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INTRODUCTION

Nebraska has more than 200 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similar entities (boards). Among the many tasks assigned to them, boards provide oversight of governmental programs, regulate licensed professionals, carry out studies, oversee implementation of new programs, advocate for certain constituencies, and advise state agencies.

In 1997, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council requested that the Legislative Research Office compile and annually¹ update a list of statutorily created boards. This publication contains that list.²

THE LEGISLATURE'S ROLE IN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Legislature plays a pivotal role in the establishment, administration, and operation of the state's boards and commissions.

First, as evidenced by the more than 200 statutorily created boards, the Legislature creates boards via passage of legislation. In addition to creating boards, the legislation establishes membership and prescribes powers and duties.

Second, members of the Legislature are often required to confirm specific board members appointed by the Governor. Forty-six boards have members who must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Legislature. The boards are identified in Appendix D, Table 5.

Finally, legislators serve as ex officio board members and appoint members or provide nominees for appointment by the Governor. Information about those boards can be found in Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2.

BOARDS CREATED IN THE NEBRASKA CONSTITUTION

Twelve boards are created in the Nebraska Constitution. They are the: Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, State Board of Education, Board of Educational Lands and Funds, Commission of Industrial Relations, judicial nominating commissions, Commission on Judicial Qualifications, Board of Pardons, Board of Parole, Public Service Commission, Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, Tax Equalization and Review Commission, and University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

BOARDS AS AGENCIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Of the 222 statutorily created boards documented in this report, 51 are state agencies.

¹ Although the Research Office annually updates the list of statutorily created boards and commissions, this report is published biennially, beginning with the 2013-2014 report.

² The list does not include: (1) boards created by executive order, by agency rule or regulation, or pursuant to federal mandates, unless enacted via state statutes; (2) governing commissions or councils created pursuant to interstate compacts; or (3) boards created via state statutes that serve local government (e.g., local school boards or boards of directors of natural resources districts).

What makes a board a state agency?

The *Nebraska Blue Book* defines state agencies as entities which have their own staffs, are not affiliated with another agency or entity, and appear as distinct items within the state budget. The most recent board/agency—the Nebraska Tourism Commission—was created in 2012 with the passage of LB 1053. (Previously, the commission had been a division within the Department of Economic Development.)

Nebraska state agencies are categorized as “code agencies” or “noncode agencies”; however, neither phrase is statutorily defined, making categorizing agencies more of an art than a science.³

Generally, a “code agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by the Governor. The appointee serves at the pleasure of and answers directly to the Governor. On the other hand, a “noncode agency” is an agency whose executive director or chief official is appointed by the governing agency board (whose members are usually gubernatorial appointees themselves).

Of the 51 agency boards, five are under the direct control of the Governor and are considered code agencies, and the remaining 46 are considered noncode agencies. Appendix B, Table 3 lists these boards and includes additional information about them.

OTHER STATUTORILY CREATED BOARDS

Many of the remaining state boards are created or housed within other state agencies. The health profession licensing boards within the Department of Health and Human Services are examples.

However, a significant number of boards defy categorization; they are not full-fledged state agencies nor are they completely under the control of another state agency. The *Nebraska Blue Book* classifies these boards as “other state governmental bodies” and describes them as follows: “[M]iscellaneous boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities and quasi-governmental bodies and bodies with members from more than one branch of state government. None of these entities are full-fledged state agencies, but they have a degree of independence that keeps them from being classified within any department or agency.”⁴ Among this diverse group of boards are the Environmental Trust Board, the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, and the State Anatomical Board.

All of these boards are listed within the master list of Nebraska Boards and Commissions found in Appendix D, Table 5.

³ The terms “code” and “noncode” harken back to 1919, when the Legislature adopted the Civil Administrative Code. Essentially, the 1919 legislation reorganized the executive branch of state government. The legislation abolished over 20 boards, commissions, and other departmental subdivisions and replaced them with six departments, each headed by a gubernatorial appointee. Those agencies and subsequent, similarly structured agencies came to be called “code agencies.” Because sources disagree on how boards are classified and consistent statutory guidance is lacking, this report uses the Governor's Office classification of code and noncode agency boards, as generally reflected in the *Nebraska Blue Book*.

⁴ *The Nebraska Blue Book*, 2012-13, p.725.

2013-2014 LEGISLATION IMPACTING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The 103rd Legislature created 12 new boards and eliminated 8 boards.

New Boards Enacted in 2013

Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling (LB 6). The commission oversees the state's Gamblers Assistance Program (program), which uses revenue from the state lottery to provide services for problem gamblers. Its duties include developing guidelines and standards for the program and directing the distribution and disbursement of money in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. Additionally, the commission appoints a director who is responsible for hiring staff and the program's day-to-day operation. The commission replaces the advisory State Committee on Problem Gambling. For administrative purposes, the commission is housed within the Department of Revenue, Charitable Gaming Division.

The Governor appoints and the Legislature confirms the members, who must have no monetary interest in program contracts nor be employees of the Department of Revenue. The nine-member commission includes: (1) one person with medical care or mental health expertise; (2) one person with expertise in banking and finance; (3) one person with legal expertise; (4) one person with expertise in the field of education; (5) two consumers of problem gambling services; (6) one person with data analysis expertise; and (7) two Nebraska residents who represent the public at large. Members serve three-year terms.

Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee (LB 216). The committee makes recommendations to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Children's Commission regarding implementing and operating the extended services program for former state wards who have aged out of the state's foster care system. Youth who enter into the voluntary program can receive services, such as Medicaid, housing, and education assistance, up to age 21. Extending the program to older youth allows the state to garner additional federal revenue for the services.

The Children's Commission appoints committee members. Members include: (1) representatives from all three branches of government; (2) no less than three young adults currently or previously in foster care; (3) one or more representatives from a child welfare advocacy organization; (4) one or more representatives from a child welfare service agency; and (5) one or more representatives from an agency providing independent living services. Appointees serve for two years.

In 2014, via LB 853, the Legislature changed the name of this advisory committee to the ***Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee***, reflecting changes made to the overall program to aid foster children aging out of the system. The advisory committee's membership and role remain the same.

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission (LB 384). The commission has several duties pertaining to Nebraska's health insurance exchange, operated as part of the federal

health care reform law. The commission must (1) work with state and federal agencies and policymakers to make recommendations for implementing and operating the exchange; (2) create technical and advisory groups, as needed, to discuss issues related to the exchange and make recommendations to the commission, state or federal agencies, and the Legislature; (3) assist the exchange in meeting the federally mandated stakeholder consultation requirement; (4) identify problems encountered as the exchange is implemented and make recommendations to solve them; and (5) provide annual reports regarding the exchange to the Governor and the Legislature. For administrative and budgetary purposes, the commission is housed within the Department of Insurance.

The commission has 11 members, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The appointees include (1) four members to represent the interests of consumers who will access health insurance in the exchange, one of whom must represent rural consumers; (2) one member to represent the interests of small businesses qualified to purchase health insurance in the exchange; (3) two members to represent the interests of health care providers in Nebraska; (4) one member to represent the interests of health insurance carriers eligible to offer health plans in the exchange; and (5) one member to represent the interests of health insurance agents. The other two nonvoting, ex officio members of the commission are the Director of Insurance or his or her designee and the director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee. Members serve four-year terms.

Water Funding Task Force (LB 517). The task force was charged with studying the state's water resources and developing a plan to sustainably manage those resources, including identifying a way to pay for water projects. The task force, which terminated on December 31, 2013, presented its findings in a report to the Legislature in December 2013.

The members of the task force included the members of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, the Director of Natural Resources or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Legislature's Natural Resources Committee or his or her designee, and five other members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. Those members served as ex officio, nonvoting members. The Governor also appointed an additional 11 voting members to represent diverse geographic regions of the state. The gubernatorial appointees included one member from each of the following categories: (1) public power; (2) public power and irrigation districts; (3) irrigation districts; (4) a metropolitan utilities district; (5) municipalities; (6) agriculture; (7) wildlife conservation; (8) livestock producers; (9) agribusiness; (10) manufacturing; and (11) outdoor recreation users.

In response to the task force's findings, the Legislature enacted Laws 2014, LB 1098, which gave new duties to the Natural Resources Commission. For more information on this bill, see page 10.

New Boards Enacted in 2014

Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee (LB 76.) The advisory committee, created pursuant to the Health Care Transparency Act, makes recommendations regarding the creation and implementation of the Nebraska Health Care Data Base. The data base has

three intended purposes: (1) provide objective analysis of health care costs and quality, (2) promote transparency for health care consumers, and (3) facilitate the reporting of health care and health quality data. The Director of Insurance appoints the advisory committee members.

Members of the advisory committee include: (1) a member of academia with experience in health care data and cost efficiency research; (2) at least one hospital representative; (3) at least one physician; (4) at least one other health care provider; (5) a small-business employer who purchases group health insurance for employees; (6) a large-business employer who purchases health insurance for employees; (6) at least one experienced health care consumer advocate, knowledgeable about health insurance issues; (7) at least one insurance representative; (8) a representative of organizations that facilitate health information exchange; and (9) at least one member of a local public health department.

Additionally, the Director of Insurance and the directors of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and the Division of Public Health or their designees serve as ex officio members of the advisory committee.

The Director of Insurance is to report the recommendations made by the advisory committee to the Governor and the Legislature by December 15, 2014.

Priority School Intervention Team (LB 438). Under LB 438, public schools with the lowest performance levels, as measured by such standards as test scores and graduation rates, are to be designated “priority schools” by the State Board of Education. For each school designated a priority school, the Commissioner of Education appoints an intervention team of up to five people to work with the school administration and staff to develop a progress plan. To be appointed to an intervention team, individuals must have the education and experience to carry out the team’s responsibilities. Team members receive pay and expenses for their service on an intervention team.

Council on Student Attendance (LB 464). The council replaces the Truancy Intervention Task Force, established in 2010 to redress student absenteeism, which is viewed as a corollary to juvenile delinquency. Council members include the probation administrator, the Commissioner of Education, and the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or their designees and seven members appointed by the State Board of Education. The appointed members include: (1) a school board member; (2) two unrelated parents with children attending school; (3) a school district superintendent or his or her designee; (4) a student; (5) a community or advocacy organization representative; and (6) a county attorney

Members appointed by the State Board of Education serve staggered three-year terms and receive expense reimbursement but no additional compensation.

Duties assigned to the council include studying whether school district policies and practices for addressing absenteeism are effective, reviewing the written attendance policies all school districts must have, and making recommendations for improvement when needed.

The council must issue a report on its activities to the Legislature by October 1 of each year.

Aging Nebraskans Task Force (LB 690). The task force is charged with developing and facilitating implementation of a statewide strategic plan to address the needs of the state's aging population and providing a forum for stakeholders to collaborate on long-term care programs. All three branches of state government are represented on the task force's executive committee, but only legislative members can vote. The legislative members are the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee; a member each from the Appropriations Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, and the Planning Committee; and an at-large member, all appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. Rounding out the task force's executive committee are the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

An additional four members are appointed by the executive committee through an application and selection process. These members represent stakeholders in the long-term care system and can include a representative of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging, representatives of health care providers, elder law attorneys, representatives of the long-term care ombudsman program, health care economists, geriatric specialists, family caregivers of seniors in at-home care, providers of services to the elderly, seniors currently or previously in institutional care, and advocacy organizations for the aged.

The task force must report its recommendations to the Legislature by December 15, 2014. The task force terminates on June 30, 2016.

Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission (LB 744). The commission is tasked with planning for the official observance of the 150th anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017.

The commission consists of 17 members, appointed by the Governor, from all regions of the state, representing all major interests, and a diverse array of industries. No more than eight members can be affiliated with the same political party. For administrative and budgetary purposes, the commission is housed within the Nebraska State Historical Society. Members are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission can employ personnel, contract for services, and receive and expend gifts, grants, donations, and legislative appropriations to carry out its functions.

The commission terminates on June 30, 2018.

Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team (LB 853). The team consists of internal staff within the Department of Health and Human Services knowledgeable about the structured review process in child abuse and neglect investigations. The team must consist of no fewer than two supervisors or administrators and two staff members. County attorneys, child advocacy center representatives, and law enforcement agency personnel can attend team reviews by request.

The team's job is to evaluate reports of child abuse and neglect that come to the department and decide whether each report should be handled by a traditional response involving the initiation of a criminal investigation or whether the department should undertake an alternative response. An alternative response is not investigated as a

criminal matter, does not result in a finding of child abuse or neglect, nor are families in such cases entered into the central registry of child protection cases maintained by the department. Instead, families in alternative-response cases receive appropriate and supportive services.

Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group (LB 907). The working group is composed of members from all three branches of state government appointed for the purpose of assisting the Council of State Governments as it examines Nebraska's criminal justice system. The goals of the examination are to reduce correctional spending, prison overcrowding, and recidivism and to increase public safety.

The working group includes four members selected by the Governor, four members selected by the Speaker of the Legislature, four members selected by the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, and four representatives of local governments selected jointly by the Governor, Speaker, and Chief Justice, who also serve as co-chairpersons of the working group.

The working group dissolves upon delivery of a report containing the group's recommendations. The report is due by September 1, 2015.

Advisory Council on Public Guardianship (LB 920). The advisory council assists the state's new Public Guardian. The Office of Public Guardian is intended to provide Nebraskans unable to manage their own affairs an official state entity to contact for help.

The State Court Administrator appoints advisory council members from a variety of disciplines who are knowledgeable in guardianship and conservatorship matters. Members must represent the geographical and cultural diversity of the state and reflect gender fairness. Specifically, the council must consist of (1) a representative of the Nebraska County Court Judges Association; (2) licensed practicing attorneys; (3) social workers; (4) mental health professionals; (5) professionals with expertise in the aging population; (6) developmental disability professionals; and (7) other interested groups or individuals. Initial appointments are for staggered terms of one, two, or three years, but all subsequent appointees serve three years.

The advisory council must meet at least four times per year and upon the call of the chairperson. Members are reimbursed for expenses.

Eliminated Boards, 2013-2014

The Legislature eliminated eight boards during the 2013-2014 biennium.

Neb. Rev. Stat secs. 50-1301 to 50-1304, directs the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee to review and evaluate the state's boards to determine whether the boards should be continued, terminated, or modified. The review and evaluation resulted in the introduction and passage of Laws 2013, LB 78, which eliminated six boards. Additionally, one other board was eliminated in 2013 and one board was eliminated in 2014.

The following boards were eliminated in 2013.

Livestock Auction Market Board (LB 78)

Economic Development Commission (LB 78)

Rural Development Commission (LB 78)

Affirmative Action Committee (LB 78)

Athletic Advisory Committee (LB 78)

Nebraska State Airline Authority (LB 78)

State Committee on Problem Gambling (LB 6)

The following board was eliminated in 2014.

Truancy Intervention Task Force (LB 464)

Existing Boards, 2013-2014

This report does not track every change made to existing boards. However, the following significant changes are briefly noted.

2013 Legislation Affecting Existing Boards

Nebraska Educational Finance Authority (LB 170). LB 170 changes the name of the authority to the **Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority**. This change reflects the authority's new duties under the expanded scope of the also newly renamed Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority Act. Previously, the authority existed to facilitate bond financing for private higher education institutions in the state. The bill expands the authority's duties to include private health care and social services institutions.

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Grant Committee (LB 211). Changes made pursuant to LB 211 affect both the coordinating commission and the grant committee. Notably, LB 211 clarifies that the coordinating commission is responsible for the statewide coordination of Nebraska's six community college areas and that statewide coordination of community college areas is not the province of any board or association representing all community colleges. The bill also provides that the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund is under the direction of the grant committee but is to be administered by the coordinating commission.

State Child Death Review Team (LB 269 and LB 361). LB 269 adds the Inspector General

of Nebraska Child Welfare as a core member of the State Child Death Review Team.

LB 361 changes the name of the team, increases its membership, and gives it new duties pertaining to maternal deaths. The team is renamed the ***State Child and Maternal Death Review Team*** and the membership is increased to between no fewer than 12 and no more than 15 members. (Previously, the membership was between 8 and 12 members.) Additionally, the bill places the team under the general administration of the Department of Health and Human Services and directs the department to hire or contract with a team coordinator to provide administrative support to the team.

Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force (LB 477). LB 477 changes the sunset date for the task force from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2015 and extends the final report due from the task force to that date.

Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee and the Nebraska Children's Commission (LB 530). Laws 2012, LB 820 created the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee to develop a statewide, standard reimbursement rate structure for children in foster care and a statewide level-of-care assessment to use in determining placement needs and the appropriate reimbursement rate. The committee finished its work in December 2012 with the delivery of its final report.

Laws 2013, LB 530 implements the committee's findings, re-enacts the committee, and charges it with continuing duties pertaining to foster care reimbursement rates, the standardized level-of-care assessment, and adoption assistance payments.

The committee consists of no fewer than nine members and includes voting and nonvoting members. The voting members include: (1) representatives from child welfare agencies that contract directly with foster parents, representing each of the five service areas; (2) a representative from an advocacy organization which deals with child welfare-related legal and policy issues; (3) a representative from an advocacy organization with the sole focus of issues impacting children; (4) a representative from a foster and adoptive parent association; (5) a representative from a lead agency; (6) a representative from a child advocacy organization that supports young adults who were in foster care as children; (7) a foster parent who contracts directly with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and (8) a foster parent who contracts with a child welfare agency. Voting members are appointed by the children's commission and serve for four years.

The nonvoting, ex officio members include the chief executive officer of DHHS or his or her designee and representatives of the designated service areas from the DHHS Division of Children and Family Services, including an employee with a thorough understanding of the foster care payment system and at least one employee with a thorough understanding of the N-FOCUS electronic data collection system.

Finally, LB 530 extends the termination date for the children's commission to June 30, 2016.

Climate Assessment Response Committee (LB 583). LB 583 gives additional duties to the committee pertaining to climate change. Specifically, the committee must prepare a report on cyclical climate change in Nebraska, assessing such factors as historical climate

variability and change; climate projections; and possible impacts to key sectors such as agriculture, water, wildlife, ecosystems, forests, and outdoor recreation. The final report, due December 1, 2014, must include a summary of findings and recommendations for future action to address climate change.

2014 Legislation Affecting Existing Boards

Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art (LB 132). LB 132 adds an owner of a tanning salon to the board's membership.

Young Adult Voluntary Services Advisory Committee (LB 853). LB 853 changes the advisory committee's name to the *Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee*.

Legal Education for Public Service Loan Repayment Board (LB 907). LB 907 renames the board the *Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Board*.

Commensurate with its name change, the board is given duties pertaining to encouraging attorneys to practice in rural areas. Additionally, LB 907 requires one board member to be a law student who intends to work for a tax-exempt charitable organization primarily doing public legal services, one board member to be a law student who is from or intends to practice in a state-designated legal profession shortage area, and one member to be a Nebraska State Bar Association member who practices in a designated legal profession shortage area.

Board of Educational Lands and Funds (LB 967). LB 967 authorizes a \$50 per diem for the board, reinstating and increasing the \$40 per diem the board had received until a budget-cutting measure in 2011 eliminated it.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (LB 1098). The work of the Water Funding Task Force (page 4) resulted in several recommendations for managing the state's water resources. Among these recommendations are restructuring the Natural Resources Commission to oversee administration of water projects that receive funding via the newly created Water Sustainability Fund.

LB 1098 adds 11 members to the 16-member commission. The new members, along with three existing members, are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. (The other 13 members are selected by the natural resources districts they represent).

The gubernatorially appointed members must represent the following categories: agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests; metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation

districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests.

NEBRASKA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TABLES

Appendices A, B, C, and D contain the boards and commissions tables.

Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, list those boards on which state senators either (1) serve as members or (2) nominate or appoint members.

Appendix B, Table 3, lists those boards that are agencies of state government.

Appendix C, Table 4, lists those boards created during the 2013-2014 biennium.

Appendix D, Table 5, is a comprehensive list of all statutorily created boards tracked by this report. (For reference, termination dates refer to the termination date listed in statute for that particular board. However, terminated boards continue to be listed until they are actually removed from statute.)

Appendix A

Table 1

Boards with State Senators as Members

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
Aging Nebraskans Task Force	68-1107	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; One member each from the Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Planning committees; One at-large legislator	Yes	Legislative Council
Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32	Speaker (can designate Executive Board chair or Clerk as representative)	Yes	Office of the Capitol Commission
Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05	Chair, Judiciary Committee; Chair, Health and Human Services Committee		Legislative Council
Children's Behavioral Health Task Force	43-4001	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee;		Health and Human Services and Appropriations committees

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
		Chair, Appropriations Committee (Each can designate an alternative representative from his or her respective committee.)		
Children's Commission, Nebraska	43-4202	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; Chair, Judiciary Committee; Chair, Appropriations Committee (or designees)	No	Foster Care Review Office
Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	Chair, Agriculture Committee; Chair, Natural Resources Committee	No	Office of the Governor
Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, State	79-2204	Chair, Education Committee	No	State Department of Education
Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830	Member, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Member, Appropriations Committee	No	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska Military Department

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-515	Member, Transportation and Telecommunications Committee	No	Department of Administrative Services; Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group	28-1501	Speaker; Four at-large legislators		
Medicaid Reform Council	68-948	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee or designee	No	Department of Health and Human Services
Medical Home Advisory Council	68-961	Chair, Health and Human Services Committee or designee	No	Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services
Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force	46-2,140	Chair, Natural Resources Committee; Two legislators who are residents of the basin; Two legislators who have a portion of their districts in the basin	No	Department of Natural Resources
Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-967	Any legislator can serve at his or her option		Department of Agriculture
Water Funding Task Force	50-505	Chair, Natural Resources Committee; Five at-large legislators	No	Department of Natural Resources

Board/Commission	Statute	Members	Voting Member	Administering Agency
Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623	Two at-large legislators	No	Department of Labor
Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee	43-4513	Membership must include "representatives from all three branches of government."	No	Department of Health and Human Services

Table 2

Boards with Members Nominated/Appointed by the Legislature

Board	Statute	Nomination/Appointment
Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	The Governor selects two members from lists provided by the Legislature.
Aging Nebraskans Task Force	68-1107	Four members are appointed by the executive committee of the task force, which is composed of members from each branch of government, including five legislators. Four of the legislators are appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. (The fifth legislator serving on the task force is the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.)
Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27,157	Five of the nine members of the advisory board are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.
Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	The Health and Human Services Committee provides the Governor with three lists of nominees, each list representing specific qualifications, from which the Governor selects five members.
Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830	The Executive Board of the Legislative Council selects one member each from the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

Board	Statute	Nomination/Appointment
Justice Reinvestment Working Group, Nebraska	28-1501	The Speaker of the Legislature appoints four of the working group's members and collaborates with the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in selecting members to represent local government.
Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force	46-2,140	The Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoints five legislators
Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-515	The Executive Board of the Legislative Council selects a member of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.
Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.03	Four of the panel's seven members are selected by the Legislature.
Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623	The Speaker of the Legislature appoints two legislators.

Appendix B

Table 3

Boards as Agencies of State Government

Code agency boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Year Created
Aeronautics Commission	3-104	Expenses	5	5 years	1945
Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	Expenses; \$40 per diem	17	4 years	1971
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice	81-1416	Expenses	18	6 years	1969
Nebraska Natural Resources Commission	2-1504	Expenses; \$50 per diem	16	4 years	1937 ¹
Parole, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13, 83-188	Annual salary, as fixed by the Governor. Service is considered a full-time job.	5	6 years	1969

1 The Natural Resources Commission was created in 1937 (Laws 1937, c. 8, sec. 4, p. 94) as the State Soil Conservation Committee, later the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. It was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972. The Department of Natural Resources was established in 2000 via the merger of the commission and the Department of Water Resources (Laws 2000, LB 900).

Noncode agency boards

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540	Expenses; \$50 per diem	5	5 years	Yes	1965
Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1976
Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1965 ²
Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221	Expenses; \$75 per diem	3	3 years	No	1927
Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Expenses; \$70 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	2000
Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191	Expenses	5	4 years	No	1941
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	Const. Art. VII, sec. 14 85-1403	Expenses	11	6 years	No	1976 ³
Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604	Expenses; \$25 per diem	9 ⁴	3 years	No	1978
Dairy Industry Development Board	2-3951	Expenses	Set by formula	3 years	No	1992
Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	Expenses	9	3 years	Yes	1979

² In 1973, the Legislature repealed the original act and replaced it with new legislation creating a 15-member council.

³ In 1990, Nebraska voters approved placing the commission in the State Constitution.

⁴ Additionally, the Director of Agriculture, the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the president of the Nebraska Corn Growers Association serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Dry Bean Commission	2-3745	Expenses	9 ⁵	3 years	Yes	1987
Education, State Board of/ Vocational Education, State Board of ⁶	Const. Art. VII, sec. 3 79-301 79-321	Expenses	8	4 years ⁷	No	1952 ⁸
Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 6 72-201	Expenses	5	5 years	No	1875 ⁹
Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Expenses	11	4 years	No	1963
Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Expenses	7	5 years	No	1975 ¹⁰
Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428	Expenses; \$60 per diem	8	5 years	No	1937
Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116	Expenses; \$50 per diem	7	3 years	No	1965
Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Expenses; \$25 per diem	7	4 years	No	1971 ¹¹
Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Expenses;	10	4 years	Yes	1879 ¹²

⁵ The director of the Panhandle Research and Extension Center serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

⁶ The State Board of Education serves as the State Board of Vocational Education.

⁷ The State Board of Education is an elective office.

⁸ A constitutional amendment to create a State Department of Education, governed by a State Board of Education, was approved by voters in 1952. Legislation the next year established this structure in statute.

⁹ The Nebraska Constitution of 1875 provided for a “board of commissioners for the sale, leasing, and general management of all lands and funds set apart for educational purposes...” It was composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, and the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings. In 1955, the Legislature changed the board's membership to a body appointed by the Governor, after voters approved the change in a constitutional amendment in 1954.

¹⁰ Prior to 1975, the state Electrical Board was a division within the State Fire Marshal's Office.

¹¹ Laws 1971, LB 776 created an Agricultural Products Industrial Utilization Committee, which over time came to be known as the Gasohol Committee, the precursor to the Ethanol Authority and Development Board, which was renamed simply the Nebraska Ethanol Board in 1993.

¹² The commission originated in 1879 as the Board of Fish Commissioners and has undergone numerous permutations since then. In 1929, the Legislature merged the Bureau of Game and Fish in the Department of Agriculture with the state Park Board to create the Game, Forestation and Parks Commission. In

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
		\$35 per diem				
Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Expenses	5	3 years	Yes	2012
Geologists, Board of	81-3520	Expenses	7	5 years	No	1998
Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002	Expenses	7 ¹³	3 years	No	1981
Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101	Expenses	15	3 years	Yes	1878 ¹⁴
Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501	Expenses; \$50 per diem	14	4 years	No	1971
Industrial Relations, Commission of	Const. Art. XV, sec. 9 48-803	Expenses; \$475 per diem	5	6 years	No	1947
Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Expenses; \$75 per diem	5 ¹⁵	5 years	No	1969
Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110	Expenses	5 ¹⁶	5 years	No	1957 ¹⁷
Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186	Expenses	6	5 years	No	1967
Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262	Expenses; \$35 per diem	10 ¹⁸	3 years	No	1972 ¹⁹
Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401	Expenses	6	3 years	Yes	1901

1967, the Legislature created the position of State Forester and removed oversight of forests from the commission, which then became the Game and Parks Commission.

13 The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources are ex officio, nonvoting board members.

14 The Historical Society was founded in 1878, became a state institution in 1883, and a state agency in 1994.

15 The State Treasurer and the executive director of the State Employees Retirement Systems serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

16 The State Surveyor serves as the ex officio secretary of the board.

17 The board became an independent state agency in 1971.

18 The board is composed of nine members appointed by the Governor and the Governor, or his or her designee, who serves as an ex officio member with the power to vote.

19 The commission was originally known as the Commission on Mexican-Americans.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Expenses; \$12,500 annual salary ²⁰	3	6 years	No	1935
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Expenses; \$50 per diem	9 plus 1 ²¹	3 years	Yes	1957
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Expenses; \$50 per diem	3	4 years	No	1959
Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	Expenses; \$60 per diem	5	4 years	Yes	1963
Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107	Expenses; \$100 per diem	8	4 years	Yes	1909 ²²
Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923	Expenses	9	6 years	No	1995
Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	Expenses; \$50 per diem	9 ²³	5 years	No	1971
Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20	Expenses; \$75,000 annual salary ²⁴	5 ²⁵	6 years	No	1906 ²⁶
Racing Commission, State	2-1201	Expenses	5	4 years	No	1935
Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07	Expenses; \$100 per diem	7 ²⁷	6 years	Yes	1973
Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222	Expenses;	5	5 years	Yes	1990

20 Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 53-106 prohibits members of the Liquor Control Commission from holding any other position or office under state law, the laws of other states, or the federal government. The commission is just one of four boards or commissions that is salaried. (The others are the Parole Board, the Public Service Commission, and the Tax Equalization and Review Commission.)

21 The Director of Motor Vehicles serves as the board's chair.

22 The predecessor board was known as the Board of Examiners of Public Accountants; the current board was statutorily established in 1957.

23 The State Investment Officer serves as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

24 The commission's salary is set by the Legislature.

25 The Nebraska Constitution allows the commission to have between 3 and 7 members; the current board lists 5 members.

26 The Public Service Commission is another board that has undergone numerous changes over its lifetime. Its lineage traces back to the Railway Commission, which was established in 1885 and composed of state constitutional officers. In 1906, voters ratified a constitutional amendment creating an elective railway commission.

27 The Secretary of State serves as the commission chairperson.

Name	Statute	Compensation	Members	Terms	Term Limits	Year Created
		\$100 per diem				
State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	Const. Art. VII, sec. 13 85-301	Expenses	7 ²⁸	6 years	No	1867
Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 28 77-5003	Expenses; Salaried (set by Governor)	3	6 years	No	1995
Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	None in statute	9	4 years	No	2012
University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, sec. 10 85-103	Expenses	8	6 years	No	1869
Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302	Expenses	7 ²⁹	5 years	No	1955 ³⁰

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28 The Commissioner of Education serves as an ex officio member; the governor also annually appoints three nonvoting student trustees, one each from the states three state colleges.

29 The Director of Agriculture and the vice chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

30 The Wheat Board was originally created as an advisory committee when the Division of Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing was established in the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1981, legislation was enacted making it an independent agency (Laws 1981, LB 11).

Appendix C

Table 4

Boards Created by the Legislature in 2013-2014

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses
Advisory Council on Public Guardianship	LB 920	30-4106			Yes
Aging Nebraskans Task Force	LB 690	68-1107		6/30/2016	No
Council on Student Attendance	LB 464	79-527.01			Yes
Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee	LB 76	71-9202			No
Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling	LB 6	9-1003	Yes		Yes
Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission	LB 384	44-8703	Yes	7/1/2017	Yes
Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group	LB 907	28-1501		9/1/2015	No
Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission	LB 744	81-8,309		6/30/2018	Yes
Priority School Intervention Team	LB 438	79-760.07			Yes
Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team	LB 853	28-712.01			No
Water Funding Task Force	LB517	50-505		12/21/2013	Yes
Young Adult Voluntary Services and Support Advisory Committee (Name changed to Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee per Laws 2014, LB 853)	LB 216	43-4513			No

Appendix D

TABLE 5

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses ⁱ	Per Diems ⁱⁱ
1. Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540			Y	\$50
2. Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14,105	Y		Y	
3. Accreditation Committee, State	79-703			N	
4. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of	38-204			Y	\$30
5. Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y	
6. Aging, Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Commission on	68-1101			Y	
7. Aging Nebraskans Task Force	68-1107		6/30/2016	N	
8. Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Board of	38-308			Y	\$30
9. Anatomical Board, State	71-1001			N	
10. Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-224.03			Y	\$50
11. Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y	
12. Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309	Y		Y	
13. Athletic Training, Board of	38-401			Y	\$30
14. Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of	38-504			Y	\$30
15. Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221			Y	\$75
16. Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204	Y		Y	
17. Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	Y		Y	\$70
18. Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	48-739	Y		Y	\$50
19. Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-191			Y	
20. Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y	
21. Building Renewal, Task Force for (LB 309 Task Force)	81-174			Y	Y ⁱⁱⁱ



Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
22.	Canvassers, Board of State	32-1037			N	
23.	Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			N	
24.	Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108.32			Y	
25.	Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska State	90-306			N	
26.	Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee	2-5302			Y	
27.	Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903	Y		Y	
28.	Child and Maternal Death Review Team, State	71-3406			Y	
29.	Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05			Y	
30.	Children's Behavioral Health Task Force	43-4001		6/30/10	Y	
31.	Children's Commission, Nebraska	43-4202		6/30/16	Y	
32.	Chiropractic, Board of	38-804			Y	\$30
33.	Claims Board, State	81-8,220			Y	
34.	Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901	Y		Y	
35.	Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603			Y	
36.	Committee to examine state policy regarding prescription and administration of psychotropic drugs to state wards	43-4203			N	
37.	Committee to examine structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services	43-4203			N	
38.	Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N	
39.	Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Board of Directors	44-4216			Y	Y ^{iv}
40.	Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act, State Board to Administer	13-2603			N	
41.	Conveyance Advisory Committee	48-2503			Y	



Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
42.	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	Const. Art. VII, sec. 14 85-1403	Y		Y	
43.	Corn Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-3604			Y	\$25
44.	Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art, Board of	38-1007			Y	\$50
45.	Council on Student Attendance	79-527.01			Y	
46.	County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213			Y	
47.	County Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2304			Y	
48.	Crime Victim's Reparations Committee	81-1802	Y		Y	
49.	Critical Incident Stress Management Council	71-7105			N	
50.	Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska	2-3951			Y	
51.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	Y		Y	
52.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission of the	71-4728.03			N	
53.	Dentistry, Board of	38-1106			Y	\$30
54.	Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y	
55.	Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y	
56.	Dry Bean Commission	2-3745			Y	
57.	Early Childhood Education Endowment Board of Trustees	79-1104.03			Y	
58.	Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y	
59.	Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27,156			Y	



Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expenses ⁱ	Per Diems ⁱⁱ
60.	Education, State Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 3 79-301			Y	
61.	Educational Finance, Health and Social Services Authority, Nebraska	58-813			Y	
62.	Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	Const. Art. VII, sec. 6 72-201	Y		Y	\$50
63.	Educational Opportunity for Military Children, State Council on	79-2204			Y	
64.	Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council	79-1245			N	
65.	Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska	79-1313	Y		Y	
66.	Electrical Board, State	81-2103	Y		Y	
67.	Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810			Y	
68.	Emergency Medical Services, Board of	38-1206	Y		Y	
69.	Emergency Response Commission, State	81-15,210	Y		Y	
70.	Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428			Y	\$60
71.	Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y	
72.	Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registered	38-1307			Y	\$25
73.	Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	Y		Y	\$40
74.	Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15,170	Y		Y	
75.	Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116			Y	\$50
76.	Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335	Y		Y	\$25



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
77. Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01			Y	
78. Foster Care Advisory Committee	43-1302	Y		Y	
79. Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee	43-4216			N	
80. Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	38-1405			Y	\$30
81. Game and Parks Commission	37-101	Y		Y	\$35
82. Geographic Information Systems Council	86-570			Y	
83. Geologists, Board of	81-3520			Y	Y ^v
84. Governor's Residence Advisory Commission	72-2101			Y	
85. Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board	2-4002			Y	
86. Grape and Winery Board, Nebraska	53-301			Y	
87. Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724			N	
88. Health Advisory Board	60-4,118.02			Y	
89. Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee	71-9202	Y			
90. Health Professions, Technical Advisory Committee for the Regulation of	71-6224			Y	
91. Health, State Board of	71-2601	Y		Y	\$20
92. Hearing Instrument Specialists, Board of	38-1503			Y	\$25
93. Highway Commission, State	39-1101	Y		Y	\$20
94. Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y	
95. Homeland Security Policy Group	81-830			N	
96. Housing and Homelessness, Nebraska Commission on ^{vi}	58-704; 81-1281			Y	
97. Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, Nebraska Commission on ^{vii}	68-1605(3)			Y	



Board/Commission		Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
98.	Human Trafficking Issues, Task Force to Investigate	81-1430			Y	
99.	Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501			Y	\$50
100.	Industrial Relations, Commission of	Const. Art. XV, sec. 9 48-803	Y		Y	\$475
101.	Information Technology Commission, Nebraska	86-515	Y		Y	
102.	Information Technology Commission, Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska	86-521			N	
103.	Interagency Management Committee	71-7106			N	
104.	Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y	
105.	Interrelated Water Review Board ^{viii}	46-719			N	
106.	Invasive Species Council, Nebraska	37-1403			N	
107.	Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N	
108.	Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	Y		Y	\$75
109.	Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226			Y	
110.	Jail Standards Board	83-4,124			Y	
111.	Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N	
112.	Judicial nominating commissions ^{ix}	Const. Art. V, sec. 21 24-801			N	
113.	Judicial Qualifications Commission	Const. Art. V, sec. 28 24-715			Y	
114.	Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201			Y	
115.	Juvenile Justice, Nebraska Coalition for	43-2411			Y	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
116. Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8,110			Y	
117. Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8,186			Y	
118. Latino-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262			Y	\$35
119. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416			Y	
120. Legal Education for Public Service and Rural Practice Loan Repayment Assistance Board	7-204			Y	
121. Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401			Y	
122. Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105	Y		Y	\$12,500 annual salary
123. Massage Therapy, Board of	38-1704			Y	\$30
124. Medicaid Reform Council	68-948			Y	
125. Medical Home Advisory Council	68-961			Y	
126. Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of	38-1805			Y	\$30
127. Medical Radiography, Board of	38-1903			Y	
128. Medical Review Panel	44-2841			Y	\$50
129. Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-2010			Y	\$30
130. Mental Health Practice, Board of	38-2105			Y	\$30
131. Mental Health Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-814			Y	
132. Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402	Y		Y	\$50
133. Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	Y*		Y	\$50
134. Natural Gas Fuel Board	66-2001	Y		N	
135. Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission	44-8703	Y	7/1/17	Y	
136. Nebraska Justice Reinvestment Working Group	28-1501		9/1/2015	N	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
137. Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission	81-12,123		12/31/10	Y	
138. Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission	81-8,309		6/30/2018	Y	
139. Niobrara Council	72-2007			Y	
140. Nursing Board, Nebraska Center for	71-1799			Y	
141. Nursing, Board of	38-2204			Y	\$100
142. Nursing Home Administration, Board of	38-2406			Y	\$30
143. Nursing Home Advisory Council	71-6044			Y	
144. Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	38-2505			Y	
145. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska	57-904	Y		Y	\$50
146. Optometry, Board of	38-2603			Y	\$30
147. Pardons, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13 83-1,126			N	
148. Parole, Board of	Const. Art. IV, sec. 13 83-188	Y		N	Salaried
149. Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel	83-4,164			N	
150. Perfusionist Committee	38-2712			Y	\$50
151. Personnel Board, State	81-1318	Y		N	
152. Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee	68-953			Y	
153. Pharmacy, Board of	38-2808			Y	\$30
154. Physical Therapy, Board of	38-2905			Y	\$30
155. Physician Assistant Committee	38-2056			Y	
156. Podiatry, Board of	38-3003			Y	\$30
157. Police Standards Advisory Council, Nebraska	81-1406			Y	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
158. Potato Development Committee, Nebraska	2-1803			Y	
159. Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization, and Marketing Committee, Nebraska	2-3404			Y	\$25
160. Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003	Y		Y	\$60
161. Priority School Intervention Team	79-760.07			Y	
162. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y	
163. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N	
164. Problem Gambling, Nebraska Commission on	9-1003	Y		Y	
165. Professional Practices Commission	79-861			Y	
166. Propane Education and Research Council	66-1617			N	
167. Psychology, Board of	38-3103			Y	\$30
168. Public Accountancy, Educational Advisory Committee to the Board of	1-113			N	
169. Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107			Y	\$100
170. Public Advocacy, Commission on	29-3923			Y	
171. Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501	Y		Y	\$50
172. Public Guardianship, Advisory Council on	30-4106			Y	
173. Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	Y		Y	\$20 ^{xi}
174. Public Service Commission	Const. Art. IV, sec. 20			N	\$75,000 annual salary
175. Public Water Supply, Advisory Council on	71-5311			Y	
176. Quality Jobs Board	77-4908			N	
177. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee	20-506			N	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
178. Racing Commission, State	2-1201	Y		Y	
179. Real Estate Commission, State	81-885.07			Y	\$100 ^{xii}
180. Real Property Appraiser Board	76-2222			Y	\$100
181. Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N	
182. Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force	46-2,140		6/30/12	Y	
183. Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority	44-2837			N	
184. Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	38-3203			Y	\$30
185. Review, Evaluate, and Decide Team	28-712.01			N	
186. Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force	2-967		6/30/15	Y	
187. Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654	Y		Y	
188. Safety Center Advisory Council, Nebraska	85-1008			N	
189. School Districts, State Committee for the Reorganization of	79-435			Y	
190. Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3			Y	
191. Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board, Nebraska	44-5261			N	
192. Sports Arena Facility Financing Act, board to administer	13-3102			N	
193. State Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska	Const. Art. VII, sec. 13 85-301	Y		Y	
194. State Fair Board, Nebraska	2-101	Y ^{xiii}		N	
195. State Records Board	84-1204			Y	
196. State Records Board, Technical Advisory Committee to the	84-1205.01			N	
197. Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee	71-8803	Y		Y	Y ^{xiv}
198. Substance Abuse Services, State Advisory Committee on	71-815			Y	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
199. Suggestion Award Board	81-1348			Y	
200. Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 28 77-5003	Y		Y	Salaried
201. Teacher Education and Certification Advisory Committee	79-808			Y	
202. Technical Committee to Review Statewide Assessment and Reporting Plan	79-760.03	Y		Y	
203. Telecommunications Relay System Act, Special Advisory Committee to Administer the	86-315			N	
204. Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Advisory Board	86-327			N	
205. Title IV-E Demonstration Project Committee	43-4208			N	
206. Tourism Commission, Nebraska	81-3710	Y		N	
207. Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y	
208. University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, sec. 10 85-103			Y	
209. Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N	
210. Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06			Y	
211. Veterans' Homes Board	80-318			Y	
212. Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of	38-3306			Y	\$30
213. Violence Prevention, Advisory Council to the Office of	81-1447			Y	
214. Vocational Education, State Board of	79-321			Y	
215. Water Funding Task Force	50-505		12/31/13	Y	
216. Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board	46-1217			Y	



Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Termination Date	Expensesⁱ	Per Diemsⁱⁱ
217. Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302			Y	
218. Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702			Y	
219. Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N	
220. Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623			N	
221. Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101			N	
222. Young Adult Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee	43-4513			N	

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A "Y" in this column indicates that a provision authorizing expenses exists in the statute creating the board or commission; an "N" indicates the enacting statute makes no mention of allowing expenses. However, Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 81-1178 provides that "Any member of any state commission, council, committee, or board which has been created by statute shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 for state employees whether or not specific reference is made to such sections."



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- ii Unless otherwise noted, per diems listed are the maximum allowable in statute for that particular board. Since some statutes indicate that the permissible per diem is “at least” or “up to”, the actual per diem paid to a given board member could be less than that listed. As per Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 71-112, the professional boards in the various health-related fields receive expenses as well as a per diem not to exceed \$30. Additionally, the per diem and expenses cannot be greater than “is received in fees from the applicants taking the examination in any particular profession.” Each individual board sets its own per diem within those parameters. Additionally, these boards may set per diems and pay the expenses up to this rate for any subcommittees they create.
- iii Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is “established by the Governor on a per diem basis. . . .”
- iv Paid only when traveling for business of the CHIP board, at the rate set by the pool administrator.
- v LB 1161 states, “Each member of the board shall receive as compensation the same per diem and travel expenses as other state employees for each day actually spent in traveling to and from and while attending sessions of the board and its committees or authorized meetings of the National Association of State Boards of Geology, or their subdivisions or committees, and all necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Geologists Regulation Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.”
- vi The Commission on Housing and Homelessness was formed by Executive Order 98-4 and combines two statutorily created advisory committees previously listed as the Housing Advisory Committee to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Affordable Housing Committee, both under the authority of the Department of Economic Development.
- vii In 2002, the former Advisory Committee on Families with Special Needs Housing became the Commission on Housing and Homelessness Continuum of Care Committee, which serves as the advisory committee to the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program. Its parent agency is the Department of Health and Human Services.
- viii “The board, when appointed and convened, shall continue in existence only until it has resolved a dispute referred to it pursuant [to statute].” Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 46-719(1a).
- ix There are actually 33 commissions of nine members each representing the various judicial districts and courts within the state.
- x The Legislature confirms the three gubernatorial appointees to the 16-member commission.
- xi The three lay members of the board are the only members to receive a per diem, which is set at the same rate as that paid to the members of the State Highway Commission.



xii All members of the Real Estate Commission receive a per diem except the chairman, who is an ex officio member and the Nebraska Secretary of State.

xiii Four of the 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

xiv Committee members who are not employed by Nebraska medical schools receive a stipend per meeting. The amount is determined by the Division of Public Health of the Department of Health and Human Services based on standard consultation fees.

