

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

Friday, August 21, 2026
State Capitol Room 1525

Lincoln, Nebraska

Call to Order – Commissioner Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 – Present
- Robert Evnen – Excused
- Mike Gloor – Present
- Andrew Reuss – Excused
- J.L. Spray – Present
- Kate Sullivan – Present

Approval of the Open Session Minutes of the June 12, 2026 Meeting – Commissioner Christensen referred the Commissioners to their copies of the Open Session minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion by Sullivan, second by Spray, that the Open Session Minutes of the June 12, 2026 meeting be approved - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Gloor, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Commissioner Davis abstained. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Report on late filing fees and requests for relief: Goding for Education – Executive Director Danigole presented a request for relief from Goding for Education. The Respondent failed to timely file three Reports of Late Contribution (NADC Form B-5). These reports were due April 30, 2026 and filed on May 1, 2026. Late fees of \$200.00 each were assessed. The first late fee was waived to zero, the second late fee was reduced to \$25, and the third late fee was denied. The total late fees stand at \$225. Mr. Danigole noted that the Respondent had sent a letter asking for reconsideration.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Davis, second by Spray, that the Commission under the subsection of Good Cause Shown treat this as one incident and waive the late fee – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Davis, Gloor, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Report on late filing fees and requests for relief: Jay for OPPD – The Executive Director stated this was a request for relief from Jay for OPPD. Mr. Danigole reported late filing fees of \$1,500.00 were assessed for failure to timely file a Report of Late Contribution (B-5). The request for relief was denied because the filing disclosed \$5,000 in expenditures and did not qualify for relief.

Mr. Jay Ignowski, Candidate, Jay for OPPD next gave a presentation.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Christensen indicated there was no motion to approve or modify. The issue to stand as is.

Report on late filing fees and requests for relief: Lancaster County Republican Party - The Lancaster County Republican Party received a contribution of \$30,016.20 on April 25, 2025 which should have been reported on a B-5 before April 28, 2025. The B-5 was filed on June 4, 2025. Late filing fees of \$4,001.62 were assessed for failure to timely file a Report of Late Contribution (B-5). The Executive Director directed the Commissioners to a letter received from the respondent detailing an explanation and asking for reconsideration of the late fees.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Christensen indicated there was no motion to approve or modify. The issue to stand as is.

Executive Director's Report (includes personnel activity, budget status, budget process and litigation status) – The Executive Director stated he gave a presentation to the Nebraska Society of Association Executives on June 18th. This was an overview of NADC activities with a focus on lobbying.

On July 10th, Mr. Danigole presented to the Nebraska Bar Association. The topic was Election Year Ethics: Pitfalls for Public Officials and Public Employees. It covered filing requirements for candidates, committees, and independent expenditures, with a strong focus on Statements of Financial Interests.

The Executive Director will give a presentation to the Nebraska Investment Council on October 15th.

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Executive Director Danigole, Neil Danberg, and Dave Hunter continue the process of reviewing agency Rules and Regulations such as Rule 2, which covers who is required to file Statements of Financial Interests (Form C-1). This review is required under LB 660 (2025).

The Executive Director is working on Legislative proposals for the 2027 Session. The first is a clean-up bill. Additionally, he is working on a bill to require all NADC filings be submitted electronically. Emailed and paper filings would not be accepted. These Legislative initiatives will be presented at the October meeting for Commission approval.

On July 8, 2026, Governor Pillen sent a statewide memo calling for fiscal restraint in view of revenue shortfalls. The memo announced a 5% reduction in General Fund and Cash Fund allotments. The Commission has made the necessary adjustments to its allotments.

Executive Director Danigole stated that one month into the current fiscal year the Commission had expended approximately 4.7% of the annual agency budget.

Lobbyist Statements of Activity for the 2026 Session were due 45 days after Sine Die (June 1). Lobbyist and Principal 2nd Quarterly Reports were due July 30, 2026. This is the first time Principals were held accountable with late filing fees. All filed reports are available for review at the Clerk of the Legislature's website.

The Executive Director reported that the Nebraska 2026 Statewide Primary was held May 12. The General Election will be held November 3rd. Post Primary Campaign Statements were due June 22, 2026. 1st General Statements are due October 5th. All filed statements are available for review on the Commission's FirstTuesday website.

The Executive Director reported no significant legislation.

Executive Director Danigole informed Commissioners that the next Commission meeting dates are tentatively September 11, 2026 and October 23, 2026.

Consideration and action on proposed budget for the upcoming Biennium (FY27/28 and FY28/29) – Deputy Director Dave Hunter explained that the State of Nebraska has a two year budget process. The upcoming biennial budget includes fiscal years 2027/2028 and 2028/2029. The proposed budget must be submitted to the Budget Division by September 15, 2026. Mr. Hunter proposed a continuation budget request. As such, the request includes no significant changes from the current biennium other than those outlined in the budget instructions from the Budget Office. Mr. Hunter described the budget process and issues. The agency receives funding from the State's General Fund and the NADC Cash Fund. Hunter also addressed the concept of the modification

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budget. After consideration, the Commission may either approve the proposed budget as submitted or give direction to the staff regarding changes.

Deputy Director Dave Hunter addressed the Commission and provided information on certain aspects of the budget.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Davis, second by Sullivan, that the Commission approve the proposed budget for the upcoming biennium - Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Davis, Gloor, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Executive Director Danigole and Deputy Director Hunter have discussed the idea of allowing late filing fees and civil penalties to be paid by credit card or some other electronic means. This could speed up the payment process.

Consideration and action on proposed Resolution #26-01, Modification of the filing dates for the 2027 Lincoln City Election - The proposed Resolution would modify filing requirements for the 2027 Lincoln City Elections. The Commission finds that the literal application of the Act works a manifestly unreasonable hardship for certain committees participating in the 2027 Lincoln City Election by reason of the following:

That the 2027 City of Lincoln Primary Election will be held on April 6, 2027;
That the 2027 City of Lincoln General Election will be held on May 4, 2027;

By adopting the Resolution a candidate who prevails in the Primary will not have to file a Post Primary Report or a 1st General Report. The Post General Report would be due 40 days after the primary election.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Davis, second by Gloor, the Commission adopt Resolution #26-01 – Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Christensen, Chung, Davis, Gloor, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Action to set dates for 2027 Commission meetings - Executive Director Danigole proposed meeting dates for 2027.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Spray, second by Chung, that the Commission approve the 2027 meeting dates as presented – Roll Call Vote: Christensen, Chung, Davis, Gloor, Spray, and Sullivan voted yes. Motion carried (6-0-0).

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Report of Conflicts Committee – Commissioner Christensen announced no objections or concerns to report.

Report of Executive Committee – Commissioner Christensen announced no issues to report.

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

The NADC went into Closed Session at 9:41 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.

Steve Erdman v. Rose Nelson case (#26-08) - The Commission approved a settlement agreement in which it found a violation of §49-14,101.02 of the NPADA. The Commission assessed a civil penalty of \$625. The Settlement Agreement was approved with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

Executive Director v. Angel Murtaugh case (#26-12) - The Commission found one violation of §49-14,101.02 of the NPADA. The Commission assessed a civil penalty of \$750. The Commission approved the Settlement Agreement with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting and none abstaining.

Gary Quandt v. Kristi Wold (#26-14) – Pursuant to settlement agreement the Commission found there was a violation of §49-14,101.02 of the NPADA. By terms of the agreement, the Respondent will pay late filing fees assessed by the Commission of \$750. The Commission approved the settlement agreement with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

Theresa Westfall v. Cindy DeLaCruz (#26-16) - The Commission found violation of §49-1474.01 of the NPADA. By terms of the agreement the Respondent will pay a civil penalty assessed by the Commission of \$150. The Commission approved the settlement agreement with six Commissioners concurring, none dissenting, and none abstaining.

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

Commissioner Christensen declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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