

Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS)
Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2020
9:30 a.m.
Varner Hall Boardroom, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, NE 68583

Publicized notice of the Executive Council meeting was given by posting the date, time, and location on the NSWERS.org website.

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Dr. Susan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following NSWERS members in attendance:

Dr. Susan Fritz, President
Dr. Paul Turman, Vice President
Dr. Paul Illich, Member
Dr. Matthew Blomstedt, Secretary/Treasurer

1.2 Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

President Fritz announced that information regarding the Open Meetings Act is posted on the north wall in the Varner Hall Boardroom.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one appeared for public comment via ZOOM or in person.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1 Additions or corrections to agenda

No agenda items were removed, added or corrected.

3.2 Approve minutes of the previous meeting

Approval of the August 5, 2020 minutes passed with a motion by Dr. Paul Turman, second by Dr. Paul Illich.

Dr. Susan Fritz	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Paul Illich	Yea
Dr. Matthew Blomstedt	Abstain

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Report from the Management Team

4.1.1 Update on the Department of Labor Agreement

Dr. Kristin Yates reported that an agreement is close to being completed. Dr. Yates feels confident that a draft of the agreement will be ready for the next meeting of the Council set for October 12, 2020.

4.1.2 Update on Cyber Security Insurance

Dr. Yates updated the Council on the progress of attaining Cyber Security Insurance. Dr. Yates has had conversations with an appropriate individual to answer questions regarding attaining such coverage. However, since NSWERS is relatively new there are a lot of unknowns to appropriately answer questions on the required forms. It was suggested to wait and work on this with the new Executive Director. As a result, this topic will be placed on the agenda for the next Executive Council meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

No Executive Session held.

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Approval of the University Management Agreement

Motion to Approve the University Management Agreement passed with a motion by Dr. Matt Blomstedt, second by Dr. Paul Illich.

The Executive Council members communicated their appreciation to the Management Team and attorneys for their quick advice and response in getting this document ready for consideration today.

Dr. Susan Fritz	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Paul Illich	Yea
Dr. Matthew Blomstedt	Yea

6.2 Approval of the hire of NSWERS Executive Director

Motion to Approve the hire of Dr. Matthew Hastings as the Executive Director of NSWERS passed with a motion by Dr. Paul Illich, second by Dr. Paul Turman.

Dr. Susan Fritz	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Paul Illich	Yea
Dr. Matthew Blomstedt	Yea

7. UPDATE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Discuss expectations of NSWERS Director

Dr. Hastings expressed his appreciation for being selected as NSWERS Director. His appointment begins on September 1, 2020. Dr. Hastings discussed his short and long term goals, that include having conversations with the Executive Council members, NSWERS Management Team and private stakeholders. Also, within a short period of time, Dr. Hastings plans to have a strategy in place for getting a structure lined out for NSWERS.

Council members discussed their goals, objectives and expectations. They are equally excited to be a part of this foundational partnership that will ultimately provide a great system benefiting all Nebraska students and educational systems.

8. ADJOURNMENT

President Fritz adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled NSWERS Executive Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at a location TBD.