

**EASTERN NEBRASKA REGIONAL AGENCY ON HUMAN SERVICES AND REGION 6 GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 15, 2026**

The Chair, Mary Ann Borgeson, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., announcing that a copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” was displayed in the meeting room as required by law.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call showed the following Board members in attendance: Taylor Boyle (Cass County); Pat Tawney (Dodge County); Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County); Don Kelly (Dodge County) and Lisa Kramer (Washington County)

Also present were Tiffany Milone (Duet); Trish Bergman (ENOA); Patti Jurjevich (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no comments or correspondence from Governing Board members

4. Presentation of FY25 ENHSA Financial Audit – Eide Bailly

Eide Bailly presented the FY25 ENHSA financial audit to the board. The auditor’s findings and financial statements were reviewed. The board discussed the report and audit results.

5. Election of Governing Board Officials

The board conducted the election of governing board officials.

A motion was made by Don to retain the current officers in their existing roles. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Approval of ENHSA HR Policies– Trish Bergman

- a. AI Policy
- b. 4.20 Insurance Benefits Update

Trish presented updates to ENHSA HR policies, including the proposed AI Policy and the 4.20 Insurance Benefits Update.

A motion was made by Pat to approve both ENHSA HR Policies, the motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

7. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no attorney comments

8. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean provided a legislative update, stating there were over 200 bills introduced in the first week with a projected \$471M budget shortfall.

9. Director's Report

There was no Director's report

10. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the public

11. Motion to Adjourn out of ENHSA Admin and enter Alpha School

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of ENHSA and enter Alpha School. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

### **Alpha School**

12. Approval of one (1) Student Contract – Jenni Allen

A motion was made by Don to approve the one (1) student contract. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

13. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

The Chair reported Jenni had several staff members were out today due to illness, and students who had earned after-school time and was unable to attend the meeting.

Jenni reported that four students returned to public school, and nine new students transitioned to Alpha. She noted that the past two weeks have been heavily impacted by illness throughout school.

14. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the public

15. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter ENOA

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of Alpha School and enter ENOA. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

### **ENOA**

16. Approval of NPAIT Enabling Resolution – Trish Bergman

Trish presented the NPAIT Enabling Resolution.

A motion was made by Don to approve the NPAIT Enabling Resolution. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

17. Approval of Board Resolution for ENOA to open account with Pinnacle Bank – Trish Bergman  
Trish presented the resolution authorizing ENOA to open an account with Pinnacle Bank.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Bank Resolution for ENOA to open an account with Pinnacle Bank. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

18. Approval of Personal Care and Homemaker Contracts and BAA – Stay Graceful Nebraska - Trish Bergman

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Personal Care and Homemaker Contracts and BAA – Stay Graceful Nebraska. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

19. Approval of Carolina Padilla to ENOA Advisory Council – Trish Bergman

Trish presented the recommendation to appoint Carolina Padilla to the ENOA Advisory Council.

A motion was made by Don to approve Carolina Padilla to the ENOA Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

20. Director’s Report – Trish Bergman

Trish reported that the conflict-of-interest forms were included for signature. The State Unit on Aging monitoring visit is underway, including a fiscal audit, and things are going well with no anticipated findings; the exit is scheduled for tomorrow. She also noted that work has begun on the area plan and budgets, as well as the State plan and budgets.

21. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the public

22. Motion to Adjourn out of ENOA and enter Duet

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of ENOA and enter Duet. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

**Duet**

23. Approval of Vocational Rehabilitation Agreement – Tiffany Milone

There was a discussion regarding Duet’s long standing partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation. Tiffany presented the contract, noting that it had historically been signed by previous leadership. The current version listed Tiffany as the signatory.

After further discussion, the board agreed that the Board Chair should be the authorized signatory to the agreement. The board asked for an amendment made to the agreement to reflect the Chair’s name for signature

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the amended agreement once changes are made reflecting the Board Chair as signatory. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

24. Director’s Report – Tiffany Milone

Tiffany reported leadership updates, including openings in Cass and Sarpy, the rehiring of Connie Koontz, and ongoing efforts to hire for the South area, which is also undergoing a restructure to streamline operations. The leadership team completed an internal assessment to identify strengths and guide short- and long-term planning. Staff engagement efforts are underway with scheduled listening sessions and focus groups, alongside transparent communication to ensure alignment across the organization.

25. Comments from the Public (please limit to 3 minutes each person)

There were no comments from the public

26. Motion to Adjourn out of Duet and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of Duet and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare**

27. Request for Proposal (RFP) for Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application – Tad Spencer

- a. Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendations
- b. Approval of Funding

Tad recapped the proposed Request for Proposal related to the Opioid Settlement Funds grant application. He outlined the purpose, timeline, and funding priorities.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Funding. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

28. Review of FY27 Preliminary Funding Allocation – Patti Jurjevich

Patti presented the FY27 preliminary funding allocation that was provided in the Board's packets for review.

29. Review of FY27 County Match – Patti Jurjevich

Patti presented the FY27 County Match that was in the Board's packets for review

30. Ratification of Approval to Open a Certificate of Deposit Bank Account – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval to open a certificate of deposit bank account at Pinnacle Bank.

A motion was made by Don to approve the Ratification of Approval to Open a Certificate of Deposit Bank Account. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Patti Jurjevich

Patti recapped the contracts and amendments that were provided in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Contracts and Amendments. The motion was seconded by Don and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### 32. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported that SAMHSA grants were turned off without notice, including the Partnership for Success grant, due to non-alignment with identified priorities. She outlined the relevant priorities for the board. Patti further reported that the response to this action was swift, and the notice has since been rescinded.

Patti provided an update on current legislation for developments on a couple bills that allow for reimbursement related to risk mitigation. Another bill from NAVHO was noted, which would require a rate review. Additionally, she reported the Governor's budget was released, showing a proposed reduction to program 38.

Patti also mentioned the R6 budget will be coming in March for review.

### 33. Comments from the Public (please limit each person to 3 minutes)

There were no comments from the public

### 34. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

A motion was made by Don to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lisa and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.