

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

MEETING MINUTES

December 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); Pat Tawney (Dodge County); and Mary Ann Borgeson (Douglas County)

Also present were Dennis Loose (Duet); Tiffany Friesen Milone (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. Introduction of New Duet Director Tiffany Friesen Milone – Dennis Loose

Dennis announced that his last day with Duet will be December 31, 2025. He was excited to introduce Tiffany Friesen Milone as the new Duet Agency Director. Tiffany was formerly the Deputy Director at the Open Sky Institute, and Dennis believes she will be a strong and valuable addition to the team.

5. Approval of Additional Charges for Work Completed by Eide Bailly – Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that Duet will incur an additional cost of \$2000 for work completed by Eide Bailly and asked the board to approve the additional cost.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the additional charges for work completed by Eide Bailly. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. Attorney Comments – Chris Jerram

There were no attorney comments

7. Report from Lobbyist – Sean Kelley

Sean reported that the Legislature is facing a challenging session ahead, with a projected \$471 M budget deficit heading into the 2026 legislative session, he noted that this gap is significantly larger than anticipated in earlier 2025.

8. Director’s Report

There was no Director’s report

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

There were no comments from the public

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

A motion was made by Pat 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

11. Approval of Employee Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported her team is fully staffed, with the final position being the social worker, which she is asking for approval for at tonight’s meeting. She stated she would like to hire a part-time intervention specialist.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Employee Contract. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. Approval of Student Contracts – Jenni Allen

Jenni asked for approval for one student contract from Red Oak Schools

A motion was made by Pat to approve the one (1) student contract from Red Oak Schools. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. Director's Report – Jenni Allen

Jenni reported that Alpha is finishing the semester with 70 students, with 4 transitioning. She was pleased to share that 3-5 students will start next semester, and there is a waiting list of more than 30 students at this time.

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 Duet

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

Duet

16. Approval to Request a 90-Day Extension for the Duet Cost Report- Dennis Loose

Dennis reported that, due to the audit taking longer than anticipated, he would like to request a 90-day extension from the state to submit the Duet cost report.

~~17. Approval of Supported Employment Agreement – Dennis Loose~~

18. Approval of Flooring Bids for 9203 S 17th Street Bellevue, NE – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval for flooring bids at 9203 S. 17th Street, stating that McKeans was the lowest of three bids received. Bids were received from Baldwins, Kelly’s Carpet, and McKeans.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the McKeans carpet bid. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

19. Approval of Lease Addendum for 1548 Front Street Blair, NE – Dennis Loose

Dennis requested approval of a three-year lease extension for the 1548 Front Street location in Blair, NE, with an annual increase of 2.5%

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the addendum for 1548 Front Street in Blair, NE. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

20. Approval of the Duet Foundation Audit – Dennis Loose

John and Dennis recapped the Duet Foundation Audit that was prepared by Eide Bailly which was provided in the Board's packets.

A motion was made by Taylor to approve the Duet Foundation Audit. The motion was seconded by Pat and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

21. Director's Report - Dennis Loose

Dennis reported there have been a few staff resignations: the Area Director and Associate Area Director in Cass/Sarpy will be leaving, and the Area Director in Central Nebraska will be retiring at the end of the month. He noted that the agency is making strong progress toward financial recovery and is in a better position than when he started

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

Mary Steiner read a tribute on behalf of all Duet staff, thanking Dennis for his leadership, guidance, and support during his interim director tenure. She noted many challenges and crises the agency faced and thanked him for his calm, patience, and humorous guidance that helped the agency navigate a difficult situation and emerge stronger.

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

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

Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare

24. Overview of the Critical Incident Analysis – Kim Kalina

Kim recapped the annual Critical Incident Analysis that was provided in the Board's packets

25. Review and Approval of Partnership for Success Plan and Budget – Crystal Fuller

Crystal provided a PFS Update: Region 6 received PFS grant funding to address high-risk drinking and suicide prevention in select counties. Year 3 activities include education, training, environmental strategies, and a 0.5 FTE Mental Health Prevention Specialist, with a total budget of \$345,424.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Partnership for Success Plan and Budget. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

26. Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) for Opioid Settlement Funds Grant Application Process
– Patti Jurjevich

Patti reported on the Opioid Settlement Funds RFP: Region 6 released a second RFP for opioid settlement funds, receiving 13 applications. One did not meet minimum standards, nine will not move forward, and three applicants were asked for additional information. Funding recommendations are expected at the January 2026 board meeting.

27. Appointment of Michelle Gerdes, Consumer Advisory Team Representative, to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee 1/1/26-12/31/26 – Patti Jurjevich

Michelle Gerdes was appointed as Consumer Advisory Team Representative to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee for the term 1/1/26–12/31/26.

A Motion by Pat to approve the appointment of Michelle Gerdes. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

A motion was made by Pat to approve opening a certificate of deposit bank account at Pinnacle Bank. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

29. Approval for Out of State Travel for Miles Glasgow – Patti Jurjevich

Patti requested approval of out of state travel for Miles Glasgow to attend NatCon 2026 in Denver, CO, April 27-29, 2026, at an estimated cost of \$1,985.16

A motion was made by Pat to approve the Out of State Travel for Miles Glasgow. 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 in the Board's packets

A motion was made by Pat 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 noted that the standard reports were included in the Board's packets for review.

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 ENOA

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

34. Approval of Homemaker, Personal Care Contracts, and BAA for Nana's Home Health Care – Trish Bergman

A motion to approve was made by Pat. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

35. Approval of Out of State Travel for Trish Bergman and Diane Stanton – Trish Bergman

36. Approval of Clarkson College Clinical Affiliation Agreement – Trish Bergman

A motion to approve the Clarkson College Clinical Affiliation Agreement was made by Pat. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

37. Approval of AllMakes Bid for three MOW cubicles – Trish Bergman

Trish requested approval of the AllMakes bid for three MOW cubicles, noting that AllMakes will match the existing MOW setup.

A motion was made by Pat to approve the AllMakes bid for three MOW cubicles. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote

38. Approval of UNMC Clinical Affiliation Agreement- Trish Bergman

A motion to approve the UNMC Clinical Affiliation Agreement was made by Pat. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

39. Approval of Homemaker, Personal Care Contracts and BAA for Bee Well Compassionate Care – Trish Bergman

A motion to approve the Homemaker, Personal Care Contracts and BAA for Bee Well Compassionate Care was made by Pat. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

40. Approval of Tai Chi Agreement for Darryel Mayo – Trish Bergman

A motion to approve the Tai Chi Agreement for Darryel Mayo was made by Pat. The motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

41. Director's Report – Trish Bergman

Trish briefly spoke about the 1st Quarter OOA funding. The funding supports programs and services for older adults, including meals, transportation, caregiver support, and wellness programs. Allocations and expenditures for the quarter were reviewed to ensure funds are being used in alignment with program requirements.

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

There were no comments from the public

43. Motion to Adjourn out of meeting

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