

## **Learning Community Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda**

**January 15, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

**1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> 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 January 15, 2026, at 6:11 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 January 9, 2026 and on the Learning Community Website.
- d. **Council Roll Call:** Present: 11 Excused: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: 1 Quorum: yes
- e. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Please stand and face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**f. Elections of Officers:**

**-Rodriguez nominated Shelton for chair Hahn seconded the motion.**  
**Shelton Accepted**

**-Shelton nominated Rodriguez for vice chair Johnson seconded the motion.**

**-Hoeger nominated Taylor for vice chair Brady seconded the motion.**

***Everyone has to write in vote- Rodriguez won***  
**Rodriguez Accepted**

**-Hoeger Nominated Taylor for Secretary Brady seconded the motion**

**-Shelton nominated Brady for secretary, Brady declined**

-Shelton nominated Hall for treasure, bloom seconded.

According to by laws position has a 2 year term.

-Taylor resigned as secretary and hall resigned as treasurer.

-Taylor accepted position as treasure and hall accepted position as secretary.

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

3. **Reports:**

1. **Good News Report.** LCCS participant spoke about her experience going back and getting her GED. She spoke about how the At-Home visits helped her connect more with her child.

2. **Chair Report:** Thanked the council for the support of the council on becoming chair for another year.

3. **CEO Report:** CEO gave thanks to staff and spoke about quarterly report of avenue scholars. We are making a difference. Spoke about UNO AI training that the learning community will join the cohort. It will teach staff to use AI in our environment. Spoke about the strategic plan highlights will go in depth in the February meeting. Spoke about LB924. The hearing is next Tuesday and our CEO will testify. Spoke about CAP plan and the approval process. There will be a tour of north and south center hosted tomorrow 1/16/26 to go over questions and discussions.

4. **Treasurer Report:** no new updates

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

6. **Foundation:** N/A

4. **Consent Agenda:**

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

a. Minutes of November 19, 2025, meeting of the Council.

b. Treasurer's Report – January 2026

**Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.**

First: Shelton Second: Preston Jr

Discussion: n/a

Moved to vote: Yes X No        Abstain       

Motion: passed X failed       

5. **Subcommittee Reports:**

1. Elementary, Learning, and Diversity (ELD) subcommittee: N/A
2. Budget, Finance, and Audit subcommittee: N/A
3. Legislative and Policy subcommittee: *Whitted JR reminded everyone of the hearing of LB924 on next Tuesday.*
4. Administration and Personnel subcommittee: *there will be new hire introductions in February. NetSuite training has begun.*

6. **Programming Update:**

1. **Center Updates-**

- North Center participants worked with UNO to gain strategies to support their children's development. Both centers attended the Omaha symphony Christmas celebration.
- South center- frosty the snow man visited. Partnership with the rose theater. They will come and teach classes.

2. **District Initiatives-**

1. Ralston Public Schools – Updated everyone on district initiatives 2.0. Explained where the funds of the learning community are going within their district.
2. Millard Public Schools- updated everyone on district initiatives 2.0. Targeted Literacy initiative.
3. Director of Strategic Initiatives- community advisor board meeting next month.

7. **New Business:**

- **Action Item:** Motion to authorize the CEO to enter ELC programming agreements with Millard Public Schools. The organization is to fund the Behavior Support Team for \$530,000 (Y1: \$106,000; Y2: \$212,000; Y3: \$212,000). Summary Sheet (attached) for the FY 2025/2026, 2026/27, 2027/28. Approval is contingent upon Council approval of authorization of the elementary levy and the fiscal year budgets for each of the above fiscal years of the Learning Community.

**Motion: To approve the Action Items as presented.**

First: Whitted JR Second: Rodriguez

Discussion: CEO stated that carol had questions around what school and students will be served. And concern around the budget. Spoke with DR Swartz and he assured that it would be the priority schools. The need is there.

Moved to vote: Yes X No        Abstain       

Motion: passed X failed

**Action Item:**

- a. Motion to approve the General Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$470,000 calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0 and to recommend the same to the full Council at the next Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting.
- b. Motion to approve the Capital Projects Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$874,000 calling for a property tax requirement of \$1,281,324 plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$12,943 for a total property tax requirement of \$1,294,266.
- c. Motion to approve the Elementary Learning Center Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,021,993 calling for a property tax requirement of \$12,891,773 plus a 1% County Treasurer Collection Fee of \$130,220 for a total property tax requirement of \$13,021,993 and to recommend the same to the full Council at the next Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting.
- d. Motion to approve the Research & Evaluation Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$762,542 calling for a total property tax requirement of \$0.

**Motion: To approve the Action Items as presented.**

First: Johnson Second: Bloom

Discussion:

Moved to vote: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: passed X failed \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Item:**

Motion to adopt of the following resolutions.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute § 77-1601.02 provides that the Coordinating Council, as the governing body of the Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties (the “Learning Community”), passes by majority vote a resolution setting the Learning Community’s tax requests for its Capital Projects Levy and Elementary Learning Center Levy after holding a public hearing for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the Learning Community’s tax requests for the 2025-2026 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, such special public hearing was held on January 15, 2026 as required by law to receive and consider public comments regarding the proposed property tax requests of the Learning Community’s Capital Projects Levy and Elementary Learning Center Levy, notice of the special public hearing having been given in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute § 77-1601.02;

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from the previous year’s total assessed value by 6.56%; the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as the previous year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$0.014586345 per \$100 of assessed value; the Learning Community proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.013688323 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2025-2026 fiscal year;

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Learning Community will increase last year’s budget by 4.58% percent; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinating Council, after having reviewed the Learning Community's tax requests for each said levy, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the tax requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the Learning Community, as determined by the Coordinating Council for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community hereby sets its Capital Projects Levy property tax request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at \$1,294,266; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Coordinating Council of the Learning Community hereby sets its Elementary Learning Centers Levy property tax request for the 2025-2026 fiscal year at \$13,021,993.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be certified and forwarded to the Douglas County Clerk on or before January 16, 2026.

**Motion: To approve the Action Items as presented.**

First: Brady Second: Taylor

Discussion:

Moved to vote: Yes X No        Abstain       

Motion: passed X failed       

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at: 7:33pm

**Next Meeting** – February 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. – Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 North 24<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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| LC Coordinating Council | February 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m.<br>Learning Community Center of North Omaha,<br>1612 N. 24 <sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68110 |
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| Subcouncil #6 | TBA |

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

- CEO Report
- Treasure Report
- November Mins
- Center Updates North & South
- Avenue Scholars Quarterly Report
- Millard's Proposal