

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

October 27, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Nebraska State College System – 1233 Lincoln Mall, Lincoln, NE 68508

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 Leah Barrett called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

President Leah Barrett, NSWERS President
Commissioner Brian Maher, NSWERS Vice President
Chancellor Paul Turman, NSWERS Secretary/Treasurer
President Jeffrey Gold, NSWERS Member

Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information

Dr. Barrett announced that information regarding the Open Meetings Act is available at the entry to the meeting room and 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. Jeffrey Gold, second by Dr. Brian Maher.

Dr. Jeffrey Gold	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Brian Maher	Yea

- 2.3 Approve Minutes of NSWERS business meeting, July 31, 2025**

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2025, NSWERS Executive Council Business meeting passed with a motion by Dr. Paul Turman, second by Dr. Jeffrey Gold.

Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Brian Maher	Yea
Dr. Jeffrey Gold	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- 3.1** Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with respect to the proposed revisions to NSWERS Data Management Policies and Procedures.

Motion to adopt the proposed revisions to the NSWERS Data Management Policies & Procedures v2.6 passed with a motion by Dr. Brian Maher and seconded by Dr. Paul Turman.

Dr. Jeffrey Gold	Yea
Dr. Brian Maher	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea

- 3.2** Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action with respect to the proposed revisions to NSWERS Business & Finance Policies.

Motion to adopt the proposed revisions to NSWERS Business and Finance Policy number 6800 passed with a motion by Dr. Paul Turman and seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Gold.

Dr. Brian Maher	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea
Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Jeffrey Gold	Yea

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORT

- 4.1** Treasurer's Report – Dr. Paul Turman and Dr. Matt Hastings

Chancellor Turman and Dr. Hastings presented the Treasurer's Report highlighting the strong financial position of NSWERS. Dr. Hastings discussed the ongoing process of working with Rediger & Company, CPA and the University of Nebraska office of business and finance to transfer accounting operations in accordance with NSWERS business and finance policies.

4.2 Interim Study of Unfunded Tuition and Fee Waivers

Dr. Alex Brodersen and Mr. David Nguyen presented a summary of the key findings contained in the LR261 interim study evaluation of unfunded tuition and fee waivers. The NSWERS Executive Council then discussed the results of the evaluation.

4.3 ACE Scholarship Evaluation

Dr. Alex Brodersen presented a summary of the key findings contained in the Accessing College Early Scholarship Evaluation. The NSWERS Executive Council then discussed the results of the evaluation.

4.4 NSWERS Partner Financial Commitments

Dr. Hastings engaged the NSWERS Executive Council in a discussion related to the financial commitments of partner entities to the continued operations of NSWERS.

4.5 Core Services Agreement with the University of Nebraska

President Barrett shared updates with the NSWERS Executive Council related to ongoing discussions with the University of Nebraska regarding modification to the core services agreement currently in place between NSWERS and NU.

4.6 Cyber Security and Penetration Testing

Mr. Hefley briefed the NSWERS Executive Council on the efforts NSWERS is taking in relation to cyber security and discussed efforts related to penetration testing to ensure the safety, security and resilience of NSWERS information technology infrastructure.

4.7 NSWERS 2030 Strategic Planning

Dr. Hastings provided an update to the NSWERS Executive Council related to ongoing strategic planning efforts. He highlighted his intention to have a first draft of the new NSWERS 2030 Strategic Plan for Executive Council review at their January, 2026 meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 5.1** Dr. Matt Hastings, Executive Director of NSWERS, provided a brief report to the NSWERS Executive Council highlighting upcoming efforts and activities, such as the Nebraska Education Data Fellowship Program, upcoming meetings with the

presidents of the Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges, and general staffing updates.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the NSWERS Executive Council Business Meeting passed with a motion from Dr. Paul Turman and second by Dr. Brian Maher.

Dr. Paul Turman	Yea
Dr. Jeffrey Gold	Absent
Dr. Brian Maher	Yea
Dr. Leah Barrett	Yea

President Barrett adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

The next NSWERS Executive Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on January 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., at a location to be determined.