

**Nebraska Statewide Workforce & Educational Reporting System (NSWERS)
Executive Council Business Meeting Notification and Agenda**

July 29, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

Varner Hall Board Room, 3832 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 Paul Turman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following Executive Council members in **attendance**:

President Leah Barrett, NSWERS President
Information Officer Kristin Yates, NSWERS Vice-President
(as proxy for Commissioner Brian Maher)
Vice Chancellor Jodi Kupper, NSWERS Secretary/Treasurer
(as proxy for Chancellor Paul Turman)
Interim Executive Vice President and Provost David Jackson, NSWERS Member
(as proxy for President Jeffrey Gold)

Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

Dr. Kupper announced that information regarding the Open Meetings Act is available on the wall in the Varner Hall Board Room and also available on the NSWERS.org website.

2. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

- 2.1 **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment.

- 2.2 **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

No agenda items were removed, added, or corrected.

Approval of the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Dr. Kristin Yates, second by Dr. David Jackson.

Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. David Jackson	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea

2.3 Approve Minutes of NSWERS business meeting, April 24, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, NSWERS Executive Council Business meeting passed with a motion by Dr. Leah Barrett, second by Dr. Kristin Yates.

Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea
Dr. David Jackson	Abstain
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

3.1 Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to recognize Leah Barrett as President of the NSWERS Executive Council.

Motion to approve the recognition of Leah Barrett as President of the NSWERS Executive Council passed with a motion by Dr. Kristin Yates and seconded by Dr. David Jackson.

Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea
Dr. David Jackson	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea

3.2 Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to recognize Brian Maher as Vice President of the NSWERS Executive Council.

Motion to approve the recognition of Brian Maher as Vice President of the NSWERS Executive Council passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Kupper and seconded by Dr. David Jackson.

Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea
Dr. David Jackson	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea

3.3 Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to recognize Paul Turman as Secretary-Treasurer of the NSWERS Executive Council.

Motion to approve the recognition of Paul Turman as Secretary-Treasurer of the NSWERS Executive Council passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Kupper and seconded by Dr. Kristin Yates.

Dr. David Jackson	Yea
Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea

3.4 Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with respect to the NSWERS Information & Research Agenda.

Motion to approve the NSWERS Information & Research Agenda passed with a motion by Dr. Kristin Yates and seconded by Dr. Jodi Kupper.

DISCUSSION: Dr. Matt Hastings provided an overview of the changes to the Information & Research Agenda for the Executive Council.

Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea
Dr. David Jackson	Yea

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Hastings, Executive Director, NSWERS made a brief presentation on behalf of himself and the Management Team. (See attached PowerPoint.)

Data Submission Calendar. NSWERS is moving along with the regular cadence of the data submission process, with July submissions complete and heading into October for one of the larger data submission months with updates from all two- and four-year postsecondary institutions.

NSWERS Data Submission Progress. Dr. Hastings provided an update regarding data submission progress for the partners. Great progress has been made, as indicated by the green “data certified” rows on the progress chart. The submitted data by the four-year postsecondary institutions are fully validated and waiting on certification reports.

Partner Data Sharing Agreements. Dr. Hastings reported that the partner data sharing agreements have been updated to eliminate the need for new agreements when the Executive Council adopts new data specifications or approves the updated Information & Research Agenda. These agreements will be sent out on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, to partner institutions.

insights+ Technical Enhancements. The NSWERS Team has been working with a contractor, Don't Panic Labs of Lincoln, Nebraska, to add technical enhancements to insights+. New features in development are a population creator, an analysis and visualization tool, and a query builder. The NSWERS Team believes these tools will greatly enhance the utility of insights+ for all institution partners.

insights Public Data Platform. Dr. Hastings provided a description of the insights Public Data Platform, which will make public-facing data and related products available in one place that is separate from the main NSWES website. The data and products offered in insights will not be as granular as the information that can be found on the insights+ secure platform.

NSWERS Strategic Plan Progress. Dr. Hastings gave an updated overall progress towards NSWERS Strategic Plan 2021-2023, which is updated quarterly prior to Executive Council

meetings and available on the NSWERS website at www.nswers.org/progress. Overall Progress is at 91%, up 1% since April 2024; Goal 1 (Establish Data System) is at 97%; and Goal 2 (Evaluate Efficacy) is at 84%.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORT

5.1 NSWERS Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Ryan Foor and Dr. Matt Hastings

Dr. Hastings had a discussion with Dr. Paul Turman and Dr. Jodi Kupper regarding the financial reports for NSWERS. Dr. Hastings noted that due to the end of the fiscal year closing schedule, the information presented in the financial reports is considered preliminary. Dr. Hastings wanted to highlight that NSWERS was again under budget for the fiscal year 2024. It was also mentioned that the cash balance noted in the report is the amount between the University and Foundation accounts, and it should be noted as we go forward in planning for the next four to five years.

5.2 NSWERS Fellows Program / Community of Practice – Dr. Matt Hastings

Dr. Hastings provided information regarding a program or community of practice that NSWERS intends to pursue to increase user engagement and information dissemination with the NSWERS partners. This will also include training for the partners. The goal is to create an initiative to increase knowledge of, engagement with, and feedback on the secure information system, insights+. There is interest from the private funders to support this program.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

6.1 The NSWERS Staff provided a presentation on the insights public data brief product for Talent Retention in Nebraska. Presentation slides are attached to the minutes as support material for agenda item 6.1.

6.2 The NSWERS Staff provided a presentation on the data matching process between NDOL, NSWERS, and the DMV. Presentation slides are attached to the minutes as support material for agenda item 6.2.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the NSWERS Executive Council Business Meeting passed with a motion from Dr. Jodi Kupper and second by Dr. David Jackson.

Dr. David Jackson	Yea
Dr. Jodi Kupper	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Kristin Yates	Yea

President Barrett adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

At this time, a special NSWERS Executive Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Varner Hall Board Room.