Bernie Hansen, Sarah Heller- Glen, Denise Pfeifer, Jody Stutzman, Stacey Weaver, Lisa Wilson **(No Quorum)**

End – 2:55pm

CEOB Adjourn – 1st Bryan Bequette 2nd Troy Uhler

Yes - Joe Hewgley, Brian Bequette, Hal Haeker, Troy Uhler

End – 2:56pm