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Notice was duly published September 26, 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 October 7, 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 Eric Kamler and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room and Commissioners Christian Mirch and Kevin Stocker attending virtually via Webex. 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 the new Public Information Officer, Jason McFarley, to the Commission.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

C-5659: In the Matter of the Application of Jordan Baker, Marquette, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Marquette Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company; and

C-5668: In the Matter of the Application of Kent Cornwell, Marquette, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Marquette Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. 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-5671: In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Communications, LLC, Blair, Nebraska, seeking a waiver of the requirement of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding public pay stations; and

C-5672: In the Matter of the Application of Arapahoe Telephone Company d/b/a ATC Communications, Arapahoe, Nebraska, seeking a waiver of the requirement of 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 5-002.06 regarding public pay stations. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

C-5484: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program in the 2023 program year. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to approve Cox Nebraska Telcom, LLC's late-filed request for alternative speed testing for its Douglas Washington project. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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NUSF-133 PO #3: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to implement standards for the verification of broadband service provider coverage and speed data. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier to enter an Order seeking comment and notice of hearing to be held Monday, December 8, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. 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.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2142: In the Matter of the Application of Royalty Party Buses, LLC, Lincoln, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Special Party and Charter service by bus in and between points within 100 miles of the city limits of Lincoln over irregular routes. HHS Designation: No. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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-2154: In the Matter of the Application of Dignity Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Inc., d/b/a DNEMT, Omaha, 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 within Douglas, Dodge, Lancaster and Sarpy counties 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 and over all points in Nebraska over irregular routes pursuant to contracts with Dignity Home Care, Dignity Care Group, The University of Nebraska Medical Center ("UNMC"), and CHI Health. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order on application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

ML-70: In the Matter of the Application of Ashley Tobias d/b/a T Square Movers, Lincoln, seeking a license to provide household goods moving services in Nebraska intrastate commerce between all points in Nebraska over irregular routes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting license. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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B-2102.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Wubbels Shuttle Bus, LLC d/b/a Seven Willows Weddings & Events, Hickman, 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 Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting rates on an emergency basis. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2149.01r: In the Matter of the Application Grace Medical Transport LLC, Bennington, 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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order granting rates. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2156.01r: In the Matter of the Application of Leader Limo of Omaha, LLC d/b/a VIP Limo & VIP LimoBus, Omaha, 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 Dan Watermeier, 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 completed Household Goods Mover License renewal: Dillon Keiffer-Johnson reports on the renewal of Dale Bierman d/b/a Dolly Giant Movers ML-52.

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

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GW-1033/GWC-466: Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Departments of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, vs. Fordyce Farmers Non-Stock Cooperative, 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.

GW-1013: In the Matter of Bruning Grain & Feed Co., Inc., Bruning, Nebraska: Terri Fritz reports on the shortage of Corn and Soybeans.

GW-2179: In the Matter of The Scoular Company, Holdrege, Nebraska: Terri Fritz reports that the grain warehouse license was canceled as of September 26, 2025.

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GD-22, et al.: In the Matter of the attached list of completed warehouse license renewals for the 3rd Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 3rd Quarter grain warehouse renewal list.

GD-2193: In the Matter of 81-20 Grain LLC, Randolph, Nebraska. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of August 29, 2025.

GD-3050: In the Matter of World Food Processing, LLC dba PURIS, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of July 15, 2025.

GD-3074: In the Matter of Agro.Club USA LLC, Kansas City, Missouri. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of September 29, 2025.

GD-3076: In the Matter of TAP Grain LLC, Trenton, Nebraska. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was canceled as of September 30, 2025.

GD-22, et al.: In the Matter of the attached list of completed dealer license renewals for the 3rd Quarter of 2025. Terri Fritz reports on the 3rd Quarter grain dealer renewal list.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve the minutes for the August 2025 Commission Meetings. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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 10:25 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 October 21, 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 October 20, 2025.

Chair

Executive Director