

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

AGENDA

February 18, 2026

10:00 AM

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the minutes for the January 2026 Commission Meetings.

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Notice was duly published December 23, 2025, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS

Election of Commission Chair: Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to nominate Commissioner Tim Schram as Commission Chair. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram present not voting.

Election of Commission Vice Chair: Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to nominate Commissioner Kevin Stocker as Commission Vice Chair. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Kevin Stocker present not voting.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5662: In the Matter of the Application of Fiber AssetCo LLC, Houston, Texas, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5663: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Crown Castle Fiber LLC and Fiber AssetCo LLC, Houston, Texas, seeking approval of an assignment of certain assets and customers to Fiber AssetCo LLC. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5665: In the Matter of the Application of Mark Walker, Norfolk, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hoskins Exchange of the Pierce Telephone Company, Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with

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Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5676: In the Matter of the Application of networks, LLC, Charlotte, North Carolina, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5679: In the Matter of the Application of Scott & Chas Pritchard, Litchfield, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Litchfield Exchange of the Nebraska Central Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5683: In the Matter of the Application of Velocity Fiber, LLC, Shawnee, Kansas, seeking authority to withdraw its local and interexchange certificates of authority and cancel its tariffs. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting withdrawal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5684: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to determine the surcharge for the statewide Telecommunications Relay System, to be effective July 1, 2026. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order opening docket and setting hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-1, PO #7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC. Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant an audit extension request from MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, until April 30, 2026;

NUSF-1, PO #7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Nextiva, Inc. Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant an audit extension request from Nextiva, Inc. until March 31, 2026;

NUSF-1, PO #7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Alltel Corporation, Sioux City MSA and Omaha Cellular Telephone, Co. Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant an audit extension request from Alltel Corporation, Sioux City MSA and Omaha Cellular Telephone, Co. until April 30, 2026; and

NUSF-1, PO #7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Stanton Telecom, Inc. Cullen Robbins seeks Commission approval to grant an audit extension request from Stanton Telecom, Inc. until March 2, 2026. Motion made by

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Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant the audit extension requests. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.464: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Combined Public Communications, LLC, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.465: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Content Guru, Inc, Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-92.63: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to administer the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program; application to the Nebraska Broadband Program Received from United States Cellular Corporation. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting extension of deadline. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-081: In the Matter of Originating Service providers seeking to establish an alternative timeframe for connecting to the NG911 network pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 86-1029.04. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Approving Alternative Timeframe. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-1546.01: In the Matter of the Application of Mary A. Saighman d/b/a E & M Yellow Cab Co., North Platte, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1546. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting cancellation of Certificate B-1546. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-1837.01: In the Matter of the Application of Student Transportation of Nebraska, Omaha, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-1837. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting cancellation of Certificate B-1837.

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Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2041.01: In the Matter of the Application of Tender Advocates, LLC, d/b/a Tender Advocates, Burwell, seeking cancellation and revocation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued in Docket No. B-2041. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting cancellation of Permit B-2041. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001.06: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order opening docket and scheduling show cause hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2142.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Royalty Party Buses, LLC, Lincoln, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2169.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Rollin Transportation, LLC, Verdigre, seeking to establish its rates and charges subject to the Provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. Chapter 75, Articles 1 and 3. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

In the Matter of railroad employee carrier license renewals for 2026. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports that Railcrew Xpress, LLC and Renzenberger, Inc. completed its renewal.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-3077: In the Matter of the Application of Stricks Ag, LLC, Mission, Kansas, seeking approval of Grain Dealers License. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Dismissing Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GD-3095: In the Matter of the Application of Labudde Group Inc., Cedarburg, Wisconsin, seeking approval of Grain Dealer License. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Grain Dealer License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Dan Watermeier to travel to and attend the 2026 NARUC Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C., from February 7 to February 11, 2026, with all expenses to be reimbursed by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Christian Nielsen to travel to Lincoln, NE from New Orleans, LA on January 16, 2026 to perform site visits with James Almond. The Commission will cover costs of the one-way ticket. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 12, 2026.

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Executive Director

PRELIMINARY

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Notice was duly published January 9, 2026, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5600: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Precision Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in the 2024-2025 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Revising Grant Award. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5678/ NUSF-149: In the Matter of the Application of Assurance Wireless USA, L.P., Bellevue, Washington, seeking authority to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation for the purpose of providing NTAP and Lifeline services in additional wire centers. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-1, PO #6: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Fund: Glenwood Telephone Membership Corp.; and

NUSF-1, PO #6: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Glenwood Telecommunications. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant audit extension requests to January 30, 2026, for the 2024 NUSF payment audits otherwise due December 31, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-1, PO#7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Telmate LLC., d/b/a ViaPath Technologies. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant an audit extension request to March 1, 2026 for the NUSF Remittance Audit Report otherwise due December 31, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-1, PO#7: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to establish guidelines for administration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund: Mitel Cloud Services Inc. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Cullen Robbins to grant an audit extension request to March 31, 2026 for the 2024 NUSF Remittance Audit Report otherwise due December 31, 2025. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Report on telecommunications complaints and outages received by the Communications Department during the preceding month: Cullen Robbins informed the Commission of the complaints and outages received in the preceding month.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

E-2547: In the Matter of the Application of Loup River Public Power District, Columbus, seeking authority to construct, operate and maintain an electric transmission line in Platte County. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Nichole Mulcahy reported a total number of 25 Consumer complaints and inquiries received at the Commission during the fourth quarter of 2025. For each company: Black Hills Energy - 20; NorthWestern - 0; and Other Entities - 5.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2099: In the Matter of the Application of CR Medical Transport, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van in and between points in Lancaster County over irregular routes pursuant to a contract with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, a medicaid-managed care organization under contract with NDHHS, or another agent working on behalf of NDHHS. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2160: In the Matter of the Application of Radiant Transit, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order granting application as amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2179: In the Matter of the Application of Ever Blessed Nursing & Transport, LLC, Papillion, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class by van in and between points within Cass,

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Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, and Washington counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001.06: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its Own Motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order to Dismiss, in Part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

PI-260: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate whether pedal pubs are a Commission regulated motor carrier. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order opening docket, seeking comments, and scheduling a Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Report on Motor Transportation Complaints and Railroad complaints received by the Department during the December 2025. Dillon Keiffer-Johnson informs the Commission of the Complaints received for December 2025.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-1036 et al.: In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain warehouse license renewals for the 4th Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th Quarter grain warehouse renewal licenses.

GD-2903: In the Matter of Hawkeye Commodities Company, Grimes, Iowa: Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of December 31, 2025.

GD-1036: In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain dealer license renewals for the 4th Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 4th Quarter grain dealer renewal licenses.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 771: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to monitor the progress of LB 771. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 830: Discussion on pending legislation. No Motion was made.

LB 888: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to support the bill and provide

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testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 894: Discussion and action on pending legislation; and

LB 895: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to support and provide testimony for both LB 894 and LB 895. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve the minutes for the November and December 2025 Commission Meetings: Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to approve the minutes. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director

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Notice was duly published January 9, 2026, on page 8 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair Commissioner Tim Schram called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Commissioners Christian Mirch, Eric Kamler, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room. Chair Schram stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

MT-0001.06: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order to dismiss, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 830: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to remain neutral and draft a letter to the Committee. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 982: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to support the bill and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch present not voting.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Tim Schram to travel to and attend the USAC quarterly board meeting in Washington, D.C. from January 25, 2026 to January 27, 2026, with all expenses to be paid by USAC. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Commissioner Christian Mirch to travel to and attend the 2026 NARUC Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 8, 2026 to February 10, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Christian Mirch present not voting.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Shana Knutson to travel to and attend the NARUC Winter Policy Summit in Washington, D.C. from February 8, 2026 to February 10, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Michaela Johnson to travel to and attend the ESRI Conference in San Diego, CA from July 12, 2026 to July 17, 2026 with registration to be paid by ESRI and all other expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Housing & Recreational Vehicle Department staff to travel to Kansas, Iowa, or South Dakota, as necessary for the performance of inspections, at any time during the 2026 calendar year. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Grain Warehouse & Dealer Department staff to travel to Kansas or South Dakota, as necessary for the performance of inspections or examinations, at any time during the 2026 calendar year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2026.

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Executive Director

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Notice was duly published January 15, 2026, on page 6 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on January 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Vice Chair Commissioner Kevin Stocker called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Tim Schram joining virtually. Commissioner Schram joined the meeting in person shortly after it was called to order. Vice Chair Stocker stated that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and invited the public to address the Commission. No public comment was offered. No announcements were made.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5686: In the Matter of the Application of Coleen Suing, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order authorizing application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-139: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to consider appropriate modifications to the high-cost distribution and reporting mechanisms in its Universal Service Fund program in light of federal and state infrastructure grants. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. to enter an Order authorizing payments. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-37.466: Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Dagobah Systems, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order dismissing complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-13: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to evaluate and establish, on a quarterly basis, an assessment for jurisdictional utilities pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §66-1801 et seq. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Progression Order No. 90. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NG-124: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a general rate increase; and

NG-128: In the Matter of the Joint Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Black Hills Corporation, Rapid City, South Dakota, and NorthWestern Energy Group, Inc., Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of a merger. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter assessment orders CD-14, CD-4 and CD-5, respectively. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

ML-01.01: In the Matter of the Application of NCM Transport Co., Inc. d/b/a Budget Movers, Bennington, Nebraska, seeking to reinstate its license to provide household goods moving services in Nebraska intrastate commerce between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Motion made by Commissioner Tim Schram, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Granting Reinstatement of License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

MT-0001.06: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, seeking to address certain carriers in non-compliance with annual renewal requirements. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order to dismiss, in part. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

In the Matter of completed Household Goods Mover License renewal: Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of Maxx Moving Hauling & Delivery LLC ML-56.

LEGISLATIVE

LB 830: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to remain neutral and draft a letter to the Committee, but not send such letter until further action by the Commission. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

LB 1162: Discussion and action on pending legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to support and provide testimony. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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Executive Director's recommendation to approve Nathan Wolfgang to travel to and attend OJT Training in Salina, Kansas from January 26, 2026 to January 29, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded

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by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram excused not voting.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Matthew Darrington to travel to and attend MP&E Fundamentals I Training in Pueblo, Colorado from February 2, 2026 to February 6, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE, and Commissioner Tim Schram excused not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m. with Commissioners Tim Schram, Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier present. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on February 2, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director

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