

# Learning Community Coordinating Council

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00PM

1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110

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## I. Opening the Meeting

- i. Call to Order: The regular November meeting of the Learning Community Council is called to order on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6 p.m.
- 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. Council Roll Call:
- v. Pledge of Allegiance

## II. Public Comment

## III. Reports

- i. Chair
- ii. CEO

## IV. Consent Agenda

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

- i. Minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Council

## V. New Business

- 1) Interview Candidates for Appointment to the Subcouncil 1 vacancy.
  - i. Action Item: Vote by written ballot to determine recommended finalists.
  - ii. Action Item: Motion to nominate one or more candidates as a finalist (up to 3) for Subcouncil 1 vacancy (including any candidate who receives a majority of the votes).
  - iii. Action Item: Vote by written ballot to select the appointee.
  - iv. Action Item: Appoint one finalist to the Subcouncil 1 candidate vacancy.
- 2) Council Resignation
  - i. **Action Item:** Motion to Accept Resignation of Amy Scott (Subcouncil 4) from the Coordinating Council

Upcoming Meeting – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68110

VI. Adjourn

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**UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

Advisory Committee	To Be Determined
LC Coordinating Council	January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023, 6:00 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 <sup>th</sup> 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

**HANDOUTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOW**

- CEO Report
- LCCC Minutes dated November 16, 2023
- Subcouncil 1 Election (Candidates Documents, Applications)

## CEO Report

### December 7, 2023 LCCC MEETING

1. Staffing changes: As of 11/21/2023 Former Human Resources Operations Manager is no longer employed with the Learning community. After 14 years of dedicated service Executive Assistant Paula Erlewine will retire from the Learning Community. We have solicited the assistance of a private firm to assist the Learning Community with our HR needs. We are currently in the hiring process for both positions.
2. Programming updates: The Fall Harvest festival was held at the end of November and was very successful. We held programming and fed over 100 people. Both centers will be holding a similar winter festival in December. Six school districts submitted proposals for the Special Projects funds. The districts will conduct a presentation for their request at the next ELD sub-committee meeting held on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Preliminary conversations have been held with our new Facility Manager from the Lund company to address the many concerns with the North campus building. A meeting will be scheduled with our legal counsel to discuss the terms of the lease agreement with the Lund Company.
4. Productive conversations are being held with each of the eleven school district superintendents. The conversation topics have been and will continue to be about the vision and mission of the Learning community, How the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County can be better partners, and How the Learning Community can help with the challenges of early education in their districts.

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- 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Notice of the meeting, containing the date, time, place, and agenda, was given in advance thereof by publication in the Daily Record on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The proof of publication has 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### iv. Council Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Brady, Brock, Hahn, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton,

Voting Members Excused: Scott

Members Absent:

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

Also Present: Koley Jessen, Emspace, BECI, OPS

#### v. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Public Comment

Lisa Schoenberger ( 3308 S 152<sup>nd</sup> Cir, Omaha NE 68144)

Allen Hager (16408 Riggs Street, Omaha NE)

### III. Reports

- i. Chair- Miller shared that there is a DocuSign scam going around, so please be aware. There will be a December 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting coming up and an ELD meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Chair shared she will reserve her words for Dr. Ekwerekwu during the time allocated for his celebration.
- ii. CEO-
  1. Please review the Centers Update meeting material to learn more about current events going on at the Centers. This report includes multiple updates on current and future programming and family engagement at LCCNO and LCCSO.
  2. At tonight's meeting, the LCCC will hear from Omaha Public Schools. Please participate in the prepare for and participate in the conversation to learn more about the district initiatives program, evaluation, and overall impact in the school/community.
  3. Thank you to all individuals that were able to attend the Data Walk on November 9 at 3:30 PM at LCCNO. The LCCC will hear from MMI, our program evaluation partner, at the January 2024 LCCC meeting where they will be presenting the yearly LC program evaluation. LCCC members are encouraged to ask questions, engage in dialogue, and promote collaboration with our valued program partner.
  4. Discussions continue with Omaha Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) and El Mero Mero are on-going to discuss renewing the leases at the LCCNO and LCCSO locations. The Executive subcommittee will review terms and advise on next steps in the coming months.
  5. The Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties will hold a special election at tonight's meeting to elect a Subcouncil 1 member and an additional special election on December 7, 2023 for another Subcouncil 1 member. Please ensure to share the postings with our community.
  6. A few points to consider at this calendars' year end: Strategic Planning facilitation, CEO search planning, upcoming contract/lease deadlines, Insurance renewals for the LC, LCCC informative orientation session(s) with NASB in January, new council member and officer elections in January, on-going community collaborations supporting the LC mission.
- iii. Treasurer- Hall thanked the BFA committee for their thoroughness and diligence in putting into the review of this month's treasurer report.
- iv. Legal Counsel- No report
- v. Foundation- No report

### IV. Consent Agenda

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- i. Minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the Council
- ii. Treasurer's Report- dated October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Motion first by Miller, second by Kuhn, to approve the Minutes of the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting of the council and the Treasurer's report dated October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**Yeas:** Brady, Brock, Hahn, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, **Nays: Motion carried.**

#### V. Programming Updates

- a) Centers Updates- Presentation by Nayeli Lopez
- b) Superintendent's Plan-
- c) District Initiatives- Instructional Coaching Discussion by Omaha Public Schools

#### VI. Subcommittee Reports-

- a) Elementary Learning and Diversity Subcommittee (ELD)- Milled shared they will be meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> to talk about the upcoming special projects.
- b) Budget, Finance and Audit Subcommittee- Hall shared that Alice never gets a break, and she is beginning to prep for the next round of Audit.
- c) Legislative Subcommittee- No report
- d) Administration and Personnel- No report
- e) Transition Subcommittee- No report

#### VII. New Business

- 1) Emspace Quarterly Report
- 2) Interview Candidates for Appointment to the Subcouncil 1 vacancy.

Candidates Brooke Givens & Victoria Johnson were interviewed for the Subcouncil 1 vacancy.

Brooke Givens (5 Votes)  
Victoria Johnson (4 Votes)

- i. Action Item:** Vote by written ballot to select the appointee.

Brooke Givens has been selected as the final candidate.

- 3) Council Resignation

- i. Action Item:** Motion to Accept Resignation of Gerald Kuhn from the Coordinating Council

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Miller, second by, to accept resignation of Gerald Kuhn from the Coordinating Council

**Yeas:** Brady, Brock, Givens, Hahn, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, **Nays:** **Motion carried.**

- ii. Action Item:** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, the motion to approve the interim CEO contract with Gerald Kuhn

Motion 1<sup>st</sup> by Miller, second by Brady, to approve the interim CEO contract with Gerald Kuhn

**Yeas:** Brady, Brock, Givens, Hahn, Hall, Hoeger, Kuhn, Miller, Otis, Shelton, **Nays:** **Motion carried.**

VIII. Upcoming Meeting – December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68110

IX. Adjourn at 8:08 PM.

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- September Treasurer's Report dated September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- CEO Report
- Center Updates

- Budget to Actual 4QFY 2022/2023 financial statements
- BECI Evaluation
- Ralston Public School Presentation
- Parent University Presentation
- Council Member Letter of Resignation (Brian Thommes)





**ELECTED MEMBER VACANCY APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE  
ACHIEVEMENT SUBCOUNCILS OF  
THE LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES**

*Applicant must reside within the boundaries of the Achievement Subcouncil to which they are submitting their candidacy.*

Name: Cynthia (Cindy) A Johnson

Home Address: 6069 N 146th Street, Omaha NE 68116

Home Phone: 402-750-2349

E-mail: audiocindy@gmail.com

Business: St Pius X Catholic Church

Business Address: 6905 Blondo Street, Omaha NE 68104

Business Phone: 402-558-8336

Business E-mail: cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org

Please indicate which Achievement Subcouncil you reside in:

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| <input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 2            | <input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 4 | <input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 6 |

Please indicate which School District you reside in:

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| <input type="radio"/> Elkhorn Public Schools    | <input type="radio"/> Ralston Public Schools                   |  |
| <input type="radio"/> Gretna Public Schools     | <input type="radio"/> Springfield Platteview Community Schools |  |

Do you currently hold any public office?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," please list:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony in this, or any, state? ☐ Yes ☒ No (Nebraska State Revised Statute 29-112)

**REQUIRED** – Please attach a cover letter and your resume. List applicable education and/or experience:

see attached

How would your experience benefit the Achievement Subcouncil area you reside in and the Learning Community Coordinating Council?

List any additional qualifications you feel would benefit the Achievement Subcouncil and the Learning Community Coordinating Council:

I am a risk taker and a builder. I started a business, grew it and sold it. When I started at Children's, I was the sole audiologist on staff with the challenge to re-build the reputation of the Audiology department after my predecessor was fired due to incompetence. When I retired earlier this year, there were 5 audiologists on staff seeing patients for multiple clinics in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

I've taken a new "leap of faith" and started working at my church to build new connections both within the congregation and the Omaha community.

I hereby certify I am qualified to hold the position for which this application is made. Furthermore, I hereby authorize the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties to investigate the truthfulness of all of the information I have provided in this application. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of information requested in this application is cause for disqualification. **Please Note:** Application materials may be subject to disclosure under the Nebraska Public Records Act.

  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

**PLEASE NOTE:** Application needs to be notarized.

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

)

COUNTY OF Douglas )

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State of Nebraska, personally came, Cynthia A. Johnson, to me known to be the identical person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his/her voluntary acts and deeds.

Witness my hand and notary seal the day and year last above written.

KYLE E HANSEN  
General Notary - State of Nebraska  
My Commission Expires May 13, 2027

  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEBRASKA

Please return your application, cover letter and resume to the office of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties • 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street • Omaha, NE 68110 • Office: 402.964.2405 • Fax: 402.964.2478

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November 24, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider this letter and the attached resume/curriculum vitae my application for the open seat for District 1 of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County

Professionally, I spent 32 years serving people and their hearing care needs, the last 15 as a pediatric audiologist. In that role, I learned early intervention was (and still is) the key to learning success for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. I spent considerable amounts of time coordinating with schools and other resources to ensure children had the equipment and services necessary to achieve their potential. In 2000-2001 I was part of a coalition that established Nebraska's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program and served on its board at various times since then. In short, access is key.

I have served the communities in which I lived and worked in various capacities. I owned a private audiology practice in Norfolk Nebraska and while living and working there, served on the board of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce and Norfolk Area United Way. I helped organize a large health fair that was free to the community and surrounding region. In our state professional audiology organization, I have held various leadership positions. All of these are outlined on my CV. My involvement with Community Organizing for the past 20+ years has strengthened my leadership skills and afforded me the opportunity to meet people from other faith communities and institutions, especially here in Omaha.

My current position is at St. Pius X Catholic church where my role as Pastoral Associate incorporates finding and training leaders and organizing ministries to serve our congregation members as well as people who live within our church boundaries. St Pius X is a founding member of Omaha Together One Community, which advocated for the development of the Learning Community and its purpose.

Bridging gaps and supporting strategies to improve educational outcomes is a mission I support 100%. It would be an honor to serve the Learning Community and the students at the member school districts. I would appreciate the opportunity to talk more with the council to determine if I am the right person for this position.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Johnson

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**Curriculum Vitae**

**Experience:**

**August to December 2023 Adjunct Faculty University of Nebraska-Omaha**  
**Department of Special Education & Communication Disorders** Professor of Hearing Science  
Course for undergraduate Speech Language Pathology Students. The Course is cross-listed as a graduate level course for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing education program.

**February 2023 to present: St. Pius X Catholic Church:**

Pastoral Associate

Build relationships using established community organizing techniques with St Pius X members and within the surrounding community of Omaha to identify and train leaders, direct people into ministries or action areas of interest and facilitate working together for the common good. Also function as the staff liaison to St Pius/St Leo School and the pastoral and finance councils of the parish.

**January 2009 to January 2023: University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**Department of Communication Disorders**

Clinical practicum supervisor for audiology doctoral students.

**February 2008 to September 2023: Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Omaha NE**  
**Pediatric Audiologist**

Provided audiology services for the entire facility. Services include inpatient and outpatient diagnostic evaluations and hearing aid fitting and dispensing for children from birth to 21. Specific interest in auditory brainstem testing, auditory processing and pediatric amplification. Was involved with 3 research projects within specific population groups.

**May 2005 to December 2007: Norfolk Ear Nose & Throat, PC**

**Clinical Audiologist**

Provide diagnostic audiology services in a private otolaryngology practice. Services included dispensing hearing instruments and other assistive technology for all ages.

**August 2003 to August 2014 Adjunct Faculty University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**Department of Communication Disorders**

Taught Practice Management and Hearing Conservation Courses to Audiology Doctoral Students.

**November 2000 to May 2005: Family Audiology & Hearing Care, PC**

**Owner/Audiologist**

Started a private practice to provide high quality hearing health care to residents of northeast Nebraska, including dispensing hearing instruments to all ages. This practice invested in the equipment needed to provide follow-up diagnostic testing for the Nebraska Newborn Screening Program and provided pediatric services for the area.

**August 1991 to August 1999: Norfolk Audiology-Hearing Center**

Provided diagnostic services as a staff audiologist to an otolaryngology office in the same building. Dispensed hearing instruments to mostly adult patients however, any pediatric patients referred to the practice were directed to my care.

**Education:**

Doctor of Audiology, 2004  
University of Florida-Gainesville

Master of Arts 1991

Audiology

University of Kansas

Master's Thesis: "The Effect of Analog to Digital Conversion on Wave V of the Auditory Brainstem Response". Accepted and Approved May 1991

Bachelor of Science 1988

Speech Pathology & Audiology

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Teacher's College

**Certification:**

American Speech & Hearing Association's Certificate of Clinical Competence 1991-present.

**Professional Memberships:**

Member of the American Speech & Hearing Association (ASHA). ACE award 2013 and 2015

Member of the American Auditory Society

Member of Educational Audiology Association

Member of Nebraska Speech Language and Hearing Association

Past President (2011) and past chair of the Publicity Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. Current member of Legislative Affairs and Insurance and Reimbursement Committees

**Additional Training:**

Ongoing Audiologic Assessment for Infants: 3-part workshop. National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management, June 2005

Kresge Hearing Research Laboratory Continuing Education Course "Identification and Management of Hearing-Impaired Infants and Children", June 19-22, 2002 New Orleans, LA

Graduate of the Leadership Norfolk program 2003 This program is designed to prepare leaders for the community. It is a 9 month program that included guest speakers and activities to promote leadership and to aid individuals in developing strong leadership qualities.

**Licensure:**

State of Nebraska Audiology/Hearing Instrument Dispenser #031

**Presentations/Posters:**

Video presentation on Family Issues: "Baby...Can You Hear Me", HHS/Nebraska Newborn Hearing Screening Program Conference, November 2002 in Kearney, NE.

Audiology Grand Rounds: Case Presentation, Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, September 2007 in Kearney, NE.

*Hearing Loss in NICU Graduates: Risk Factors and Referral for Services.* Courtney Cotter, Jaime Benson, Howard Needelman, Cynthia Johnson, Holly Roberts, Nicholas Torbert. Presented at the Twelfth Annual MMI Poster Session, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE.

*The Effects of Bisphosphonates on Hearing and Middle ear Dysfunction in Pediatric Osteogenesis Imperfecta Population.* Megan Gillespie, Cynthia Johnson, Arianna Dalamaggas, Adriano DellaPolla, Elizabeth Strudthoff, Maegan Wallace. Presented at the CHRI Pediatric Research Forum 2021 and also at the 2021 NSHLA Convention. Submitted for publication Fall 2023.

#### **Leadership/Community Service:**

**Nebraska Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program** Was a member of the coalition to start this program in the State in 2000-2001. Served on the advisory council at various times over the last 20+ years.

**P.A.T.C.H Committee (Planned Approach to Community Health)** 2000-2007 Served in all officer positions at various times on this committee which organizes an annual area health fair and promotes other healthy activities in Northeast Nebraska.

**Norfolk Area United Way** 2003-2009 Board of Directors  
President 2006 Co-Chair of the annual campaign, 2007-2009

**Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce** 2004-2007 Board of Directors

**St. Leonard Catholic Church** 1991-2010

Served as Chair of the Parish Council, Chair of the Ladies Guild, Choir leader, Catechism Instructor.

**St Pius X Catholic Church** 2010-present. Secretary of Pastoral Council 2019-2020, Catholic Social Teaching Committee/Omaha Together One Community, 2010 to present. Member of Women's Organization, Member of the Leadership Team since its inception, Past member of Liturgy Committee, and co-lead a guitar group that leads music for Mass. Served as co-chair of the 2 largest fundraiser events at various times.





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Do you currently hold any public office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
If "Yes," please list:		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony in this, or any, state? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No (Nebraska State Revised Statute 29-112)		
<b>REQUIRED</b> – Please attach a cover letter and your resume. List applicable education and/or experience:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 7 years working as a paraprofessional</li><li>• Over 6 years working with preschoolers at the YMCA</li><li>• Over 9 years working in the financial industry</li></ul>		
How would your experience benefit the Achievement Subcouncil area you reside in and the Learning Community Coordinating Council?		

List any additional qualifications you feel would benefit the Achievement Subcouncil and the Learning Community Coordinating Council:

- Time spent attending school board meetings
- Volunteered with the Elkhorn backpack program
- Experience as a paraprofessional mostly with kiddos with special needs or needing reading assistance

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Victoria Johnson  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

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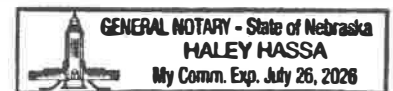
STATE OF NEBRASKA )

COUNTY OF Douglas )

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2023, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State of Nebraska, personally came, Victoria Johnson, to me known to be the identical person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his/her voluntary acts and deeds.

Witness my hand and notary seal the day and year last above written.

Hailey Hassa  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEBRASKA



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# VICTORIA J JOHNSON

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📍 Bennington, NE 68007

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dependable employee equipped for fast-paced work and changing daily needs. Serves customers effectively with attention to detail and hardworking approach. Seeks out opportunities to go beyond basics, improve processes, and increase customer satisfaction.

## SKILLS

- Problem-solving
- Verbal communication
- Customer relations
- Sales enablement
- Task prioritization
- Analytical thinking
- Planning
- Organization
- Manage editing
- Editing and proofreading

## EXPERIENCE

### INVESTMENT ANALYST Oct 2023- Current

*Charles Schwab Omaha NE*

- Facilitates administrative and operational functions of trading desk.
- Prepares plans of action for investments using financial analyses.
- Assists with financial modeling, research and other analysis to support acquisition and asset management efforts.
- Maintains trusting client relationships by openly communicating proposals, updates and identified problems.
- Collaborates on projects with other professionals.

### MORTGAGE CLOSE COORDINATOR Sep 2021- Sep 2023

*Pentagon Federal Credit Union Omaha NE*

- Worked within approval limits to move loans forward and confers with managers to handle the larger and more complex applications.
- Monitored pipeline by communicating with underwriters and processors.
- Gained knowledge of products and programs offered to educate clients about various product solutions.

### PARAPROFESSIONAL Aug 2014- May 2021

*Elkhorn Public Schools Elkhorn NE*

Paraprofessional for Elkhorn Public Schools. Worked with children of all ages and abilities.

- Maintained a clean and organized classroom space to help students feel welcome and promote learning.
- Observed students during activities and assignments to document their strengths and weaknesses.
- Offered extra assistance to disabled students such as helping them access facilities and use assistive devices.

### PRESCHOOL TEACHER Aug 2008- May 2014

*YMCA Omaha NE*

- Organized classroom spaces with multiple stations to engage the students in different ways while boosting learning.
- Supported students emotionally, socially and academically with one-on-one learning.

### PERSONAL BANKER Sep 2001- Jul 2008

*Commercial Federal Bank / Bank of the West Omaha NE*

- Consistently prospected new leads and capitalized on business opportunities to increase the overall client base.
- Maintained consistent contact with clients to quickly identify changes in their financial status and recommend new products.
- Helped managers improve area operations by sharing customer feedback and contributing new ideas.
- Consulted with customers to understand desires and suggest best products to meet needs.
- Left to stay home with my children.

## EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF ARTS - COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*University of Nebraska - Lincoln Lincoln NE*

- GPA 3.5
- Minor in French

### HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA - BUSINESS

*Holdrege High School, Holdrege, NE*

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## Community Members

Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties

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Elected Member Vacancy Application to serve on the Achievement Subcouncils of The Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy County

Dear Learning Community Subcouncil Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to apply for the Learning Community Subcouncil. I have a strong desire to improve education in Nebraska. I live in Bennington, NE, my son attends Elkhorn North and my daughter and son opted into DC West Public Schools the last two years. My daughter just graduated from DCW in May. My oldest son graduated from Elkhorn High School in 2019, Elkhorn North opened in 2020. My younger children opted into DC West the past two years because of their strong partnership with Metro Community College.

In the past three years, I've attended school board meetings at Elkhorn, Bennington, DC West and Gretna. I've worked with school board members and parents at Elkhorn, Bennington and DC West to compare and contrast the districts on curriculum, goals, attendance and potential school board members and superintendents. The districts closely mirror one another so it's important to stay up to date on neighboring districts.

I'm passionate about serving the thousands of students receiving free and reduced lunch who reside in District One of The Learning Community. Through my experience working in the schools and assisting with the backpack program through Bethany Lutheran Church, the need is there and it's great.

I would greatly appreciate your vote on December 7th. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Victoria Johnson

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**ELECTED MEMBER VACANCY APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE  
ACHIEVEMENT SUBCOUNCILS OF  
THE LEARNING COMMUNITY OF DOUGLAS AND SARPY COUNTIES**

*Applicant must reside within the boundaries of the Achievement Subcouncil to which they are submitting their candidacy.*

Name: <u>Tilma L Clark</u>		
Home Address: <u>6996 North 172nd Street</u>		
Home Phone: <u>402-306-2734</u>	E-mail: <u>Tim.Clark@cox.net</u>	
Business: <u>MCC</u>		
Business Address: <u>5300 North 30th Street</u>		
Business Phone: <u>531-622-2371</u>	Business E-mail: <u>TCClark24@mccneb.edu</u>	
Please indicate which Achievement Subcouncil you reside in:		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 1	<input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 3	<input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 5
<input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 2	<input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 4	<input type="radio"/> Achievement Subcouncil 6
Please indicate which School District you reside in:		
<input type="radio"/> Bellevue Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Millard Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Westside Community
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Bennington Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Omaha Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Schools
<input type="radio"/> DC West Community Schools	<input type="radio"/> Papillion-La Vista School District	
<input type="radio"/> Elkhorn Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Ralston Public Schools	
<input type="radio"/> Gretna Public Schools	<input type="radio"/> Springfield Platteview Community Schools	
Do you currently hold any public office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
If "Yes," please list:		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony in this, or any, state? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No (Nebraska State Revised Statute 29-112)		
<b>REQUIRED</b> – Please attach a cover letter and your resume. List applicable education and/or experience:		
How would your experience benefit the Achievement Subcouncil area you reside in and the Learning Community Coordinating Council?		

List any additional qualifications you feel would benefit the Achievement Subcouncil and the Learning Community Coordinating Council:

I hereby certify I am qualified to hold the position for which this application is made. Furthermore, I hereby authorize the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties to investigate the truthfulness of all of the information I have provided in this application. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of information requested in this application is cause for disqualification. **Please Note:** Application materials may be subject to disclosure under the Nebraska Public Records Act.

Tilma L. Clark

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

**PLEASE NOTE:** Application needs to be notarized.

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

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COUNTY OF Douglas )

On this 1st day of December, 2023, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State of Nebraska, personally came, Tilma L. Clark, to me known to be the identical person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his/her voluntary acts and deeds.

Witness my hand and notary seal the day and year last above written.



Ernest J. White

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEBRASKA

Please return your application, cover letter and resume to the office of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties • 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street • Omaha, NE 68110 • Office: 402.964.2405 • Fax: 402.964.2478

## **Tim Clark**

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Email: [Tim\\_clark@cox.net](mailto:Tim_clark@cox.net)

List applicable education and/or experience:

- 40 Years of experience in Youth and Family Development
- Youth Prevention and Intervention Programming
- Program training in Executive Leadership and Management
- Board Policy, Advocacy, and Fund-Development
- Business Owner for over 30 years
- Not-for-Profit management 20 plus years
- City of Omaha and the Greater

How would your experience benefit the Achievement Subcouncil area you reside in and the Learning Community Coordinating Council? I believe with my knowledge and experiences I would be able to help shape policy, procedures, and development.

List any additional qualifications:

## Tim Clark

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To Whom It May Concern:

First, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit my application to be considered for **Achievement Subcouncil 1** vacancy. I feel that my work over the last 40 years have been to a large degree aligned with the mission and purpose of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties of narrowing the achievement gap. When I look at my work with Educare of Omaha, City of Omaha, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Clark Connection Group, YMCA, YouthNet a gang intervention program, and now working as a director at Metro Community College I believe I can be a positive asset to the council.

I have advocated and committed my time, talent, and resources to strengthening families in the greater Omaha area. I look forward to this opportunity to serve and continue my work around early childhood development and empowering families.

Once again, thank you for giving me consideration to fill this vacancy in subcouncil 1.

Born to Serve,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tim Clark", is written over a horizontal line.

Tim Clark,  
402-306-2734

# Tim L. Clark

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Tim Clark, Omaha native, graduated from Benson High School and the University of South Dakota. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education with an emphasis on Voice, Performing, and Choral Conducting. Tim has been blessed with an opportunity to serve the Omaha community for over the past 35 years. Tim has shared his deep golden voice with people from all over the world. He enhanced his musical, performing skills, and understanding of cultures and people while touring with the international group **"Up With People."** While touring with **Up With People**, he visited over 11 countries including Germany, Switzerland and the Soviet Union to name a few. Upon returning to Omaha, Tim began his career with the YMCA as a YouthNet Outreach Worker, and was later promoted to the Director of the YouthNet program, which was a Gang Intervention Program in the 80's. Tim served as the Executive Director of the Butler-Gast YMCA and the South Omaha Community YMCA. Tim also served under the former Mayor of Omaha P. J. Morgan as the Executive Director of the Omaha Community Partnership and Staff Advisor to the Mayor.

Tim served as the Executive Director of the Love's Jazz and Arts Center. The mission of the Love's Jazz and Arts Center is to Preserve Promote and Present African American Arts and Jazz. He also served three years as the Vice President of Member Services for the **Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce**, responsible for Sales and Retention with over 3,000 members with revenues of \$2.5 million., Omaha Community Foundation, African American Unity Fund and NorthStar Foundation, past board President of Girls Inc., and 100 Black Men of Omaha. Tim served five years on the Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau, appointed position by the Mayor of Omaha. He is the co-founder of Omaha Mass Choir and the executive producer of the Omaha Mass Choir CD **"God Is Good"**. Tim was the **Voice of Omaha** for the commercial that was used to promote the City of Omaha **"Yeah, It's the steaks Baby, and the Sizzle"**. Tim is the founder of the Omaha Riverfront Jazz & Blues Festival and the Nebraska Multicultural Expo both events managed by Clark Connection Group which attracted over 60,000 people during a ten-year period. Clark Connection Group is a public relations/marketing, business development, and organizational capacity building company. Clark Connection Group, Inc., has also developed an "Excellence in Customer Service and Networking" training module.

Tim is currently serving as the Director of Community/Business Relations and Youth Forward Director at Metropolitan Community College. The work at MCC is centered around helping students create a positive path forward through skill certificate programs and/or associate degree programs. He also serve as a facilitator of a community group of Leaders with a focus on improving the quality of life for people living in North Omaha...with a focus on Mentoring, Trades/Job Skills Development, Education, Health/Wellness, and Crime Prevention/Intervention. He is the Managing Partner for Collective Impact Group II, LLC which is a Real Estate Investment Company. Tim is the founder/facilitator of Moving People 2Action...a social media platform to increase awareness, educate, with a focus on moving people to "Action".

Tim is the former host of Heartland Focus, aired on NBC Affiliate WOWT6, a weekly talk show that focus on events and news happening in the Heartland. Tim is married to Dinah and is the proud father of daughter, Jessica and son Brice. Both attend Nebraska Universities! (UNO and UNL)

## **Strengths:**

- Over 35 years of Managing Special Projects, and Events
- Organizational Capacity Building, Leadership Development
- Fund Development
- Masterful Networker and helping people to connect in meaningful ways
- Public/Government Relations, Community Engagement and Marketing
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Mobilization and Engagement
- Professional/Social Networking...Making Connections That Count
- Customer Service Training
- Restaurant Management
- Project Management

## **Volunteer Service:**

- Board Service: Past Board Member - Girls Inc., past President, NorthStar Foundation, Omaha Community Foundation, and Past Chair of the Omaha Fund, and The Rose Children Theater. Current board member of 100 Black Men of Omaha, and past President of the Board.