OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

NEBRASKA ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

Friday, June 12, 2026

State Capitol Room 1525

Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Vice Chairman Andrew Reuss called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and announced the location in the meeting room of a copy of the Open Meetings Law. He stated that notice of the meeting was posted on the Commission's website and on the State's Public Meeting Calendar.

Roll Call –

Adam Christensen – Present
Janet Chung – Present
Jeffery Davis – Excused
Robert Evnen – Present
Mike Gloor – Present
Andrew Reuss – Present
J.L. Spray – Present
Kate Sullivan – Present

Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the May 1, 2026 Meeting – Commissioner Reuss referred the Commissioners to their copies of the Open Session minutes of the previous meeting.

<u>Motion by Evnen, second by Christenen,</u> the Open Session Minutes of the May 1, 2026 meeting be approved - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, and Spray voted yes. Commissioner Sullivan abstained. Motion carried (6-0-1).

Report on late filing fees and requests for relief: none.

Approval of Revised Commissioner's Handbook – Executive Director Danigole referred the Commissioners to their packets. The Director indicated the Commissioner's Handbook was last updated around 2020. He noted the changes were minor, with the exception of adding information regarding the Commission's First Tuesday system. The Handbook is intended to serve as a reference for Commissioners.

Discussion followed.

<u>Motion by Evnen, second by Sullivan,</u> the Commission approve the Revised Commission Handbook – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Executive Director's Report (includes personnel activity, budget status, budget process and litigation status) – The Executive Director stated Commissioner Sullivan's term expires on June 30th 2026. The new Commissioner's appointment will be made by the Governor. To date, there has been no notification from the Governor regarding an appointee. The Governor will select from list of five names provided by the Legislature. The Legislature has 30 days after the end of Commissioner Sullivan's term to provide that list. Due to the current makeup of the Commission, prospective appointees can be either Democrat or Independent and from any of the three Congressional Districts.

Discussion followed.

Executive Director Danigole reported on May 6th, he and Dave Hunter attended the Nebraska IT Leadership Forum in Lincoln. It focused on the leadership aspect of IT. Topics were IT team building, and discussions about information technology crisis and recovery.

The Executive Director will present to the Nebraska Society of Association Executives on June 18, 2026. The presentation will provide an overview of NADC activities with a focus on lobbying.

Executive Director Danigole reported that he, Dave Hunter and Neil Danberg will attend the COGEL (Council on Government Ethics Laws) Conference in Denver, CO from December 5th thru the 9th.

Mr. Danigole informed the Commission that he, Neil Danberg and Dave Hunter began the process of reviewing agency Rules and Regulations. In 2025 the Legislature passed LB 660 requiring state agencies to review rules and regulations on a 5 year rotational basis. The review must be completed by June of 2027. Once the process begins changes to Rules and Regulations is prohibited. All proposed rule changes require Commission approval and a public hearing.

Discussion followed.

Staff has been working on incoming campaign statements, answering any issues or questions and contacting delinquent C-1 filers. Statements of Financial Interests Form C-1 were due March 2, 2026.

The City of Omaha requested a Staff Opinion regarding a proposed city ordinance. The proposed ordinance would allow city employees to perform fund raising activities for charitable organizations while on city time and using city resources. This is an issue the Commission addressed in Advisory Opinion #199 (2010). The opinion states that City of Omaha Firefighters may not engage in campaigns to raise funds for a private charitable organization. Essentially, city resources cannot be used for charitable fundraising. At that time Omaha Firefighters were collecting funds for the “Fill the Boot” campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. General Counsel Danberg’s Staff Opinion reiterated that AO #199 applies to the current issue.

Discussion followed.

The Executive Director requested a date change for the upcoming Commission Meeting. Due to timing issues related to availability of the state budget reporting system, the agency is unable to produce a proposed budget prior to the next scheduled Commission Meeting (July 31, 2026). Danigole requested to change the next Commission Meeting date to August 21, 2026.

Discussion followed.

Executive Director Danigole stated that eleven months into the current fiscal year the Commission had expended approximately 69% of the annual agency budget.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Danigole reported that Lobbyist Statements of Activity were due 45 days after Sine Die, on June 1st. Lobbyist and Principal 2nd Quarterly Reports are due July 30, 2026. This will be the first time Principals are subject to late filing fees for quarterly reports. All reports filed will be available for review at the Clerk of the Legislature’s website.

The Executive Director stated the Nebraska 2026 Statewide Primary was held May 12. The General Election will be November 3rd. The 2nd Primary Campaign Statements were due May 4th, 2026. Post Primary Statements are due June 22nd. All filed statements are available for review on the Commission’s website.

The Executive Director reported no significant legislation issues.

The next Commission meeting dates are August 21, 2026 and tentatively September 11, 2026. The next scheduled date is October 23, 2026.

Evaluation of Executive Director and setting of salary – Commissioner Davis provided Commissioner Reuss an instrument for the Executive Director’s evaluation. Commissioner Reuss stated that all Commissioners participated in the survey. He further noted that Mr. Danigole met or exceeded expectations in all categories.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Gloor, second by Reuss, the Commission approve the Executive Director's evaluation as compiled by Commissioner Davis that Mr. Danigole met or exceeded expectations and to approve a salary increase of 3.25% for the Executive Director effective July 1, 2026 – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Report of Conflicts Committee – Commissioner Reuss reported no objections or concerns.

Report of Executive Committee – Commissioner Reuss reported no issues.

Closed Session - Motion by Reuss, second by Spray, the NADC go into Closed Session pursuant to the confidentiality provisions of the NPADA – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, Spray, Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (7-0-0).

The NADC went into Closed Session at 9:25 a.m.

The NADC returned to Open Session at 10:06 a.m.

Announcements from Closed Session - Executive Director Danigole announced the following reports from closed session.

Gwen Devie v. Susan Mitchell case (#25-173), and Gwen Devie v. Keith Mitchell case (#25-174) - the Commission approved a settlement agreement in which it found a violation of §49-1499.03(2) of the NPADA. Both Respondents failed to file the required written statement of potential conflict of interest. By the terms of the settlement agreements, each Respondent will pay a civil penalty assessed by the Commission of $250. The Settlement Agreements were approved with seven Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

Alesia Barker v. Christopher Hartung case (#26-09) - The Commission found one violation of §49-1499.03(2), that the Respondent failed to file a written statement of potential conflict of interest. By the terms of the settlement agreement, the respondent will pay a civil penalty of $250. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with seven Commissioners concurring, none dissenting and none abstaining.

Election of officers – Commissioner Reuss reported that Commissioner Sullivan prepared a proposed slate of officers for the upcoming year. Commissioner Sullivan proposed Commissioner Reuss, Commissioner Christensen, and Commissioner Gloor as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Christensen, to approve and accept the slate of proposed officers as presented – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Recognition of the service of Commissioner Kate Sullivan – Executive Director Danigole deferred to Commissioner Reuss who expressed heartfelt appreciation to Commissioner Kate Sullivan for her public service to the Commission and State of Nebraska.

Commissioner Reuss, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Commissioner Sullivan for her service and presented her a commemorative clock as a token of appreciation.

Commissioner Sullivan expressed her thanks and gratitude.

Adjournment – Motion by Chung, second by Spray, that the NADC adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Evnen, Gloor, Reuss, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (7-0-0).

Vice Chairman Reuss declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.