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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.

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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.

Chair

Executive Director