

# Chief Elected Officials Board Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024

**LOCATION:** Video Conference

**DURATION:** 10:09 am to 10:25 am (CT)

## AGENDA ITEM #1: Call to Order

Stanley Clouse, Chief Elected Officials Board (CEOB) chair, called the CEOB meeting to order on April 24, 2024 at approximately 10:09 am (CT).

## AGENDA ITEM #2: Roll Call

Jami called the roll for the CEOB and a quorum was established.

### CEOB Members Present (4):

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhler

### CEOB Members Absent (2):

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

\*Board member attending remotely from a place not included in Notice of Publication and abstained from all voting to avoid violation of the Open Meetings Act.

## AGENDA ITEM #3: Notice of Publications

Jami 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 the following errors in the previous minutes:

- Lisa Wilson was unable to attend in person, so Stacey Weaver called the meeting to order and asked for public comment.
- Agenda Item #B (Board Appointments) – Troy Uhler made the motion to extend terms, but Hal Haeker seconded, not Bryan Bequette.
- Agenda Item #6O (State Plan Alignment Workgroup) – Greta was the one who updated the group on the Alignment Workgroup activities.
- Agenda Item #6P (Policy) – Adult and Dislocated Worker Program Services was seconded by Denise Pfeifer, not Greta Kickland. Individualized Training Accounts that we also voted on isn't listed at all, that was motioned by Dan Mauk and seconded by Greta Kickland, but am unsure of who was for/against/abstained.
- Agenda Item #6R (Transfer of Funds) – Karen Stohs is listed as For, but she Abstained.

These corrections were made in the official minutes.

Troy Uhlir motioned to approve the September 21, 2023 CEOB and GNWDB Joint Meeting Minutes as amended. Joe Hewgley seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhlir

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AGENDA ITEM #5A: Board Appointments**

The following Board members had terms that were set to expire May 25, 2024. Since the printing of the board book, Elaine Anderson requested to not have her term extended. Since the Joint Meeting, Dan Mauk requested to not have his term extended. It was proposed to extend the remaining board members' terms to May 25, 2027.

Amy Gerloff Gary Kelly Greta Kickland Roy Lamb II Dan Mauk Elaine Anderson

Troy Uhlir motioned to extend board terms for all GNWDB members, with the exception of Elaine Anderson and Dan Mauk, and Hal Haeker seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhlir

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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Due to an updated State policy, Greater Nebraska had several categories that needed to be filled.

Vacancies and potential candidates to fill the vacancies were discussed.

Kim Schumacher has retired and stepped down from the Board. It is recommended to vote Sarah Heller-Glen to fill her seat.

The CEOB received the following nominations for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board:

Sarah Heller-Glen to replace Kim Schumacher

Troy Uhlir motioned to approve Board nominations and Joe Hewgley seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhlir

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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Troy Uhlir motioned to extend the terms of Lisa Wilson, Stacey Weaver, Denise Pfeifer, and Emily Duncan on the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board for a three-year term ending October 25, 2026. Hal Haeker seconded.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhlir

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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**AGENDA ITEM #6B: Wait List**

Jami presented the following statement from the Joint Meeting:

“Greater Nebraska has been under a hiring freeze since March 2023. Due to upcoming retirements and other issues, the local area will be operating under a 57% staffing level. For this reason, the

Greater Nebraska Board submitted a technical assistance request to the State to resolve this issue. To date, this issue has not been resolved, so it is recommended the Boards vote to implement a wait list to protect program quality and ensure our team has the capacity to serve their respective areas well.”

Jami provided an update on where this issue stands. At this time, the Norfolk position has been posted and will move forward with the hiring process when the manager is back in office. The Hastings position has not yet been approved for posting but the manager is continuing to move the process forward.

The GNWDB voted to move forward with this agenda item by drafting a letter to the Governor and pursuing a conversation with the Commissioner and Director to rectify the situation. This was supported by the CEOB members in attendance. The conversation was successful, and impression was left that the vacancies would be filled. At this time, the Wait List has been tabled due to the offer of resolution.

No vote was taken.

**AGENDA ITEM #6C: Request for Proposal**

Jami advised the Board that Greater Nebraska did not receive any bids during the first RFP that ran from November/December. At the Commissioner’s urging the RFP was again issued for January/February. Bid opening day was February 27th and there were no bids. Since there were no bids, the Board chose to vote NDOL as continued service provider for the local area WIOA and One-Stop provider beginning July 1, 2024.

Troy Uhlir motioned to approve NDOL as the continued provider and Joe Hewgley seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhlir

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**

Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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No motion to approve NDOL as the continued provider as quorum was not established.

**AGENDA ITEM #6D: Transfer from DLW to Adult**

A motion was made by Troy Uhlir to transfer \$125,000.00 from Dislocated Worker to Adult. Stanley Clouse seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

**CEOB Members For (4):**

**CEOB Members Abstained (0):**

Stanley Clouse  
Hal Haeker  
Joe Hewgley  
Troy Uhler

**CEOB Members Absent (2):**  
Bryan Bequette  
William Stewart

**CEOB Members Against (0):**

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**AGENDA ITEM #7: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Stanley Clouse requested public comments for the Chief Elected Officials Board. There were none.

**AGENDA ITEM #8: UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Stanley Clouse reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule:

|                    |                       |                                      |                              |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| September 19, 2024 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CT) | Lexington,<br>Sidney,<br>Scottsbluff | GNWDB & CEOB<br>GNWDB & CEOB |
| March 20, 2025     | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CT) | Nebraska City                        |                              |
| September 18, 2025 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (CT) | TBD                                  | GNWDB & CEOB                 |

**AGENDA ITEM #9: ADJOURNMENT:**

Troy Uhler motioned to adjourn the CEOB Meeting. Joe Hewgley seconded. A CEOB voice vote was taken, and the motion carried. The CEOB meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm (CST).