Notice was duly published July 31, 2026, on page 7 of The Daily Record that the regular public meeting of the Commissioners of the Nebraska Public Service Commission would be held on August 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln.

Chair 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 offered. Chair Schram announced and welcomed John Jones to the Commission as the new Grain Inspector.

Attention was called to the following proceedings:

COMMUNICATIONS & NUSF DEPARTMENT

C-5713: In the Matter of the Application of Kathryn Schmidt, St. Helena, seeking authority to receive telecommunications capability service from the Hartington Exchange of the Hartington Telephone Company. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Boundary Change. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

WC 26-96: In the Matter of Reforming Legacy Rules for an All-IP Future; and
WC 10-90: In the Matter of Connect America Fund: A National Broadband Plan for our Future High-Cost Universal Support. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to approve the Communications Department to file comments with the FCC in response to the above captioned dockets. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

CPF-1: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to administer federal Capital Projects Funds for broadband development in Nebraska. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Accepting Late-Filed Submission. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT

NG-133: In the Matter of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of a 2027 Systems Safety and Integrity Rider. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to

enter a Notice of Assessment. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

B-2163.01: In the Matter of the Application of Family Transit, LLC, Fremont, seeking to extend its authority by removing geographical territory restrictions to authorize 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 Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting Extension of Authority as Amended. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

B-2185: In the Matter of the Application of Med Smart Billing, LLC d/b/a 100CareRide, 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 in and between points in Lancaster, Seward, Gage, Saline, Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Otoe, York, Fillmore, Johnson, Butler, Clay, Hamilton, and Hall counties over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, 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-2187: In the Matter of the Application of Heartwell Transportation, LLC, 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, Sarpy, Dodge, Washington, Saunders, Lancaster, Madison, and Gage counties, on the one hand, and on the other hand, points in Nebraska over irregular routes. HHS Designation: Yes. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, 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.

MT-0006.01: In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to collect and review data to compile the 2026 TNC Annual Report pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 75-343. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter an Order Granting a Request for Extension of Time.

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

TNC-2: In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to determine the annual fee for Transportation Network Companies. Motion made by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, seconded by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, to enter an Order Setting Hearing. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

GRAIN DEPARTMENT

GD-2199: In the Matter of the Application of Belden Grain, LLC, Belden, NE, seeking approval of Grain Dealer License. Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker 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.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director's recommendation that the Commission enter into a contract with 911 Authority, LLC for the purpose of providing technical assistance in transitioning to the new statewide vendor for Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) and Next Generation Core Services (NGCS). Motion made by Commissioner Dan Watermeier, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Stocker, to enter into the proposed contract with 911 Authority, LLC. Motion passed with Commissioners Eric Kamler, Christian Mirch, Tim Schram, Kevin Stocker, and Dan Watermeier voting AYE.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 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 August 18, 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 August 17, 2026.

Chair

Executive Director