

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published August 29, 2025, 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 September 9, 2025, 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. Chair Schram announced the addition of new GIS Specialist, Michaela Johnson, to the Commission.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5069/PI-226: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement LB 641 [2019]. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an order temporarily suspending grant awards. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5641: In the Matter of the Application of Zayo Network Services, LLC, Denver, Colorado, seeking authority to provide competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Nebraska. 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.

C-5642: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Zayo Group, LLC, and Zayo Network Services, LLC, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of a transfer of control. 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-5645: In the Matter of the Complaint of Cullen Robbins, Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Communications Department, Complainant, vs. Respondents, Carriers: Crown Castle Fiber, LLC; Dalton Telecommunications, LLC; Dalton Telephone Company, LLC; Elsie Communications, LLC; First Communications, LLC; Five Nines Technology Group, LLC; GC Pivotal, LLC; GoDaddy.com, LLC; Hypercube Networks, LLC; inContact, Inc.; Impact Telecom, LLC; Quick Current-Nebraska, LLC; Reduced Rate Long Distance, LLC; Sirius Computer Solutions, LLC; SQF, LLC; Teliix, Inc.; U.S. Telecom Long Distance, Inc.; Viaero Fiber Networks; Working Assets Funding Service. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order granting motion for reconsideration. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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C-5664/NUSF-147: In the Matter of the Application of Skybeam, LLC d/b/a Rise Broadband for authority to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order granting withdrawal of Skybeam, LLC's ETC designation. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5667/PI-255: In the matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to review and consider the impact upon Nebraskans of the pending sale of certain assets of Lumen Technologies, Inc., Monroe, LA, to Forged Fiber 37, LLC, Dallas, TX, a subsidiary of AT&T Inc., Dallas, TX. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an order opening investigation and seeking comment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NUSF-99: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own Motion, to administer the Universal Service Fund High-Cost Program; Qwest Corporation. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an order approving eligible census blocks for reimbursement. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

Federal Universal Service Fund Working Group: Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to approve Cullen Robbins' request to file comments with the Federal Universal Service Fund Working Group. 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.

STATE 911 DEPARTMENT

911-074/PI-239: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to consider the appropriate level of wireless 911 surcharge funding for wireless service providers. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Closing Docket. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Cullen Robbins to travel to and attend the 2025 NARUC Annual Meeting and Education Conference in Seattle, Washington from November 8, 2025 to November 12, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker.

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

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Dave Sankey to travel to and attend the 2025 NASNA Annual Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina from October 21, 2025 to October 23, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

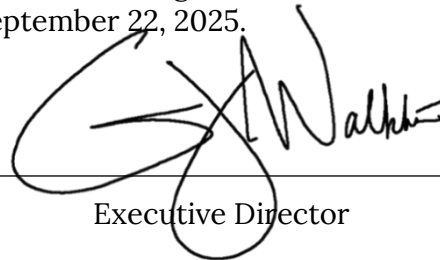
Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the 2025 NASNA Annual Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina from October 21, 2025 to October 23, 2025 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner 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 the preliminary minutes for the July 2025 Commission Meetings. Motion made by Commissioner Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 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 September 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with an agenda to be available in the office of the Executive Director at 10:00 a.m. on September 22, 2025.



Chair



Executive Director