



Nebraska State Rehabilitation Council

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SRC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The meeting minutes of the State Rehabilitation Council commenced at 10:06 a.m. by Gloria Eddins.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jodi Bodnar, Michael Brummer, Michael Bursaw, Christopher Chambers, Gloria Eddins, Christine Gaspari, Jason Gieschen, Matthew Kaslon, Todd Ludwig, Paulette Monthei, Tobias Orr, Scott Parrill, Lindy Foley, Janel Sweley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jana Egan, Jennifer Miller

NEBRASKA VR STAFF PRESENT: Holly Enriquez, Angela Fujan, Alexa Krueger

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VISITORS: Sarah Chapin, Margie Propp, Ben Sparks

I. Pledge of Allegiance (Jason)

Tobias led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of agenda (Chair-Jana)

Gloria called for a motion to approve the agenda Christine moved to approve the agenda. Matt seconded the motion. There were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.

III. Approval of prior meeting minutes (Chair)

Gloria called for a motion to approve the May 5, 2026, meeting minutes. Paulette made a motion to approve. Christine seconded the motion. There were no objections, motion carried by unanimous consent.

IV. Reminder of Robert's Rules (attached) and short hourly breaks (Chair)

Gloria reminded the Council it follows Robert's Rules and uses meeting etiquette.

V. Introductions/Roll Call (Chair)

All Council members introduced themselves.

VI. Council membership (Chair)

A. Potential members: NWFDB representative

Angela informed the Council that she sends a quarterly email to the Nebraska Workforce Development Board (NWDB) to identify potential candidates interested in serving on the SRC. Filling this position remains a priority. Angela encouraged members to contact her if they know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a member of the SRC.

The Nebraska Workforce Development Board's membership roster is available on the [Nebraska Workforce Development Board's Website](#). If any SRC members know individuals who serve on the Board, they are encouraged to reach out to determine whether they may be interested in joining the SRC.

Gloria said she can attend an in-person NWDB Board Meeting on behalf of the SRC to see if anyone is interested in filling the current vacancy.

B. New Members: Michael Brummer (NCDHH), Mark Garcia, Chris Chambers (NDE-Special Education), and Jennifer Miller (PTI).

C. 2026 SRC Terms ending:

- First term ending: Jana Egan committed to a second term.
- Second term ending: None
- Recruitment reminder: Individuals with a disability to maintain the 51% council majority

VII. Action

A. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Committee Chairs)

An election was held to select a new Chair and Vice Chair. Angela informed the Council that each committee would also elect a new Committee Chair during the breakout sessions. Angela reminded the Council that the Chair is responsible for leading all Council meetings and that the Vice Chair assumes those responsibilities in the Chair's absence. She noted that Paulette had expressed interest in serving as Chair. No other Council members expressed interest. Gloria called for a motion to approve Paulette's nomination. Christine moved to approve the nomination, and Scott seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion carried by unanimous consent. Scott and Matt both expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair. Council members cast their votes, and Scott was elected Vice Chair.

B. Follow-up to action items from last meeting:

- October Employment Awards (Michael)

Scott informed the Council they picked the winners for the October Employment Inclusion and Disability Awards and shared the following:

Champion of Disability Employment: Stephanie Goodrich
New Business Partnership: Nebraska State Patrol
Small Business Recognition: Made New Makerspace
Large Business Recognition: Subconn, Inc.

There were 38 nominations in total submitted by staff members.

- WIOA State Plan - Assigning goals to SRC Committees for breakout discussions (Lindy)

Lindy directed Council members to view the emails sent on July 30, 2026. She reminded the Council that her goal is to cover a portion of the WIOA State Plan during each meeting. For this meeting, Council committees will take a closer look at the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA) surveys. Lindy noted VR agencies are required to collect CSNA data every three years.

Lindy explained she would like the committees to review the surveys through the lens of their respective work. During breakout discussions, she asked each committee to provide feedback on the current surveys. However, when discussing potential future revisions, Lindy emphasized that the goal is not to add additional questions to the survey, as doing so could make the survey too long.

Lindy asked each committee to email their feedback to Alexa by August 14, 2026.

- Fall CSAVR October 31 - November 4, 2026 (Angela)

Angela informed the Council that, at this time, no one is available to attend; therefore, the Council will not have a representative participating this year.

VIII. Discussion

A. Member Feedback on Written Reports (5-10 minutes each):

- ATP (Tobias Orr)

Tobias reported it is business as usual for ATP. The Enrichment Foundation Grant funds continue to be used to assist individuals in Douglas and Sarpy Counties. The Education Program provided more loans than in the previous year, bringing the total number of loans to 1,112. In FY26, the program received 338

education-related requests.

ATP has officially submitted its application for recertification to keep managing the iCanConnect Program for another five years. They expect to learn if the application has been approved by spring of 2027.

Two new ATP staff members have joined the ATP team in Lincoln. Adam McCown was hired as the Lincoln Equipment Manager, Andrea Boring joined ATP in the Marketing position. At this time, they still have one DHHS Technology Specialist opening posted in Omaha.

The ATP Council will meet on September 25, 2026. He shared the ATP staff attended the Disability Pride Event on July 25, 2026, at Antelope Park in Lincoln.

- CAP (Jodi Bodnar)

CAP has experienced an increase in cases and is currently serving 12 clients.

Jodi discussed CAP's assistance to a client whose transportation and vehicle-modification needs has not been fully addressed through a previous Assistive Technology Partnership referral. CAP's involvement included reviewing the client's circumstances, communicating with VR staff, advocating for additional consideration of the transportation barrier, and facilitating a referral for a more comprehensive assistive technology assessment.

- Deaf & Hard of Hearing (Michael Brummer)

Michael told the Council the NCDHH has hired a new Outreach Liaison, Simon Highsmith, who will serve Lincoln and the southeastern region of the state. He also reported that the board is currently interviewing candidates for the Executive Director position.

- NSILC (Christine Gaspari)

Tobias told the Council NSILC is continuing to get caught up on operations. Their bank account has been reestablished, and they are working hard to get caught up on bills. They are eager to move forward and resume normal operations. He encouraged members to contact either him or Christine if they are interested in becoming a member of NSILC or know someone who may be interested.

- Ombudsman (report only)

- Youth Leadership Council (report only)

B. Member Feedback on VR (Chair)

No feedback.

C. Director Report (Lindy Foley)

Lindy provided an update on the WIOA state plan. Since the last Council meeting in May 2026, VR has begun working on the mediation stage. She reminded members that this is a 4-year plan, and that halfway through the plan, an implementation update is required. VR's plan modifications have been approved. Lindy noted this year's process was somewhat different due to changes at the federal level.

Lindy explained the interagency agreement between the federal Department of Education and HHS. Under this agreement, RSA is now housed under HHS at a federal level, placing their federal office staff within a larger team. Lindy has heard from our federal partners it is "business as usual" for RSA. She noted that in a year there will be changes on how VR receives its federal grant. VR is not feeling anything different at state level.

At the federal level, there had been ongoing discussion for quite some time whether VR would be placed under HHS or DOL.

At the state level, Lindy noted that at NDE, including Nebraska VR are going through an exercise to identify cost savings in response to the Governor's recent memo. As a reminder, VR receives both federal and state funds. It is anticipated Nebraska VR will need to prepare for state funding reductions in the current and future biennium.

Lindy shared both her and Tobias continue to be active in the state Olmstead Advisory Committee-including the Housing and Employment Committee workgroups. SRC members can visit [The Olmstead Plan's webpage](#) for updates on these two workgroups.

IX. Working Lunch: Committee meetings and reports:

A. Client Services Committee (Jodi Bodnar)

The Committee reported they will be meeting next Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, to go over Client Surveys.

The Committee voted Jodi to serve another year as Committee Chair.

B. Employer Services Committee (Scott Parrill)

The committee discussed reaching out to Sarah to meet and review the surveys in greater detail.

They voted Mike to be the new Committee Chair.

C. Transition Services Committee (Paulette Monthei)

This committee voted Gloria to be Committee Chair.

They noted that they spent time discussing the survey, focusing specifically on Question 2, which reads: "Select all the things below that Nebraska VR has done for your child." They discussed how some of the items could be better defined. For example, they suggested adding an explanation or definition of what "workplace readiness" means.

This group also discussed suggested possibly aligning disability categories with the Department of Education's.

D. Executive Committee (Jana, Gloria, Jodi, Scott, Paulette, and Angela)

No breakout group.

X. Public Comment/Announcements

Christine told the Council NSILC is searching for more voting members.

Gloria called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Christine made a motion to adjourn. Matt seconded. There were no objections made. Motion carried unanimous consent. The SRC Council meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm.