

Chief Elected Officials Board & Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board Joint Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday March 19 , 2026

LOCATION: 4500 63rd St., Columbus, NE 68602 Rm 176 Lower Student Center

DURATION: 10:10 am to 11:51 AM (MT)

AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Lisa Wilson, Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board (GNWDB) Chair, called the GNWDB Meeting to order on March 19, 2026 at approximately 10:05 am.

Joe Hewgley, Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) Chair, called the CEOB Meeting to order on March 19, 2026 at approximately 10:05am.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Jami Canham called the roll for the GNWDB and a quorum was established.

GNWDB Members Present (10):	GNWDB Members Absent (3):
Cristal Dimas Bernie Hansen Gary Kelly Denise Lemke Lisa Wilson	Matt Gotschall Jody Stutzman Greta Kickland Denise Pfeifer Stacie Weaver
	Mike Gage Sarah Heller-Glen Roy Lamb Josh Hanson Emily Duncan

CEOB Members Present (0):	CEOB Members Absent (4):
Troy Uhlir Bryan Bequette Hal Haeker Joe Hewgley	

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AGENDA ITEM #3: Notice of Publication

Elliott Cain reported that adequate legal notice of this joint meeting was posted in the **Grand Island Independent, Beatrice Daily Sun, and the Scottsbluff Star-Herald**. The notice was published in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and a copy was available for review.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Approval of Minutes: Stacey Weaver noted discrepancies that it was reported that Elliott Cain gave reports on Enrollments, Active Participants by County, Priority of Service and Performance. Andrew Baumgardner reported on these sections. All voting charts should have contained the information that

Emily Duncan joined the reconvening meeting at 8:13AM and Amy Gerloff was included as a voting member in the charts, but had resigned prior to that meeting. Stacey Weaver motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Gary Kelly seconded. A roll call vote was called and the motion carried. Since there was no quorum for the CEOB, a motion to approve minutes did not occur. Votes on meeting minutes will occur in March 2026.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Announcements

Elliott Cain reported the following announcements

- Tim Faunce is no longer the Beatrice Regional Manager
- Kendra Mamea is covering Beatrice for the time being
- Tiffany Rasmussen is no longer WIOA Case Manager for Region 4.
- Ian Slama is no longer WIOA Youth Case Manager for Region 5.
- Delta Wilson is the new Registered Apprenticeship Program Coordinator
- Michelle Schutz is the new Registered Apprenticeship Work Force Coordinator in Grand Island
- Janell Daughenbaugh Resigned her position as Monitor

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6B: Board Appointments

Elliott Cain reported that Stacie Weaver is finishing out her term and will be resigning at that time. She is actively working to find a suitable replacement. Denise Lemke also informed the board her Grant funding is exhausted in June and may be resigning at that time. Elliott provided information on current board member placements to meet board matrix requirements. Only Tamar Jiminez's inclusion was required to be voted on. Motion was carried.

AGENDA ITEM #6C: Request for Proposal

Elliott Cain reported that a Request for Proposal was posted on January 12th, 2026 and Bids were reviewed on February 23, 2026. There were no bids and it was left to the GNWDB and CEOB to vote on letting the Nebraska Department of Labor maintain the role as Service Provider. GNWDB and CEOB both voted to let NDoL maintain the role as Service Provider.

AGENDA ITEM #6D: Regional Updates

Managers provided updates and highlights from their respective service delivery areas.

SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM #6E: Nebraska Trends

Andrew Baumgardner updated the board on the Nebraska Trends. On the topic of 55+ workers, there was a discussion of what the most prominent areas of employment are for these workers. Andrew listed common areas such as Agriculture and Manufacturing and being highly involved in the growth of Nebraska .

AGENDA ITEM #6F: Unemployment and Wagner-Peyser Data

Andrew Baumgardner updated the board on Nebraska Unemployment data and how Nebraska maintained one of the highest labor force participation rates in the nation, low unemployment, and discussion on whether or not the

wildfires would effect change demographics or participation. Jami Canham pointed out that Natural disasters, though rare, are a qualification for Dislocated Worker.

AGENDA ITEM #6G: Enrollments

Greta Kickland reviewed the number of Enrollments for the past 6 months. There were 173 new Title Ib enrollments over this time.

AGENDA ITEM #6H: Active Participants by County

Greta Kickland reviewed the data concerning the number of active participants broken down by county for the past 6 months. There were 191 Title Ib participants during that period of time for all of Greater Nebraska.

AGENDA ITEM #6I: Priority of Service

Greta Kickland reviewed Priority of Service. Greater Nebraska has a 88.9% enrollment rate, surpassing the state requirement of 75% for Adults with Youth reported at 0.0% requiring additional assistance with the CFR requiring 5% or less.

AGENDA ITEM #6J: Performance

Greta Kickland reviewed performance. Concerns about performance levels in GN were discussed. A few named factors such as “Ghosting”, where the individual does not provide the necessary information for credential follow up, lead to missing areas like MSG where that data is critical. 25. Also factors like staffing and case load transfer contribute to the lack of follow-up from participants.

AGENDA ITEM #6K: Internal Audits/Local Area Monitoring

Elliott Cain discussed the monitoring report that took place from July to December, desk audits and preparing for a monitoring event likely to take place in October.

AGENDA ITEM #6L: Complaint System

Greta Kickland updated the board on all complaints received in Greater Nebraska during Q1 and Q2. There were 37 complaints, all were directed at employers. 26 were related to Wages. 5 were MSFW. None were related to the ES Offices.

AGENDA ITEM #6M: Policy

Elliott Cain informed the board there are no changes to policy and no action is required.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM #6N: Finance Report

Elliott Cain provided the Board with an update on current funds available, and funds to be received.

AGENDA ITEM #6O: One Stop Operator Report

Andrew Baumgardner updated the board on One Stop Operations in Greater Nebraska, including enrollments, co-enrollments, and referrals to partner programs.

AGENDA ITEM #6P: Partner Programs

Andrew Baumgardner discussed partner program updates regarding SCSEP and Trade. Elliott Cain reported Delta Wilson is the new RA Program Coordinator and provided details about the current state of the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Michelle Webb is now a RA Workforce Coordinator. Michelle also provided a PowerPoint discussing the program

AGENDA ITEM #6Q: Waitlist

Jami Canham provided context for the wait list.

2024 – 384 Total Cases with 7 FT Adu/DLW Staff and 3 Youth (Some split it .5)

2025 – 276 Total Cases with 5.5 FT Adu/DLW Staff and 1.3 Youth (Some split)

2026 – 182 Total Cases (74 DLW) 3 FT Adu/DLW Staff and 1.3 Youth

Jami gave assurance for Priority of Service using the wait list and gave a rough time frame for individuals on the list with Veterans receiving the Priority of Service with 1-2 weeks, while the rest would be address in a timely manner with a time frame of 1-2 months. (I.e. CDL programs are a quick 3-6 weeks)

AGENDA ITEM #6: Customer Service Survey Results

Andrew Baumgardner shared with the board the number of survey responses, 210 for Q1 and Q2. Comparative of 223 total in PY2024 was provided.

AGENDA ITEM #6T: Employer Satisfaction Survey Results

Andrew Baumgardner reported that employer feedback showed steady improvement in participation and feedback. A total of 25 organizations responded during Q1 and Q2, continuing the trend of increased involvement from employers.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Public Comment

Lisa Wilson requested public comments for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board. Andrew Baumgardner informed the board that AJC recertifications for both the Beatrice and Grand Island locations were required for 2026. Dates and times would be established to satisfy the requirements. Several board members volunteered for the recertification process

AGENDA ITEM #8: UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Lisa Wilson reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule. Next meeting will be located in Grand Island and in-person.

AGENDA ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT:

GNWDB—Gary Kelly Motioned. Denise Pfeifer seconded at 12:05PM.

CEOB—Troy Uhlir Motioned. Bryan Bequette seconded at 12:05PM.