

**EASTERN NEBRASKA HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
AND REGION 6 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

September 9, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

A copy of the “Nebraska Open Meetings Act” was displayed in the meeting room.

Chairperson Pat Tawney called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call – The following Board members were present:

- Pat Tawney (Dodge County)
- Don Kelly (Sarpy County)
- Lisa Kramer (Douglas County)

In addition to the Board members, the following were present:

- Tiffany Milone (DUET)
- Trish Bergman (ENOA)
- Crystal Fuller (Region 6)
- Jennie Allen (Alpha School)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no comments.

4. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no comments.

5. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean was unable to attend and no comments were made.

6. Director’s Report

There were no comments.

7. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

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

Lisa made the motion to adjourn, Don seconded it. Motion carried.

Alpha School

9. Review of Alpha School Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe
Hope presented an overview of the Alpha School financials. No questions were raised.
10. CPI Trainer Training – Jenni Allen
Crisis Prevention Institute training was provided to two staff members.
11. 26/27 Alpha School Budget – Jennie Allen
The Budget was presented by Jennie and was available via the SharePoint site. Don made a motion to approve the budget, Lisa seconded and motion carried.
12. Student Contracts (70) - Jennie Allen
Jennie presented contracts for 70 students. Don made a motion to approve the contracts and Lisa seconded. Motion carried.
13. Employee Contract (1) - Jennie Allen
Jennie presented one new employee contract. Don questioned whether the board needed to approve contracts. After discussion it was noted that the Governing Board does need to approve contracts. Don made a motion to approve the contract and Lisa seconded. Motion carried.
14. Director's Report – Jenni Allen
Pat inquired into whether 70 students were the maximum number of students possible. Jennie stated 72 is the maximum number that the six classrooms can hold and a higher number of students would require opening another classroom.
15. Comments from the Public
There were no comments from the public.
16. Motion to Adjourn out of Alpha School and enter ENOA
Don made a motion to adjourn from Alpha School and move into ENOA. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion carried.

ENOA

17. Review of ENOA Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe
Hope provided an overview of ENOA's financials. No questions were raised.

18. Approval of Investment and Cash Management Policy – Trish Bergman

Trish explained that this policy covers all aspects of managing cash investments, including investment decisions that need to be made prior to the next scheduled governing board meeting. Don made the motion to approve the policy, Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

19. Approval of Nutrition Policies – Trish Bergman

The board was presented updated nutrition contracts for signature. Don made the motion to approve the policies, Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

20. Director's Report – Trish Bergman

The LR382 hearing is approaching. The current statute provides that the Medicaid AD Waiver program services coordination may only be administered by Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and DHHS – a bill to maintain this status failed to be passed last session. Managed Care Organizations are exploring the possibility of assuming services coordination for the AD Waiver program. Randy Jones from Lincoln's Area Agency on Aging will be presenting at the upcoming hearing to educate senators on the importance of maintaining AAA administration of the AD Waiver program. If ENOA were to lose the waiver program, it would have a significant adverse impact on the agency. Sean is aware of the bill and its potential implications.

21. Comments from the Public

There was no public comment.

22. Motion to Adjourn out of ENOA and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

Don made the motion to adjourn from ENOA and enter Region 6. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

23. Approval of FY27 Final Certification of Local Matching Funds – Crystal Fuller

Formal approval was given and was needed by October 1st. Don made the motion to approve. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

24. Review and Approval of Partnerships for Success (PFS) Grant Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

This is a five year grant and Region 6 is entering the fourth year. Don made the motion for approval and Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

25. Review and Approval of State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

This is year 3 of a 3 year grant to prevent opioid overdose. Don made the motion for approval and Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

26. Review and Approval of Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Suicide Prevention Grant Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

The State Suicide Coalition on Prevention grant is entering the fourth year of the four year grant. Don made a motion to approve the report, Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

27. Approval of Contracts and Amendments – Crystal Fuller

A list of contracts and amendments was presented to the board. Don made a motion to approve the contracts, Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

28. Director's Report – Crystal Fuller

Reports made available to Board members.

- Opioid Settlement Grant Fiscal Report presented
- Mental Health Contract Status Report for month of July presented
- Substance Use Disorder Contract Status Report presented
- Emergency Data for month of July presented – Sarpy Crisis Center is now opened. Lisa inquired into the usage breakdown by county and Crystal directed her to the information.
- Jill Holtz is Region 6's Assistant Regional Administrator

29. Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

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

Don made the motion to adjourn out of Region 6 and enter Duet. Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Duet

31. All Covered Firewall Switch Replacement – Tiffany Milone

This is a \$31,000 necessary and shared expense with ENOA as it is affecting both ENOA's & DUET's phones and networks. Don made the motion to approve the expense and Lisa seconded. The motion was approved.

32. Approval of DUET Policies – Tiffany Milone

A list of policies has been made available to the Governing Board on the SharePoint site. Don made the motion to approve the policies; Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

33. Review of Duet Financials – Tiffany Milone

Tiffany presented the current financial status. Revenue is currently higher than the expenses this month. Don made a motion to approve the financials and Lisa seconded the motion. The motion passed.

34. Director's Report – Tiffany Milone

- Staffing report
 - Amanda Stonys is no longer with the agency.
 - Marcy Browning is no longer with the agency as Developmental Director as of Friday (Sept 11th) and this position will not be refilled until she receives more guidance from the foundation board as to where they would like this to go.
 - Eli Frank has been hired. He will take on some of what Amanda was doing as well as other duties.
 - Connie Koontz is the new Deputy Director.

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

Mark Barker stated he is very encouraged over the direction that the agency is going and wanted to thank Tiffany for her hard work.

36. Motion to Adjourn the meeting

Don made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Lisa seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.