

Learning Community Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda

June 18, 2026 – 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 June 18, 2026, at _____ 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 June 12, 2026 and on the Learning Community Website.

d. **Council Roll Call:** Present: _____ Excused: _____ Absent: _____ Quorum: _____

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:** LCCNO

2. **Chair Report:**

3. **CEO Report:**

4. **Treasurer Report:**

5. **Legal Counsel:**

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 May 2026 meeting of the Council.
- b. Treasurer’s Report – May 2026

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

First: _____ Second: _____

Discussion:

Moved to vote: _ No _____ Abstain _____

Motion: passed _____ failed _____

5. Subcommittee Reports:

1. Elementary, Learning, and Diversity (ELD) subcommittee:
2. Budget, Finance, and Audit subcommittee:
3. Legislative and Policy subcommittee:
4. Administration and Personnel subcommittee:

6. Programming Update:

1. **Center Updates:** LCCNO & LCCSO
2. **District Updates:**
 - a. **Westside**
 - b. **Gretna**
 - c. **Papillion**
4. **Director of Strategic Initiatives:** Updates on Website, CAB & Senator Tour
5. **New Business:**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at: _____

Next Meeting – August 20, 2026, 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	August 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m. Learning Community Center of North Omaha, 1612 N. 24 th 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

- CEO report- Via Video
- May mins
- Treasure report
- Center updates North & South



6/17/2026

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CEO Report Done Via – Video.

Chief Executive Officer
Gerald M. Kuhn, II

**COORDINATING
COUNCIL OFFICERS**

Chair
Sharnelle Shelton
Vice Chair
Raquel Dixon Rodriguez
Secretary
Tim Hall
Treasurer
Jason Taylor

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Achievement Subcouncil 1
David Preston, Jr
Cindy Johnson

Achievement Subcouncil 2
Carol Hahn
Sharnelle Shelton

Achievement Subcouncil 3
Mark Hoeger
Warren Whitted, Jr

Achievement Subcouncil 4
Raquel Dixon Rodriguez
Stephen Bloom

Achievement Subcouncil 5
Douglas Brady
Tonya Ward

Achievement Subcouncil 6
Jason Taylor
Tim Hall

MISSION

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Learning Community Coordinating Council Meeting Agenda

May 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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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 21, 2026, at 6:03 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 15, 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.

2. **Public Comment:** Are there any public comments? -NO

3. **Reports:**

1. **Good News Report:** LCCSO

Participant Teresita presented her accomplishments. She has a list of completed programs. GED, Mental Health 101, workforce development, ect.

2. **Chair Report:**

The Kids Can Luncheon was an amazing experience. Shelton spoke about the WCA luncheon and looking forward to going. Buffet has a collaborative summit that council can register for. Thanked everyone for their work.

3. **CEO Report:**

CEO is proud of the accomplishments. Omaha Choice Awards Learning Community received 2nd place for the best place for adult learning. Spoke about the ED search and how it is coming along. The search will continue for another few weeks. There will be another recruitment plan to work with. The audit process is in progress and will be finalized in July. The goal is to come back in August with fewer findings. Last week we attended the cinch de mayo parade. It was a great turnout for the staff. Little Lions had their first graduation. This program will continue for the next few years. The south center graduation was a huge event.

Raquel spoke about her admiration for the work that the learning community is doing and seeing the participants accomplish their goal. Seeing their level of commitment was amazing. Senators are very interested in attending the graduations next year. June 5th will be the date for a tour with Senator Jaurez. The details will be sent asap.

started a conversation with Charles drew - to partner. with the learning community to recruit 3 days a week in their lobby. to keep and grow our numbers

4. **Treasurer Report:**

Everything is on track.

5. **Legal Counsel:**

No Update

6. **Foundation:**

Associated Bank had a listening session to hear about community partners and what they will need to be successful in the community. We are looking to receive money to fund workforce development.

4. **Consent Agenda:**

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- a. Minutes of April 2026 meeting of the Council.
- b. Treasurer's Report – May 2026
- c. **Action Item:** Upon the recommendation of the Achievement Sub council 1, a motion is recommended to the Coordinating Council, authorizing the CEO to enter ELC programming agreement with Elkhorn Public Schools, District Initiatives 1.0 – Extended Learning for FY26-27 at \$40,202.45 per school year.
- d. **Action Item:** Upon the recommendation of the Achievement Sub council 6, a motion is recommended to the Coordinating Council, authorizing the CEO to enter ELC programming agreement with Papillion La Vista Community Schools, District Initiatives 1.0 – Jumpstart to KDG for FY26-27 at \$116,640.62 per school year.
- e. **Action Item:** Upon the recommendation of the ELD committee a motion is recommended to the coordinating council, authorizing the CEO to enter ELC programming agreement with MMI, Program Evaluation Budget Justification for FY26-27 at \$697,566.00
- f. **Action Item:** Upon the recommendation of the ELD Committee, a motion is recommended

to the Coordinating Council authorizing the CEO to enter ELC programming agreement with Completely Kids/CK Field Club for FY 2026–2027 in the amount of \$40,800.00

- g. **Action Item:** Upon the recommendation of the Achievement Sub council 1, a motion is recommended to the Coordinating Council, authorizing the CEO to enter ELC programming agreement with DC West Community Schools, District Initiatives 1.0 – Extended Learning for FY26-27 at \$7,558.26.

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

First: Whitted Jr Second: Rodriguez

Discussion:

Moved to vote: No Abstain

Motion: passed failed

- **Tonya Ward: Absent**
- **Warren Whitted Jr: Yea**
- **Stephen Bloom: Yea**
- **Douglas Brady: Yea**
- **Carol Hahn: Yea**
- **Tim Hall: Yea**
- **Mark Hoeger: Yea**
- **Cynthia Johnson: Yea**
- **David Preston Jr: Yea**
- **Raquel Rodriguez: Yea**
- **Sharnelle Shelton: Yea**
- **Jason Taylor: Yea**

5. **Subcommittee Reports:**

1. **Elementary, Learning, and Diversity (ELD) subcommittee:** *N/A*
2. **Budget, Finance, and Audit subcommittee:**
Sent out a calendar invite for the Budget hearing an hour before the council meeting in Sept. the New Bill passed states we have to announce public hearing in June for sept.
3. **Legislative and Policy subcommittee:**
We will check with Kent to see if we will meet throughout the summer. There are two interim studies in legislation that may impact the learning community
4. **Administration and Personnel subcommittee:**
spoke about the ED process. spoke about the wording changes in the handbook with the attorney. The initiative for next year will be to update in detail the job descriptions for each employees.

6. **Programming Update:**

1. **Center Updates:** LCCNO & LCCSO

2. **District Updates:**
 - Bennington
 - D2 Center
 - Elkhorn
3. **Director of Strategic Initiatives:** N/A
4. **New Business:** N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at: 7:51 Pm

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- April mins
- Treasure report

- Center updates North & South

	2025-2026 Budget	5/31/2026	Year to Date Expense	Percentage Year to Date
Rent	\$ 874,000	\$ 64,607	\$ 543,134	62.14%
North Center	\$ 632,000	\$ 45,082	\$ 383,728	60.72%
South Center	\$ 242,000	\$ 19,525	\$ 159,406	65.87%

Research and Evaluation	\$ 762,542	\$ 59,379	\$ 515,896	67.65%
MOEC	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	50.00%
MMI	\$ 712,542	\$ 59,379	\$ 550,275	77.23%

Programming				
Parent University	\$ 2,056,785	\$ 139,862	\$ 1,294,126	62.92%
Wages	\$ 1,322,342	\$ 84,481	\$ 867,163	65.58%
Benefits	\$ 359,143	\$ 27,217	\$ 126,356	35.18%
Other	\$ 375,300	\$ 28,163	\$ 300,607	80.10%

ELC Programming	\$ 16,314,056	\$ 291,072	\$ 11,227,418	68.82%
ELC Programs (Districts 1.0)	\$ 1,323,376	\$ 364	\$ 1,331,252	100.60%
Districts 2.0	\$ 2,719,903	\$ 8,247	\$ 2,488,926	91.51%
District 2.0 carryover	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Avenue Scholars	\$ 1,374,111	\$ -	\$ 320,775	23.34%
Whispering Roots	\$ 114,290	\$ 23,190	\$ 23,190	20.29%
D2 Center	\$ 280,000	\$ -	\$ 168,743	60.27%
One World	\$ 3,183,581	\$ 259,272	\$ 2,621,586	82.35%
Superintendents Plan	\$ 3,870,530	\$ -	\$ 1,931,339	49.90%
OPS Early Childhood Partnership (Sub 5)	\$ 1,150,705	\$ -	\$ 890,983	77.43%
OPS Early Childhood Partnership (Sub 2)	\$ 1,797,560	\$ -	\$ 1,439,259	80.07%
Henry Doorly Zoo	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 11,365	22.73%
Workforce Hub (New 2025-2026)	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%

Central Admin	\$ 1,759,607	\$ 122,892	\$ 1,254,077	71.27%
Salaries	\$ 756,847	\$ 41,610	\$ 552,238	72.97%
Benefits	\$ 284,761	\$ 25,204	\$ 107,430	37.73%
Other	\$ 718,000	\$ 56,078	\$ 594,409	82.79%
Marketing/Advertising	\$ 110,000	\$ 18,550	\$ 88,412	80.37%
Legal	\$ 75,000	\$ 4,303	\$ 62,894	83.86%
Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 81,701	90.78%
Lobbying	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,583	\$ 25,835	78.29%
Other	\$ 300,000	\$ 15,615	\$ 262,623	87.54%
Technology (computers, website, IT)	\$ 80,000	\$ 15,027	\$ 55,944	69.93%
Travel/Conference	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 17,000	56.67%

Coordinating Council	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,446	\$ 3,757	6.26%
Travel/Conferences	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 1,993	13.29%
Daily Record / Advertising	\$ 2,000	\$ 21	\$ 250	12.52%
Contracted Services	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Misc	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,514	30.28%

Total Expense	\$ 21,826,990	\$ 679,258	\$ 13,544,283	62.05%
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Revenue				
Interest	\$ 500,000	\$ 52,812	\$ 433,223	86.64%
Elementary Learning Center	\$ 12,891,773	\$ 2,421,533	\$ 9,250,081	71.75%
Capital Projects	\$ 1,281,324	\$ 240,360	\$ 918,485	71.68%
General Funds	\$ 1,247,000	\$ 77,796	\$ 1,014,574	81.36%
NCFL Grant - PU	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 29,900	99.67%
Total Revenue	\$ 15,950,097	\$ 2,792,501	\$ 11,646,263	73.02%

YTD Percentage

75.00%

Center Report-LCCNO

May 2026

General Info

- Partnership Referral Meetings with/The Bridge Family Resource Connector
- Partnership Referral Meeting with Lutheran Family Services
- Partnership Referral Meeting with ICRIUS-International Council for Refugees and Immigrants
- MMI conducted 3 rounds of Focus Groups with our Spanish Speaking and Karen Participants to attain data to help move our program forward and inform the annual evaluation plan
- Nebraska Diaper Bank Meeting-Partnership Discussion
- Appreciation Lunch and End of the Year Awards for ESL Participants on 5/22/26
- Started putting together STAFF files for Child Care Licensing

Center Programming

- Programming Monday-Thursday from 9 am-12 pm, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, & 5:30 pm-8 pm. Breakfast served on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8:30-9:00 am and Dinner served Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 5:00-5:30 pm.
- Interactive Parent/Child Programming-Appreciation and End of Year Certificate Celebration for ESL Participants and their Children.
- Home visits were scheduled approximately every three to four weeks
- Parent/child violin classes through String Sprouts (3 classrooms per week) and officially ended the last week of May. Will return in the fall.

Adult Education Programming

- ESL for Parents: 3 cohorts
- GED for Parents: 1 cohort at Highlander

Parenting Courses

- Parents Know Best
- Child Abuse and Neglect 101 Spanish
- Community Cafe

Adult Workforce Development Programming

- North Star Digital Literacy Class -Added a new Class on Tuesday Mornings
- Citizenship Class
- Whispering Roots
- Hope Financial Collaborative with Omaha 100

Early Childhood Education Programming

- Teaching of the following 8 objectives for development and learning-social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, math, science/technology, social studies, and the arts, plus English-language acquisition
- Literacy Focus on Letters, Colors, Rhyming Words, Beginning Sounds

- Math Focus on 1:1 correspondence, counting to 10 in English and Spanish, Number Recognition, Shapes
- String Sprouts

Staff Training

- Family Engagement Training
- Active Supervision Training
- Safe with You Training
- Prepare to Care Training
- Team Building Emotional Intelligence
- Mission, Vision, and Creating Shared Values
- Team Meetings Weekly
- 1:1's
- These are the shared values that the LCCNO Staff came up with:
 - We value Empathy
 - We value Relationships
 - We value Stability
 - We value Making a Difference
 - We value Compassion
 - We value Inclusivity
 - We value Reliability
 - We value Advocacy
 - We value Community

Success Stories

Paw Htoo has attained employment and is working with a Home Health Care Agency.

Than Myint has been taking ESL classes and our citizenship class. She worked with Paw Eh Hser Moo to create a resume as she has had no previous job experience. It was difficult to create a resume together without prior job experience. Together they did it and now Than Myint has attained a job at Fiserve Production. She is excited and dedicated and thankful for all the support she has attained from LCCNO. Her new job started in the evenings so she is not longer able to come speak at the Council Meeting his week due to her new job.

LEARNING COMMUNITY CENTER OF SOUTH OMAHA

5/8/26-6/5/26

General Info

- The Spring Semester ended with a Family Day field trip to Dreamland Park at Lake Manawa to relax and have breakfast together.
- Metro STEM enrolled 62 kids aged 6-12 in their robotics program onsite at the LCCSO, which is offered 4 days a week, twice a day.
- Held a large celebratory event to end an 8-month Parent Leadership program. LCCNO was kind enough to allow us to use the Community Room for this event. Parent groups presented on their final leadership projects. For example, one group chose to improve the pick-up/drop-off flow to improve safety at Highland Elementary School, and after discussions with building leadership, some of their suggested changes are already being implemented.
- June programming included a reading and writing club, Math for Parents, computer literacy and English for Parents.
- Team walked in the Cinco de Mayo parade.
- Bancroft Family Learning program hosted their annual family celebration, and all of the staff at the school were invited to stop by and help the families celebrate.
- The evening program hosted its first family celebration onsite at the LCCSO. Most evening participants are unable to attend the daytime celebration due to their work schedules.
- Bancroft Family Learning program moved temporarily to Castelar Elementary due to building renovations. The move has provided opportunities to build closer partnerships with Castelar staff.
- Met with Castelar Early Childhood staff and decided to join efforts to plan a large Kindergarten Readiness program in July.
- Three tours during this past month, including for child learning and educational navigator staff from LCCNO, private funders for our Workforce Navigator position, and Senator Margo Juarez along with three LCCC candidates.
- Visited Metro Express to look at potential satellite space.
- LCCSO team retreat at the Zoo
- Collaborative meeting with the OPS Welcome Center (along with Tanya from LCCNO) to consider beneficial partnership opportunities.
- MMI Focus groups conducted at Bancroft Elementary with LCCSO families in the program.
- 2760 diapers distributed to families last month

Center Programming

The LCCSO offers programming Monday – Thursday from 9 am-12 pm, 12:45 pm - 3:45 pm, and from 5 pm-8 pm. Friday programming is from 9 am-12 pm and 12:45 pm-3:45 pm. Saturday programming is offered at least once a month and lasts between two and six hours. (During the month of June, Wednesdays are spent on training and team activities.)

- Interactive Parent/Child Programming
 - Home visits are scheduled approximately every three to four weeks
 - Parent/child violin classes through Omaha Conservatory of Music (4 groups)
 - Lil' Rosies musical storytime for families (Rose Theater)
- Parent Programming
 - ESL for Parents: 15 cohorts
 - GED for Parents: 3 cohorts
 - Parent Workshops included:

- Mind in the Making (consultant through ESU 3)
- Intro to Finances (Lending Link)
- Community Café (LCCSO participants hired by The BRIDGE) -
- Bienvenidos mental health program (UNMC staff)
- Love & Logic (LCCSO staff)
- Circle of Security (LCCSO staff and Child Saving Institute) -
- Nurturing Parenting (LCCSO staff)
- NCFL's Activate Parent Leadership program (LCCSO staff)
- Workforce Development (LCCSO staff)
- Digital Literacy classes (LCCSO staff) –
- Child Safety Series (Project Harmony)
- Civics and Literacy (LCCSO staff)
- OneWorld Patient Leadership Group (OW senior leader)
- Child Learning programming during parent classes
 - Regular programming for children aged 0-5
 - Lil' Rosies Storytime through the Rose Theater twice a month in both toddlers and preschool classrooms
 - Opera Omaha Storytime and child-focused programming
- Community Childcare training/coaching for South Omaha childcare providers
 - 16 childcare providers receiving weekday coaching and Saturday trainings/collaboration meetings

Staff Training

- OneWorld Leadership Growth Series (LCCSO management)
- Conscious Discipline trainings (newer staff)
- Child Development Associate in process (LCCSO Program Manager)
- Facilitating Attuned Interactions training (4 Navigators)
- Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program through Creighton University (one Peer Navigator)
- Safe With You training (10 Child Learning Providers)
- Circle of Security Classroom (daytime Child Learning Providers)
- Infant Best Practices training (11 Child Learning Providers)



Evening Celebration: Preschool grads



Bancroft Program Annual Celebration



Parent Leadership Program final presentations

LCCSO teambuilding

Success Stories

Story #1

Victoria is a mother of two children, ages 6 and 7. They are currently in the evening program. Both children attend OPS, and after school, they come to the center with their mom. Some time ago, Victoria had a conversation with the LCCSO child learning teacher and shared that conversation with her navigator. Victoria shared that the child didn't want to participate in classroom activities, was often quiet, and had difficulty sleeping at home. Victoria noticed the child crying when he couldn't do something. Victoria, her Educational Navigator, created a plan and discussed it with the childcare teacher so she could also support them. The plan was to take children out more often since children didn't go out of their home often, and Victoria would take advantage of the library passes to attend different museums. Victoria and her navigator went to the library to get the card, and her navigator showed Victoria how to use it. In the classroom, the plan was for the teacher to try to encourage the child more. During the latest visit, Victoria was happy and shared how she had noticed a big change in the child's behavior and well-being. Victoria shared that she noticed that taking the child out more frequently and spending time as a family has helped, as he is now sleeping better. The LCCSO teacher shared that she noticed the child getting more involved in activities and enjoying his time there more. Victoria was grateful for the support and said she plans to continue spending time with family and to take advantage of the free passes to museums and parks.

Submitted by: Patricia Tenorio, Educational Navigator

Story #2

Today, I was talking to a student as we were outside enjoying some ice cream with the children. Cely (site supervisor) had provided some books so parents could read to their children. Abby (parent participant) selected a book and read it out loud. She did a good job of it, pronouncing most of the words perfectly. Then she turned to me and told me that before she started attending classes, she could not read in English. I call that a BIG win. She can now read stories IN ENGLISH to the children in her care!
#whywedowhatwedo

Submitted by Kim Swanger, ESL Instructor at Bancroft

Story #3

Maria is a mother of four who did not have the opportunity to attend school in her home country. She enrolled in the program to help prepare her youngest child for kindergarten. At first, she struggled to sign her name or write, doubting her ability to learn because of her age. With the program's support and her determination, Maria has made significant progress. She can now write her own name and her child's name, and she practices the alphabet and color recognition with her preschooler. Originally skeptical about her ability to learn, she now feels hopeful and motivated to improve her reading and writing skills for her own benefit and for the benefit of her family.

Submitted by Cely Sebastian, School Program Supervisor

Story #4

During this last month, the preschool children learned a lot about their community and different community helpers. We not only focused on the traditional helpers (firemen, construction workers, healthcare etc.), but we also talked about how we all have jobs to help in our community (mom/dads, therapists, etc). We had two community helpers join our class so that kiddos could learn more and ask questions.

Therapist Amy joined us and gave us tips on how to help our bodies feel calm – like using a breathing ball. She also read a fun story called “Little Egg: An Eggcellent Book of Emotions”.

Nurse Vanessa also visited and showed us what she uses to check children whether they are sick or healthy. She even brought the kiddos x-rays to use on the light table, an organ apron to learn about our bodies, and a stethoscope to hear our heartbeats!

Submitted by Carolina Ibarra Nielsen, Program Manager

