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

ACTION: First and Final Round Approval of Deletion of Board Policy 2005; Open Meetings; Board of Trustees

Board Policy 2005 has been deleted, as the information contained within the policy is addressed within the Board By-Laws.

The System Office recommends approval of the Deletion of Board Policy 2005; Open Meetings; Board of Trustees.

ATTACHMENTS:

• Deletion of Board Policy 2005 (PDF)

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Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Governance and Administration

POLICY NAME:

Board of Trustees Open Meetings

POLICY

2005 NUMBER:

A. PURPOSE

To ensure that all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees for the Nebraska State Colleges shall be open to the public except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, and federal and state statutes.

B. DEFINITIONS

None

C. POLICY

1. Meetings of the Board of Trustees

- 1.1. All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public and press, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, federal statutes and sections of RRS 84-1408 to RRS 84-1414.
- 1.2. Any citizen or spokesperson for a group of citizens may request an appearance before the Board at any regular meeting or work session of the Board except when the Board declares itself to be in closed session and may address the Board on any subject that is within its authority and appropriate for discussion in an open session.
- 1.3. In order to be placed on the Board's agenda for the purpose of addressing the Board, a written request must be submitted to the Board's Chancellor at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting to permit such appearance to be placed on the published agenda. Stipulations include:
 - A request will identify the person and/or organization desiring to address the Board.
 - A request shall include a written brief consisting of no more than two (2) pages in length outlining the topic to be presented.
 - The Board may restrict its consideration of matters during the regular meeting to only those purposes set forth in sections RRS 84-1408 to RRS 84-1414.

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- Such appearance, if granted by the Board, shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, unless an extension is granted by the Board Chair.
- 1.2 The published agenda of every regular meeting of the Board shall contain an item identified as Public Comment Period. This period shall be no longer than thirty (30) minutes in duration, shall be available to any person wishing to address the Board on any subject within its authority and appropriate for discussion in open session. Stipulations include:
 - The Board may restrict its consideration of matters during the regular meeting to only those purposes set forth in sections RRS 84-1408 to RRS 84-1414.
 - The order of appearance during the Public Comment Period shall be determined by the Board Chair from among those who indicate their presence and desire to speak at the beginning of each such period.
 - If more than six (6) people wish to appear at any Public Comment Period, the Board Chair will select which six (6) persons may appear.
 - No appearance during any Public Comment Period shall exceed five (5) minutes unless an extension is granted by the Board Chair.

FORMS/APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:		
Legal Reference:	Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1408	Declaration of intent; meetings open to public.
	Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1409	Terms, defined.
	Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1410	Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.
	Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411	Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

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Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1412	Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.
Neb Rev. Stat. 84-1413	Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.
Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-8414	Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

Policy Adopted: June 1993

Policy Revised: March 2006, 2022