

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Notice was duly published April 23, 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 April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Vice Chair Kevin Stocker called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, and Dan Watermeier present in the Commission Hearing Room, and Commissioner Tim Schram present virtually. 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. Vice Chair Stocker welcomed Brittany Piper, Policy Analyst, to the Commission.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

## **COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT**

**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 Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Setting Surcharge. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**C-5696/NUSF-152:** In the Matter of the Application of Great Plains Communications, LLC, Blair, Nebraska, seeking authority to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designation. 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-5697:** In the Matter of the Application of Richard Newton, Bradshaw, seeking authority to receive advanced telecommunications capability service from the Hampton Exchange of the Hamilton Telephone Company. 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-139 PO#11:** 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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Seeking Comments and Setting Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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**NUSF-37.470:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Combined Public Communications, LLC., Respondent;

**NUSF-37.471:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Discount Long Distance LLC., Respondent;

**NUSF-37.472:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Gabb Wireless Inc., Respondent;

**NUSF-37.473:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Greenfly Networks Inc., Respondent; and

**NUSF-37.474:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Hypercube Networks, LLC., 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.

**TRS-39:** Cullen Robbins, Director, Nebraska Universal Service Fund Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Net2Phone 2.0 America Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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-131:** In the Matter of the Application of Early Bird Power, LLC, Milton, Massachusetts, seeking authority to operate as an Aggregator in the State of Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an order granting the application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**NG-132:** In the Matter of the Application of NorthWestern Energy Public Service Corporation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking authority to issue debt securities. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter a notice of assessment order. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter Progression Order No. 91. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**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 Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Christian Mirch, to enter an Order Granting Extension of filing deadline to July 22, 2026. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2149:** In the Matter of the Application of Grace Medical Transport, LLC, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan and SUV in and between points in Cass, Douglas, and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order dismissing application. 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 Christian Mirch, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Scheduling Hearing for June 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CST. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2155:** In the Matter of the Application of Your Time Delivery, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by sedan, van, and SUV in and between points in Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Washington counties 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 Eric Kamler, to enter an Order dismissing application. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

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**B-2157:** In the Matter of the Application of Safepath Transportation, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a contract 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 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 Christian Mirch, to enter an Order of pending dismissal. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**B-2178:** In the Matter of the Application of BioCargo, LLC, Omaha, seeking authority as a common carrier in Nebraska intrastate commerce in the transportation of passengers in Open Class service by van, in Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: yes. Motion made by Commissioner Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Scheduling Hearing for June 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. CST. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**ML-72:** In the Matter of the Application of Skyline Moving, Elkhorn, 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 Eric Kamler, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order granting License. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

## **GRAIN DEPARTMENT**

**GW-2156:** In the Matter of Norder Supply, Inc., Hebron, Nebraska. Terri Fritz reports that the grain warehouse license was cancelled as of March 27, 2026.

**GW-153 et al.:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain warehouse license renewals for 1st quarter of 2026. Terri Fritz reports on the 1st quarter grain warehouse renewal licenses.

**GDC-468:** In the Matter of Terri Fritz, Director, Grain Warehouse and Grain Dealer Department of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Complainant, v. Roberts Seed, Inc., Respondent. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Eric Kamler, to enter an Order Approving Stipulated Agreement and Dismissing Complaint. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

**GD-2156:** In the Matter of Norder Supply, Inc., Hebron, Nebraska. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was cancelled as of March 27, 2026.

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**GD-3036:** In the Matter of Great Lakes Grain & Transportation, LLC, Saginaw, Michigan. Terri Fritz reports that the grain dealer license was cancelled as of March 1, 2026.

**GD-153 et al.:** In the Matter of the attached list of completed grain dealer license renewals for 1st quarter of 2026. Terri Fritz reports on 1st quarter grain dealer renewal licenses.

## LEGISLATIVE

Discussion on pending legislation. No motions were made.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation to approve Dave Sankey to travel to and attend the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) in Columbus, Ohio from June 26, 2026 to June 29, 2026 with all expenses to be paid by the Commission. 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.

Executive Director's recommendation to approve James Almond to travel to and attend the NASNA Meeting and NENA Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio from June 26, 2026 to July 2, 2026 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 minutes for the March 2026 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.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:40 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 May 12, 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 May 11, 2026.

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Chair

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Executive Director