

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

MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025

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 Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Also present were Dennis Loose (Duet); Trish Bergman (ENOA); Patti Jurjevich (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare); and Jenni Allen (Alpha School)

3. Comments & Correspondence - Governing Board

There were no comments or correspondence from Board members

4. Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the August 13, 2025, Governing Board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Review of ENOA Financial Statements – Hope Houessoukpe

The ENOA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed

6. Review of ENHSA Financial Statements – John Burns

The ENHSA Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed

7. Approval of HR Policy and Procedure Section 5.05 – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of HR Policy and Procedure Section 5.05, stating that they removed the word accrual in the new hire section of the policy

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the HR Policy and Procedure Section 5.05. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

8. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no Attorney Comments

9. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean reported the state faces a \$95 million deficit, with ongoing shortfalls expected from federal cuts and lower tax revenue. Governor Pillen has ordered a 10% budget cut for agencies, and spending reductions are planned for 2026. Pressure remains to lower property taxes, with agriculture groups advocating relief through expanded sales taxes—Governor Pillen’s top priority. For 2026, he seeks a second term, while 10 legislative seats are term-limited and two incumbents are not running. Two property tax petitions could appear on the ballot, adding urgency to broaden the sales tax base. He also mentioned Senator Dorn will call a hearing on Oct 3rd examine current implementation of Medicaid across the State.

10. Director’s Report

There was no Director’s report

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

There were no Comments from the Public

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

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

Alpha School

13. Approval of Alpha FY 26/26 Budget – Jenni Allen

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Alpha FY 25/26 Budget. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

14. Approval of Staff Contracts – Jenni Allen

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Staff Contracts. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

15. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that only one staff position remains open; all other positions are filled

16. Request for Executive Session – Jenni Allen

A Motion was made by Lisa at 3:53 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Jenni Allen move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by unanimous roll call vote

A Motion was made by Lisa at 4:01 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Jenni Allen reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. Motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session

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

There were no comments from the public

18. 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 Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

ENOA

19. Approval of Policies/Procedures – Trish Bergman

- a. ENOA Agency Policies (4)
- b. Fiscal Policy (1)
- c. Nursing Facility Level of Care Policies (6)

A motion was made by Lisa to approve all Policies/Procedures. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. Approval of Homestyle Direct Contract for MOW Frozen Meal Option – Trish Bergman

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Homestyle Direct Contract for MOW Frozen Meal Option. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

21. Approval of Nominees for Aging with Spirt Foundation – Trish Bergman

- a. Dr. Al Coco
- b. Mark Egermier
- c. Christina Vejnovich

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Nominees for Aging with Spirit Foundation. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

22. Approval of Aging With Spirit Foundation Bylaw update - Trish Bergman

Trish updated the bylaws to reflect changes in secretary, treasurer, and attendance

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Aging with Spirit Foundation Bylaw update. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

23. Approval of Connect America contract Exhibit A update – Trish Bergman

The Connect America Contract Exhibit A updated the emergency response section to include pricing.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Connect America Contract Exhibit A update. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

24. Director's Report – Trish Bergman

There were no updates for the Director's Report at this time, Trish did mention there was no news regarding funding for LB 382

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 ENOA and enter Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare.

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

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

27. Resolution of Appreciation for Taren Petersen – Mary Ann Borgeson

Mary Ann presented a resolution recognizing Taren Peterson for her contributions.

28. FY25 Professional Partner Annual Report – Kelly Baulisch

Kelly reviewed the FY Professional Partner Annual Report

29. Approval of FY26 Final Certification of County Match- Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval for the FY 26 Final Certification of County match.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the FY 26 Final Certification of County match. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

30. 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 Lisa to approve the Contracts and Amendments. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

31. Director's Report – Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported Region 6 was awarded a community grant to support arboretum improvements, including tree removal, planting, and mulching. Scott Stevens with Dodge Partners has been in touch with Patti and reported that the outlook for renewal is not favorable, and Region 6 may need to consider going to the market. The Division of Behavioral Health is exploring matching funds from non-federal sources, and in light of recent budget cuts from the Governor, the Division is offering to carry over money while reducing funding for 988 marketing in order to keep regional funding stable. In addition, Region 6 will host a listening session on opioids on Monday.

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

There were no comments from the public

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

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

Duet

34. Approval of Standard Operating Procedures

- a. 5.10 – Pre-Trip Inspection for Agency Vehicles
- b. 5.15 – Trip Log Documentation for Agency Vehicle Use
- c. 5.20 - Prohibition of Electronics Use and Prevention of Distracted Driving
- d. 5.25 - Prohibition of Leaving People Supported Unattended in Vehicles

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Standard Operating Procedures. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

35. Review and Approval of Submitted Bids for 11340 Blondo Street – Dennis Loose

Dennis presented the submitted bids for 11340 Blondo Street and recommended the Board approve the bid from Red Lion Enterprises.

A motion was made by Lisa to approve the Bid from Red Lion Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

36. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

Dennis provided a health insurance update, noting that Mark McQueen is working with the Teamsters to finalize the Michigan TeamCare plan for bargaining unit employees.

37. Request for Executive Session – Dennis Loose

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A Motion was made by Lisa at 5:35 p.m. that the Board with Attorney Chris Jerram, and Dennis Loose reconvene and reopen the meeting to the public. Motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by unanimous roll call vote. The Chair stated that no action was taken while in executive session

38. Approval of Interim Director

A motion was made by Lisa to lay over this item until the next meeting for further discussion and action. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

There were no Comments from the Public

40. Motion to Adjourn out of the meeting

A motion was made by Lisa to adjourn out of the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

THIS AGENDA, WHICH SHALL BE KEPT CONTINUALLY CURRENT, SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE DUET 4715 S 132nd STREET, OMAHA NE