

Learning Community Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda

May 22, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

1612 North 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68110

Learning Community Vision: *That all children within the Learning Community achieve academic success without regard to social or economic circumstances.*

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are as follows: **

1. **Opening the Meeting:**

- a. **Call to order:** The regular meeting of the Learning Community Coordinating Council is called to order on May 22, 2025, at 6:02 p.m.
- b. **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.
- c. **Public Notice and Compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law:** Public Notice was published in The Daily Record on May 16, 2025, and on the Learning Community Website.
- d. **Council Roll Call:** Present: 10 Excused: Absent: 2 Quorum: Y
- e. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Please stand and face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Comment:** Are there any public comments?

3. **Reports:**

1. **Good News Report:**

A. Staff & Participant Spotlight

Nayeli- *So as you know, we started last month bringing in the opportunity, some highlights of what, all the successes that are happening with the learning community. So today we have our members, one of our graduates Roxana Mancía.*

Mancía- *I started to say that thank you so much because this program is changed my life. I remember when I come to the state, I don't understand nothing. One time I need to order something in the hurricane and I cry because I say to other people, can you help me? And they*

say that no, you need to learn, you can do it, but I don't help anymore. And when I go to the hospital, it's very hard when you go and don't understand nothing. I remember when I was with my first daughter, it's very hard for me because nothing in the clinic is speaking Spanish. And all the time I need a way for somebody to come, maybe help me, or somebody call. But it's more hard when my daughter started school because sometimes she's very, very excited. Say, Mom, you can help me. And I say, sorry, Mama, I don't understand.

2. Chair Report:

Hoeger-that is the good news report. We're going to have more of that? Yes, good news reports every month. The chair's report is next, and as I mentioned, sharnell is not here. She's doing some extensive training on increasing her skills as a professional fundraiser, which I'm very excited about, but I want to give credit to her as chairman, taking the initiative at Looking into the 21st century by making the commitment to go paperless in our record-keeping, bookkeeping, and specifically how we operate our meetings and distribute materials and that kind of stuff.

Nicole Kobus gave a presentation on how to work through sparq.

3. CEO Report:

Kuhn-Well, good evening. I want to first start by acknowledging the council. You guys have done an amazing job of supporting me and the learning community over the two years. So, I want to say thank you. And any other time that I could support you guys, I want to be there. I want to say thank you.

So, I just wanted to take a second and acknowledge Mark Hoeger on his play. I've never been to Manly, Nebraska, never heard of Nebraska until... Population 480. Yeah, Population 480. I had more in my senior class than in the town. But he did an amazing job at the play. He played somebody's husband and somebody's father. It was an awesome play. And, yeah, Councilwoman Ms. Cynthia Johnson, came out and supported Mark as well. So I just want to give you your flowers and say you did a great job.

Now, down to business. We have a new employee, here is a woman that needs no introduction to this council. She had worked with one of our partners before, and she did amazing work with the BECI, and I was lucky enough to be able to get her to come over to the learning community to still support the work. she still works very closely with the BECI and I'm very fortunate to have her, Ms. Monica Wells, if you want to introduce yourself.

Wells- hello everyone. I'm excited to be here, enjoy my time with BECI and will still be working closely with them as well on uplifting our initiatives, This team is amazing, so it's been great so far. I'm on day 22 right now.

Kuhn- So Mark and I have been doing a lot of work and trying to discover how we can build our foundation and how we can advance the mission of the learning community. One thing that we know that works is School is Hub expansion. And so we're looking at getting a grant, to expand School is Hub. Nayeli and I have crafted another way to expand School is Hub to

another school, but we'll talk about that at another day. But I think we're gonna shy away from the grant right now just because it's too competitive with OPS and I don't want to rock the boat with our good people from OPS and I think they're doing amazing. If awarded, it will still benefit the kids that we serve in the Omaha community. We have a couple of new contracts to approve that will be put in front of the council.

But I wanted to just talk about the BECI, that their contract is ending this year, and they're seeking renewal. They have been a partner with the learning community for years, and have done amazing work that has truly moved the needle with kids in poverty. I'm talking about reading literacy has improved. Attendance has improved. There's a host of other things that I'm sure Dr. Smith will speak to later. But also, MMI is seeking renewal. They are the vendor that takes care of all our research and data evaluation, and they have done an amazing job at being able to pull the data together so we can tell the story of how well we are doing. Cindy and I had the opportunity to go to the D2 Center and listen to the story and listen to their mission.

Our MOEC partnership, which is through state legislation, is this year. And so I've been in contact with Terry Hawk, who is developing a budget. So there will be a lot of things for this council to vote on. Next month before the budget in August. We are deep in the audit process right now the state audit, Andrew is working diligently, kudos to Andrew. He's doing double work, So essentially he's recreating work from two years ago and producing the work from this year, He is a one-man band, and so normally we would have the results of the state audit in May. So we would be able to go through that, but because he's had to do that, we don't have the audit completed yet, but we're still working on it.

We had an amazing turnout, as most of you have probably seen when I sent the email out for Cinco de Mayo, the parade. I think that was the biggest turnout that we've ever had. A lot of children and families came out.

We had two interviews today; we had two interviews yesterday for our program director position. So, Nghia is no longer with us, the director of the Parent University, and we are down two managers in that department. So, all of us have been pitching in together, those in this room and those not in this room, to be able to stand that up. We will be grateful once we get that position hired because they have a lot of work ahead. And that completes my CEO report.

4. Treasurer Report:

Keck- *So the policy is to allow our plus funds for my multi-year contract and how it could go forward. Reallocated to later years, step-by-step, year-long. We would select which year, so choose to have all the years of the last year before used as an amendment, and then it would still be subject to us. But it would only be a one-time.*

We have to put an account inside. If I have to, every single year, go in and see, you didn't spend \$10,000, then try to year after year. This money, I'm a year one, I'm a year, if I have to cancel, go

back to four. And so having this policy in place to have one-time ability to use peer review in the last few agreements, again, we're not adding more to it.

It's just reality at the end of the day. And not to justify why, we can always say no. If you start at the end of the year and then don't do what you're supposed to do, we can still deny it.

5. **Legal Counsel: N/A**

6. **Foundation: N/A**

4. **Consent Agenda:**

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on in the same motion.

- a. Minutes of April 17, 2025, meeting of the Council.
- b. Treasurer's Report - May 2025
- c. Employee Relations Policy
- d. Monetary Policy

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- e. Minutes of March 20, 2025, meeting of the Council.
- f. Treasurer's Report - April, 2025
- g. Unpaid Time Off due to Inclement Weather or Building Closure
- h. Certification of Medical Leave Employee Form
- i. Certification of Medical Leave for Qualifying Family Member
- j. Family Medical Leave Request Form

Motion: To approve the consent agenda April 17, 2025 as presented.

First: Whitted Jr Second: Bloom

Discussion: No discussion

Moved to vote: Yes 10 No Abstain

Motion: passed X failed:

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First: Whitted Jr Second: Preston Jr

Discussion: No discussion

Moved to vote: Yes 10 No Abstain

Motion: passed X failed

VI. **Subcommittee Reports:**

- a. Elementary, Learning, and Diversity (ELD) subcommittee:
- b. Budget, Finance, and Audit subcommittee:
- c. Legislative and Policy subcommittee:
- d. Administration and Personnel subcommittee:

VII. **Programming Update:**

- a. Center Updates

VIII. **New Business:**

- Superintendent Plan/ BECI 2025-2029
- MMI 2025-2026
- Workforce Proposal

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 pm

Next Meeting – June 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68110

***Executive/Closed Session:** If, during the meeting, a discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the council will conduct a closed meeting per the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

****Sequence of Agenda:** The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the Council. Please arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

UPCOMING LEARNING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

LC Coordinating Council	June 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68110
Subcouncil #1	TBA
Subcouncil #2	TBA
Subcouncil #3	TBA

Subcouncil #4	TBA
Subcouncil #5	TBA
Subcouncil #6	TBA

HANDOUTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS AGENDA ARE AS FOLLOWS

- Minutes of April 17, 2025, meeting of the Council.
- Treasurer's Report - May 2025
- Employee Relations Policy
- BECI Budget
- MMI Budget
- Workforce Proposal

Aprils Handouts

- Treasurer's Report - April, 2025
- Unpaid Time Off due to Inclement Weather or Building Closure
- Certification of Medical Leave Employee Form
- Certification of Medical Leave for Qualifying Family Member
- Family Medical Leave Request Form
- LCCSO Center Report
- CEO Report
- 4.10.15_BECI_Contract_Renewal_Proposal_2025-2029
- Chief Executive Officer-Executive Team Expectations
- General Council Job Description
- Council Chair Job Description
- Council Co-Chair Job Description
- Council Treasure Job Description
- Secretary Job Description