

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES**  
**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL**

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*ACTION:* **First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 2000: Board of Trustees Authority**

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Board Policy 2000 has been revised to reflect recent changes in statute and to address general updates and cleanup of existing language. The policy revision includes identification of aligned statutes and adds language on property belonging to the Colleges.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 2000; Authority; Board of Trustees.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Revisions to Board Policy 2000 (PDF)

## Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

### Governance and Administration

POLICY NAME: Board of Trustees Authority

POLICY NUMBER: 2000

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#### A. PURPOSE

To define the standing committees of the Board of Trustees for the Nebraska State Colleges and allow for the creation of special committees by the Board.

#### B. DEFINITIONS

None

#### C. POLICY

##### 1. Powers of the Board of Trustees

The Board is a body corporate created by the State Constitution and empowered by statutory authority with the general government of the State Colleges as now existing, and such other State Colleges as may be established by law. As authorized in Nebraska Revised Statute, Chapter 85, Powers of the Board include but are not limited to:

- 1.1. Appointing a Chancellor/Secretary, Presidents and such other personnel as may be required. (85-304)
- 1.2. Fixing their compensation and prescribing their duties. (85-304)
- 1.3. Removing all persons appointed, but the affirmative votes of four (4) Board members shall be necessary to remove the Chancellor or a President during the time for which such persons were appointed. (85-304)
- 1.4. Prescribing for the ~~State~~ Colleges such courses of instruction as will best serve such persons for teaching and managing the public schools, and their instruction in the arts and sciences generally. (85-308)
- 1.5. Providing, through an extension division, for holding of classes at various locations throughout the state, avoiding unnecessary duplication of courses offered by other educational institutions in such locations. (85-304)

- 1.6. Acquiringe real and personal property and disposinge of the same when a ~~State~~ College will be benefited thereby, but no grounds on which any buildings of any ~~State~~ College is located shall be disposed of without consent of the Legislature. (85-304)
- 1.7. Paying expenses for recruitment of academic, administrative, professional, and managerial personnel. (85-304)
- 1.8. Makinge available benefits for all present and future employees, including group life insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, group long-term disability income insurance and retirement benefits. (85-304, 85-320)
- 1.9. Instituting a continuing program of preventive maintenance and a program of deferred maintenance consistent with the provisions of ~~sections RRS 81-173 to RRS 81-190~~ the Deferred Building Renewal Act. (85-304)
- 1.10. Consulting with the Nebraska Arts Council and acquiringe works of art for the original construction of any public building under its supervision consistent with Nebraska Revised Statutes, sections ~~RRS 82-317 to RRS 82-329, RRS 85-106 to RRS 85-106.03, and RRS 85-304 to RRS 85-304.03.~~ (85-304)
- 1.11. Establishing tuition rates and fees. (85-307)
- 1.12. Conferring degrees ~~upon the recommendation of the respective college faculty.~~ (85-308.01)
- ~~1.13.~~ 1.13. Makinge rules and regulations for the admission of students to the ~~State~~ Colleges. (85-310)
- ~~1.14.~~ 1.14. Preserving buildings, furniture, apparatus, grounds, timber, shrubbery, and other property belonging to the ~~State~~ Colleges. (85-314)
- ~~1.15.~~ 1.15. Contracting utility services for the ~~State~~ Colleges. (85-315)
- ~~1.16.~~ 1.16. Receivinge on behalf of the ~~State~~ Colleges, gifts and endowments as the Board may decide to accept. (85-317.01)
- ~~1.17.~~ 1.17. Acquiringe lands by purchase or condemnation necessary for the ~~State~~ Colleges. (85-319)

## FORMS/APPENDICES

None

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### SOURCE:

**Legal Reference:** Article VII, Section 13 Constitution

Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-304	Board of Trustees; powers, enumerated.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-307	State <u>c</u> Colleges; president; collection of fees.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-308	State <u>c</u> Colleges; purpose; courses.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-308.01	State <u>c</u> Colleges; degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science; confer.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-310	State <u>c</u> Colleges; students; admission.
<u>Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-314</u>	<u>Board of trustees; rules and regulations.</u>
<u>Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-315</u>	<u>Board of trustees; utilities service; sale or lease.</u>
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-317.01	State <u>c</u> Colleges; endowments and gifts; acceptance.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-319	Eminent domain, powers of board of trustees; procedure.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-320	State <u>c</u> Colleges; retirement plan; establishment; terms; investment of funds.

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