

**OPEN SESSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

**Friday, December 6, 2024**  
**State Capitol Room 1525**

**Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and announced the location of a copy of the Open Meetings Law in the meeting room. He stated that notice of the meeting was posted on the Commission’s website and on the State’s Public Meeting Calendar.

Roll Call –

Roderic Anderson – Present  
Janet Chung – Excused  
Jeffery Davis – Present  
Mike Gloor - Present  
Robert Evnen – Present  
Andrew Reuss – Present  
Kate Sullivan – Present

**Introduction and welcome to new commissioner Mike Gloor** – Executive Director Hunter welcomed Mike Gloor from Grand Island to the Commission. The new Commissioner was appointed by Governor Pillen on August 27, 2024, and his term will expire on June 30, 2030.

Commissioner Gloor expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Commission. He indicated that he was a retired hospital executive, where he ran the Grand Island Hospital.

**Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the August 23, 2024 Meeting** – Chairman Davis referred the Commissioners to their copies of the Open Session minutes of the previous meeting.

**Motion by Evnen, second by Sullivan, that the Open Session Minutes of the August 23, 2024 meeting be approved** - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Anderson, Davis, Evnen Gloor, Reuss, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**Report on late filing fees and requests for relief:** The Executive Director indicated that there were no requests for relief.

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**Executive Director's Report (includes personnel activity, budget status, budget process and litigation status)** – Executive Director Hunter reported to the Commission that there were two vacancies on the Commission to be selected by the Secretary of State.

Executive Director Hunter announced that Serena Dunn had been promoted to Commission Staff Auditor. Ms. Dunn had previously been an administrative assistant. She has worked at the Commission for over 34 years.

The Executive Director mentioned that on November 19, 2024, he and General Counsel Neil Danberg accompanied former Director Frank Dailey at the state capital for a presentation to newly elected freshman senators. Topics included provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, Statements of Financial Interest (NADC Form C-1), conflicts of interest, use of public resources, and permissible uses of campaign funds.

Executive Director Hunter indicated that in January and February he will be conducting a zoom session through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI at UNL). The presentation will cover campaign finance and how to navigate the NADC website and online filing system.

The Executive Director indicated that four months into the current fiscal year the Commission had expended approximately 24% of the agency budget.

The Executive Director announced that the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) Conference will be held in Los Angeles from December 8, 2024 through December 11, 2024. Two staff members will attend. This is an organization of which the Commission is a founding member. Areas covered are campaign finance law, governmental ethics, lobbying laws, public information law, and election law.

Executive Director Hunter indicated that Lobbyist and Principal Reports for the 3rd Quarter were due October 30, 2024. Reports that are filed will be available for review on the Clerk of the Legislature's website. Lobbyist renewals are due December 31, 2024.

The Executive Director indicated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Campaign Statements were due October 28th. The Post General Election Campaign Statements are due January 14, 2025. Statements that are filed will be available for review on the FirstTuesday website.

The Executive Director indicated that there is no significant pending litigation.

Executive Director Hunter indicated that upcoming meeting dates are January 24, 2025 and March 7, 2025 if approved by the Commission.

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Discussion followed.

**Action to set dates for additional Commission meetings** – Chairman Davis referred the commissioners to their packets and the proposed 2025 meeting dates submitted by Mr. Hunter.

**Motion by Sullivan, second by Anderson, that the Commission approve the meeting dates as presented** - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Anderson, Davis, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**2025 Legislative Session** - The Executive Director indicated that the Legislature is scheduled to convene on January 8, 2025. Mr. Hunter next discussed the legislative bills that are of interest to the Commission.

Executive Director Hunter indicated that on September 6, 2024, Senator Linehan held a hearing on LR 384. Which is a study of nonprofit organizations, their nonprofit status, how these organizations use their nontaxable income, and the ways such organizations use their nontaxable income for political purposes. The NADC testified in a neutral capacity to provide information about how the NADC interacts with non-profit organizations. The agency has not been informed on whether the study would lead to proposed legislation. He noted that a resultant report was issued by the Revenue Committee on October 12, 2024. In the report the committee made the recommendation that the Legislature reform NADC lobbying reporting requirements for both lobbyist and principals to require them to report lobbying activities in real time within 48 hours of activity, instead of quarterly. The Commission would not be opposed to such a bill.

Discussion Followed.

**Report of Executive Director Search Committee** – Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner Sullivan, Commissioner Reuss and Commissioner Anderson for having reviewed the applications and resumes of the many applicants. He noted that as a committee those applicants were narrowed down to four candidates. Chairman Davis indicated the Search Committee would be interviewing all four of the applicants today after the Commission Meeting concludes. The hope would be that after this meeting the committee will have a recommendation for the Commission to conduct applicant interviews before the Commission.

Discussion followed.

**Report of Conflicts Committee** – Chairman Davis announced that he appointed Commissioner Gloor to the Conflicts Committee. The Chairman announced that he appointed Commissioner Reuss to Chair of the Conflicts Committee. Chairman Davis further indicated that there were no objections or concerns to report.

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Discussion followed.

**Report of Executive Committee** – Chairman Davis indicated that there were no issues to report.

**Closed Session - Motion by Gloor, second by Anderson, that the NADC go into Closed Session pursuant to the confidentiality provisions of the NPADA** – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Anderson, Davis, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

The NADC went into Closed Session at 9:15 a.m.

The NADC returned to Open Session at 9:55 a.m.

**Announcements from Closed Session** - Executive Director Hunter indicated that there were two reports from closed session.

In the matter of Shane Sailors v. Natisha Winkelman, case #23.40, the Commission adopted a settlement agreement with the respondent. Under the settlement agreement, the Commission found one violation of §49-14,103.01 in which the respondent entered into a prohibited contract and another violation under §49-14,101.01(2) for improperly accepting funds from the Village in excess of her Trustee compensation. The Commission imposed a civil penalty of \$1,800.00. The action was taken with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

In the matter of Emily Haxby v. Cabell Hobbs, case #24-05, the Commission adopted a settlement agreement with the respondent. Under the settlement agreement, the Commission found a violation of §49-1474.01 for sending political advertisements which failed to provide a proper disclaimer of a street address. The commission imposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00. The action was taken with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

**Adjournment – Motion by Sullivan, second by Anderson, that the NADC adjourn.** Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Anderson, Davis, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Chairman Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.