

Learning Community Coordinating Council

January 5th, 2023 – 6:00PM

1612 North 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110

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- ii. **Council Mission Statement: Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share, and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.**
- iii. Public Notice and Compliance Nebraska Open Meetings Law
- iv. Pledge of Allegiance
- v. Oath of Office
- vi. Welcome & Introductions
- vii. Officer Elections

II. Chair Opening Statement:

A. Reports

- i. Chair
1. Subcommittee Interest Indicator Summary
2. Conflict of Interest - Disclosure Form - Margaret Hershiser

III. Consent Agenda

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- i. Minutes of the November 17th, 2022, meeting of the Council

IV. Upcoming Meeting – January 19, 2023 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68110

V. Adjourn

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UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Advisory Committee	To Be Determined
LC Coordinating Council	January 19, 2023, Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 th Street, Omaha, NE
Subcouncil #1	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #2	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #3	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #4	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #5	To Be Determined
Subcouncil #6	To Be Determined

DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- LCCC Minutes dated November 17, 2022
- Officer Election Procedures Summary
- Subcommittee Interest Indicator Summary
- Conflict of Interest - Disclosure Form

Closed Sessions: Any agenda time, or portion thereof, may be discussed in closed session where permitted by law. The public is hereby notified that the Council may come in and out of closed session during the meeting. Members of the public who exit the room during closed session may remain outside the meeting room and rejoin the meeting when the Council returns to open session.

1.1.1 Election of Officers.

1.1.1.a The Chair will appoint the CEO to serve as the election official and legal counsel to assist the CEO. The election official will decide all contested points of the election process and such decision will be final and may not be appealed.

1.1.1.b Nominations for an office are open and can be made by either the candidate or another Council Member after being recognized by the election official. The candidate or other Council Member will be allowed to address the Coordinating Council for up to two (2) minutes. Only one person may speak on behalf of the candidate. There will be three (3) calls for nominations for an office, after which nominations from the floor will no longer be accepted.

1.1.1.c At the close of nominations, the election official will appoint tellers to assist in the casting and tabulation of ballots. The tellers will distribute paper for Council Members to write their choice of candidate. There shall be no proxy voting. Council Members will fold their ballot prior to delivering it to a teller. The tellers will deliver the ballots to the election official and will assist in tallying the ballots. If only one (1) individual is nominated for an office, that individual may be elected by majority vote of the quorum via roll call vote.

Additional rounds of balloting will continue with the elimination of one (1) or more candidates after each round until one (1) candidate has received a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote. No additional balloting will occur once a candidate has received a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote. A candidate may withdraw by asking for a point of personal privilege following any round of balloting.

If more than three (3) candidates are nominated, those candidates receiving fewer votes during the initial round of balloting than the three (3) candidates with the most votes will be eliminated. If three (3) or fewer candidates are nominated, the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes during the initial round of balloting shall be eliminated.

1.1.1.d In the case of ties, the following process shall be used: if, during the initial round of balloting, there are an equal number of votes for the third highest total, those candidates tied for third place or lower shall be eliminated. If in the initial round of balloting, there are an equal number of votes for the second highest total, all candidates with that total shall advance into the next round of balloting. For rounds of balloting with three (3) or fewer candidates, ties for those with the second highest number of votes will result in no candidate being eliminated and cause an additional round of balloting.

If the same vote totals for all candidates repeat for three (3) ballot cycles, and one (1) candidate has received the most votes, that candidate shall be selected by plurality. If there is a tie for the candidate receiving the most votes, the candidate selected shall be determined by lot.

1.1.1.e Elections will be conducted in the following order: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. At the conclusion of the election for Treasurer, the newly elected officers shall assume office.

1.1.1.f Beginning in January 2017, officers may serve a maximum of two consecutive years in a particular office, unless earlier removed for non-performance of duties. After serving two years in one office, that Council Member may be elected to a different officer position.

LEARNING COMMUNITY SUBCOMMITTEES`

COUNCIL MEMBER	SUBCOUNCIL	BUDGET AND FINANCE			LEGISLATION			ELEMENTARY LEARNING AND DIVERSITY		
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mike Kuhn	1	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Brian Thommes	1	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Carol Hahn	2	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
	2	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mark Hoeger	3	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Sally Otis	3	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Angie Miller	4	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Lisa Schoenberger	4	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Douglas Brady	5	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Tonya Ward	5	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Andrew Brock	6	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Tim Hall	6	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd

NOTE: _____

<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form</p> <p>The Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties</p>

1. General

Section 8.2.1 of the Learning Community Policies & Procedures requires each Council Member to disclose in writing whether the Council Member has any financial interests or family relationships that could give rise to a conflict of interest in any matter coming before the Coordinating Council. Council Members must review, complete, and return this form to the Council Operations Manager by February 1 of each year of the Council Member's term on the Coordinating Council.

2. Definitions

"Business" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, sole proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint-stock company, receivership, trust, activity, or entity.

"Business with which the individual is associated or business association" means a business (1) in which the individual is a partner, limited liability company member, director, or officer; or (2) in which the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family is a stockholder of closed corporation stock worth \$1,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than 5% equity interest or is a stockholder of publicly traded stock worth \$10,000 or more at fair market value or which represents more than 10% equity interest.

"Coordinating Council" means the governing body of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

"Council Member" means a member of the Coordinating Council.

"Immediate family member" means a child residing in an individual's household, a spouse, or an individual claimed by that individual or that individual's spouse as a dependent for federal income tax purposes.

"Learning Community" means the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties.

3. Conflicts of Interest. A conflict of interest may exist in any of the following situations:

a. Financial Benefit or Detriment. A conflict of interest may exist when a Council Member would be required to take any action or make any decision in the discharge of the Council Member's official duties that may cause financial benefit or detriment to the Council Member, an immediate family member of the Council Member, or a business with which the Council Member is associated, which is distinguishable from the effects of such action on the public generally or a broad segment of the public. For example, a potential conflict of interest may exist where the Coordinating Council is going to vote on whether to award a contract to a particular service provider, and a Council Member's immediate family member is an owner of the service provider. Note that this example may also implicate 3.c. below if the contract is valued at \$2,000 or more (in any one year); however, 3.a. and 3.c. are not interchangeable, as 3.c. specifically applies to contracts, whereas the "financial benefit or detriment" standard of this section is a broader standard.

b. Recommending / Employing / Supervising Immediate Family Members. Nebraska law provides that Council Members and employees of the Learning Community

may, on behalf of the Learning Community, employ or recommend or supervise the employment of an immediate family member only if: 1) the Council Member or employee does not abuse the Council Member's official position, as described below; 2) the Council Member or employee makes a full disclosure on the record to the Coordinating Council and a written disclosure to the person in charge of keeping records for the Coordinating Council (by completing and submitting this form); and 3) the Coordinating Council approves the employment or supervisory position. Abuse of an official position includes, but is not limited to, employing an immediate family member: i) who is not qualified for and able to perform the duties of the position; ii) for an unreasonably high salary; or iii) who is not required to perform the duties of the position. For example, the requirements of this section would apply if the Coordinating Council was voting to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and a Council Member's immediate family member was a candidate for that position or, if the CEO was filling a vacant position and an immediate family member of the employee who supervises the vacant position was an applicant for the vacant position.

c. Contracts in Excess of \$2,000. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Coordinating Council and Learning Community employees are prohibited from entering into a contract on behalf of the Learning Community valued at \$2,000 or more, in any one year, with a Council Member, an employee, a Council Member's or employee's immediate family member, or a business with which a Council Member or employee is associated unless the contract is awarded through an open and public process, including prior public notice, and subsequent availability for public inspection during regular office hours of the Learning Community of the proposals considered and the contract awarded. No contract may be divided for the purpose of evading these requirements. For example, a violation of this section would occur if the Coordinating Council or a Learning Community employee were to enter into a contract (valued at \$2,000 or more in any one year) on behalf of the Learning Community with a business owned by a Council Member (e.g. for exterior painting services). Note that if the contract value were less than \$2,000, this section would not apply, but such an arrangement would be subject to 3.a above.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
The Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties

Are you aware of the existence of an actual or potential conflict of interest as described in Section 3 above?

- No Yes

If Yes, please list all relevant facts (attach additional pages, if necessary), including your best estimate of the date that the matter will come before the Coordinating Council and/or the date the Coordinating Council will decide or act on the issue. The Learning Community’s legal counsel will review any disclosures on this form, gather relevant facts, and make a recommendation to the Coordinating Council regarding the navigation of the conflict of interest.

I certify that I have read and understand the Learning Community’s policy on conflicts of interest and that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to disclose to the Council Operations Manager any conflict of interest arising after my submission of this form.

Name (please print)

Signature **Date**

Learning Community Coordinating Council

November 17th, 2022 – 6:00PM

1612 North 24th, Omaha, Nebraska

Meeting Minutes

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- ii. **Council Mission Statement: Together with school districts and community organizations as partners, we demonstrate, share, and implement more effective practices to measurably improve educational outcomes for children and families in poverty.**
- iii. Public Notice and Compliance Nebraska Open Meetings Law

A meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties was held November 17th, 2022. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place, and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on November 14th, 2022. The proofs of publication have been received and will be made a permanent part of the record of the meeting. Notice of the agenda was given to all members of the Council on November 11th, 2022.

iv. Council Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Hoeger, Schoenberger, Hahn, Hall, Thommes, Brock, Miller, Ward

Voting Members Excused: Servellon

Members Absent: Kozel, Jackson, Zingg

Staff Present: Videgla, Lewis, Ekwerekwu, O'Hara, Lopez

Also Present: BECI, Koley Jessen, GOALS

v. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

A. Reports

- i. Chair-

Mr. Zingg will resign in the appropriate time to hold the appointment for Sub 2 at the January 19th meeting. Ms. Schoenberger will resign in the appropriate time to hold the appointment for Sub 4 at the February 16th meeting.

ii. CEO-

1. Dr. Jolene Johnson, University of Nebraska's Munroe Meyer Institute, will join this month's meeting to discuss the LC program evaluation report. Prior to tonight's meeting, Dr. Johnson and her team presented materials to the ELD subcommittee at the November 15, 2022, meeting. Thanks to Council members and partners for participating in these discussions. Please plan to engage in discussions with the MMI team.
2. Congratulations to all Learning Community Coordinating Council members that have earned their elected position! We look forward to formally welcoming you all at our LCCC meeting on January 5, 2023, where you will be officially sworn into office. We will also elect council Officers at this meeting, so please come prepared and ready to vote.
3. Tonight, we consider a contract to retain Kent Rogert as lobbyist for the LC. Kent Rogert remains a consummate professional, is well respected, and consistently advocates for the LC in a proactive manner. I am excited to think that he will remain our lobbyist for another term. Please review the terms of the contract and be prepared to vote, according to what you determine as appropriate for the LC/LCCC.
4. Similar to last month's report, One World Community Health is nearing an agreement to lease the south center satellite location (16th/Hickory). This latest option includes an ability to purchase the building after 5 years. The negotiations remain "in their court". As more details are confirmed, a formal presentation of details will be provided to the LCCC.
5. Negotiations with the Wiesman Development (WD) group regarding securing a physical location for the 3rd Center location (98th/M) are nearing final stages. A revised LOI was submitted to WD on November 2, 2022, and we (LC) are awaiting responses. The LC's intention is to model lease agreements after those that we currently have in place to remain compliant and fiscally responsible with all capital funds/expenses. As more details are confirmed, a formal presentation of details will be provided to the LCCC.
6. The transition of the Parent University staff from Project Harmony to the LC has concluded. Both teams (LC and PH) are diligently working on all remaining logistics associated with staff transition, and the LC is ready to support and strengthen the PU program in all aspects. The start date for all PU staff members at the LC was October 24, 2022.
7. Millard Public Schools and Ralston Public Schools experienced success and lessons learned through the pilot offering of Circle of Security classes. Almost 20 families total started the courses, and those that consistently attend are providing positive and encouraging feedback. Additional cohorts will include Westside Community Schools in early 2023. We look forward to reviewing program data, accordingly.
8. Shirley Vargas, Nebraska Department of Education, has provided an update related to the Community Achievement Plan. The NDE Board met in early October to discuss findings and recommendations for extending the CAP for three more years. The CAP agenda item was removed from the November NDE Board meeting to ensure that the LCCC and other partners had ample time to discuss and review the plan. The full CAP document is attached to this month's informational packet.
9. Penny Gildea, Childcare Directors Training Program, has agreed that this program should be put "on hold" until landscape assessments and further strategic planning can occur to properly equip childcare directors with appropriate training and support activities. MMI will present data related to this program, but please keep in mind that the program did not fully operate in recent years as it has traditionally done in the past.
10. The BRIDGE organization interviewed candidates for the Executive Director position on November 1, 2022. The Board of Directors plans to name a finalist by the end of the 2022 calendar year, and the Bridge

leadership will join an upcoming LCCC meeting to fully discuss mission, vision, timelines and desired outcomes. Be ready for this presentation in early 2023, after the ED is selected and onboarded.

11. Mark Hoeger, Chair of LCCC, and the CEO of the LC met with the MOEC group on November 10, 2022 to discuss LC/district updates. This satisfies the legislative requirement to present to the group

- i. Treasurer- BFA approved the budget quarter to actual statements and is working on updating BFA policies

Jackson arrived at 6:05 PM

- ii. Legal Counsel- No report.

- iii. Foundation- No report.

III. Consent Agenda

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- i. Minutes of the October 20th, 2022, meeting of the Council
- ii. Treasurer Report- dated October 31st, 2022

Motion to approve Council meeting minutes of October 20th, 2022, and Treasurer's Report dated October 31st, 2022.

Motion first by Schoenberger, second by Hall.

Yeas: Hoeger, Hahn, Hall, Brock, Jackson, Miller, Thommes, Schoenberger, **Nays:** Ward, **Motion carried.**

IV. Programming Updates

- a) Centers Updates- Reports by North and South Center
- b) Superintendent's Plan- No report
- c) District Initiatives- No report

V. Subcommittee Reports-

- 1. Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee (ELD)- MMI presented data evaluation report

Motion to go into Executive session. Motion first by Hahn, second by Brock. Executive session starts 7:11PM. Executive session ends 7:37PM.

Motion to approve GOALS contract renewal for the remainder of the proposed contract year(s). Motion first by Brock, second by Ward.

Yeas: None, Nays: Hoeger, Hahn, Hall, Brock, Jackson, Miller, Thommes, Schoenberger, Ward, **Motion fails.**

2. Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee- No report

3. Legislative Subcommittee-

- i. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion that Kent Rogert of Jensen Rogert Associates be retained as a registered lobbyist of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties for a fee of \$30,000.00 for period November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023, and \$30,500.00 for period November 1, 2023, to October 31, 2024.

Motion made first by Schoenberger, second by Thommes. Discussion was held to potentially RFP the next contract after the present contract to ensure quality and effectiveness. Ms. Schoenberger listed a number of positive items that Kent Rogert orchestrated to promote the Learning Community.

Yeas: Hoeger, Hahn, Hall, Brock, Jackson, Miller, Thommes, Schoenberger, Ward, **Nays:** None, **Motion carried.**

VI. New Business

- 1) Review of the 2022-2025 Community Achievement Plan

Dr. Melissa Poloncic, Superintendent of DC West, presented history and context of the CAP, the current status of the CAP report, and the future items of the CAP report in conjunction with the Nebraska State Board of Education.

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VIII. Adjourn at 8:02 PM.

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- Treasurer's Report dated October 31st, 2022
- Centers Updates
- CEO Report
- MMI Presentation-Handouts
- CAP 2022-2025
- Kent Rogert Contract
- District Initiatives Updates