

## **Boards/Commission – Brief Descriptions**

**Abstractors Board of Examiners** Term: 5 years (Limit 1) Meets: Twice per year

The board supervises all licensing requirements and administers the abstractor's examination, which is given twice yearly. Board also supervises continuing education programs, investigates complaints and conducts hearings when necessary. The overall purpose of the board is to insure that persons purchasing real estate in NE or making advances of money to be secured by property are fully informed of the legal status of that property. Three members must be registered abstractors working in the business for at least 5 years and one member must be a lawyer with a real estate law background. The fifth member represents the public. No more than two members may be from the same county. At least one member must be from a county having a First Class City as its largest city and at least one member must be from a county with a Second Class City as its largest city. No two board members can have the same employer.

**Accountability and Disclosure Commission** Term: 6 years (Limit 1) Meets: 8 times a year

The Commission regulates personal financial disclosure and conflict of interests, political committee organization and campaign financing, and lobbying. The Commission provides reporting forms, educational materials and brochures. Advisory opinions for interpretation of the Act are available upon request. The Commission is the primary criminal and civil enforcement agency for violations of the Act and can make criminal or civil prosecutions for such violations. The Commission may hear complaints and conduct investigations and audits. Members of the Commission shall not a) engage in lobbying activities; b) be a public official, a public employee, or hold a state elective office; c) campaign for the election or appointment of himself or herself to an elective public office; or d) hold an office in any political party or political committee. MEMBERS CAN NOT HOLD AN OFFICE OR POSITION THAT REQUIRES THEM TO FILE AN ACCOUNTABILITY AND DISCLOSURE FORM.

**Nebraska Aeronautics Commission** Term: 5 years Meets: 6 times a year

The Aeronautics Commission advises the Director of Aeronautics; allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds; designates airport sites; authorizes the state's purchase of aircraft; selects pilots to work for the state; and helps the director develop regulations and policies. Members shall be residents of the state and serve until a successor is appointed. The Governor shall consider the interest or training of the appointee in branches of aviation.

**Advisory Committee on Aging** Term: 4 years Meets: Twice a year

Advisory to the Department on DHHS regarding: the collection of facts and statistics pertaining to the general welfare of the aging of the state; recommendations to state and local agencies serving the aging for purpose of coordinating activities; the latest development of research, studies, and programs being conducted on the problems and needs of the aging; the mutual exchange of ideas and information on the aging between federal, state and local governmental agencies, private organizations and individuals; and cooperation with agencies, federal, state and local or private organization, in administering and supervising programs of services for aging. One member from each of the planning and service areas and the remaining four members are at large. Area Agencies on Aging recommends people to the Governor who are qualified to represent the elderly of its planning service area. Committee members cannot be elected public officials or employees of HHSS or of an area agency on aging.

**Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board** Term: 5 years (Limit 1) Meets: Monthly

The Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board administers and enforces the Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Act and Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act. The Board's primary functions are to issue and renew appraiser credentials; develop and implement standards for appraiser credentialing; register and renew registration for appraisal management companies; approve appraiser qualifying courses and appraiser continuing education activities, along with instructors for these activities; investigate and adjudicate grievances; develop laws and rules; and disseminate relevant information to general public, stakeholders, credentialed appraisers and appraisal management companies. Membership shall consist of: one certified or licensed appraiser from each congressional district, two appraisers must be certified; one financial institution representative at large; and one salesperson/broker representative at-large. Terms shall be staggered upon initiation of the board, with consecutive terms going to 5 years in length. No person shall serve more than one term.

**Board of Appraisers for Education Lands** Term: 6 years Meets: Twice a year

The Board holds condemnation proceedings on educational lands. After each hearing, the Board determines an award and files it with the Board of Educational Lands. Board members must include: a superintendent of a school district that teaches grades kindergarten through 12; a certified public accountant; and a licensed real estate appraiser.

**Nebraska Aquaculture Board** Term: 3 years Meets: As needed

The board shall: (1) Advise the commission, the Department of Agriculture, and the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources on current and future regulations and issues which may enhance the development of the aquaculture industry; (2) Conduct public meetings for the purpose of addressing current issues affecting aquaculture, as well as obtaining feedback from the commercial aquaculturists; (3) Join in consultation with the commission and department on all matters pertaining to commercial aquaculturists and aquaculture, including the importation of nonindigenous species into Nebraska for commercial use; and (4) Review any orders of the commission for the quarantine or destruction of aquatic organisms which are affected with prohibited pathogens. The Governor will appoint three aquaculturists, and a representative of an industry or product which is related to or used in aquaculture.

**Nebraska Arts Council** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4 times a year

The Council encourages study and participation in the performing and fine arts; surveys public and private institutions in the state that hold artistic and cultural activities, and suggests ways to attract performers in the arts and appreciation of the arts; encourages interest in Nebraska's cultural heritage; and encourages the freedom of artistic expression in the arts. The Nebraska Arts Council finances arts events and organizations through grants. The Council, through its affiliation with the Mid-America Arts Alliance, helps state organizations sponsor national and regional arts events. Members must be Nebraska citizens and known for their professional competence and experience or long-standing interest in the arts. Panelists are selected to represent a balance of geographic, artistic and ethnic interest.

**Board of Barber Examiners** Term: 3 years Meets: 4-8 times a year

The Board issues licenses, gives licensing exams, inspects barber shops and schools for sanitation, investigates complaints and conducts hearings, negotiates reciprocal barbering licensing agreements, sets rules and regulations for the administration of barbering laws. Members must have practiced barbering for at least five

years before appointment. The Governor usually appoints one member from each Congressional District, although this is not required by state law.

**Beginning Farmer Board** Term: 4 years Meets: Twice a year

The Board shall study the fiscal impact of the future tax credit by estimating the number of qualified beginning farmers or livestock producers who would be eligible to enter into an agreement with owners of agricultural assets. They establish criteria for and approve qualified beginning farmers, livestock producers and owners of agricultural assets. The Board is also required to develop programs to provide increased and enhanced opportunities for beginning farmers and livestock producers. The Board shall consist of the Director of the Dept. of Ag or designee, Tax Commissioner or designee, plus five members appointed by the Governor. Those appointees shall include one representative from the academic community with knowledge and insight in the analysis of Ag Economic issues; one representative of agricultural credit; and one from each Congressional District currently engaged in farming or livestock production and represent a variety of farming or livestock production interested based on size of farm, type of farm operation, net worth of farm operation and geographic location. All members must be residents of Nebraska and must be approved by the Legislature.

**Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired** Term: 4 years (limit 2) Meets: As needed

The Commission will consist of five members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the members of the Legislature. All board members shall have reasonable knowledge or experience in issues related to blindness which may include, but is not limited to, reasonable knowledge or experience acquired through membership in consumer organizations of the blind. The commission shall have power in each instance to establish standards of qualification for personnel employed pursuant to the Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired Act and to employ necessary field agents, teachers, and other personnel in accordance with such standards and fix their compensation.

**Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board** Term: 4 years Meets: Annually

Members represent: owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; workers involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board holds hearings and advises the Commissioner of the Department of Labor on rules and regulations for testing, construction and installation of equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

**Boundary Commission** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: As needed

One member must be from the Legislature and one member of the general public from each of the three Congressional districts. Represent Nebraska in all negotiations with respect to establishing official boundaries between Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, and Missouri. Membership also includes the following members or their designee: Governor, Attorney General, Member of the Legislature and State Surveyor.

**Nebraska Brand Committee** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4 times a year

The Nebraska Brand Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor. At least three appointed members shall be active cattlemen and at least one appointed member shall be an active cattle feeder. The appointed members shall be owners of cattle within the brand inspection area, shall reside within the brand inspection area, shall be owners of Nebraska-recorded brands, and shall be persons whose principal business and occupation is the raising or feeding of cattle within the brand inspection area. The 1941

Legislature created the Nebraska Brand Committee to protect Nebraska brand and livestock owners from livestock theft through a brand recording, brand inspection and livestock theft investigation staff.

**Capital Facilities Planning Committee** Term: 2 years Meets: every other year

The State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee will be appointed by the Governor and consist of the Director Correctional Services; Dept. of Roads; Administrator, DAS-State Bldg. Division; CEO DHSS; and 4 members of the public. The plan shall project the state's facilities needs for periods of four years and eight years and shall be based on programmatic projections and input from each state agency. The committee shall develop and adopt comprehensive planning guidelines and a process of project prioritization. The plan that the committee produces is a 6-year plan (current biennium, the next biennium, and 1 biennium in the future).

**Nebraska Capitol Commission** Term: 3 years Meets: 4 times a year

The members include: Governor; Speaker of the Legislature; Supreme Court Chief Justice; Dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska; Director of the NE Historical Society and three other residents of Nebraska appointed by the Governor. One member from each of the Congressional districts. The Commission shall be the custodian of the State Capitol and capitol grounds. The Commission, through the Office of the Capitol Commission, shall have responsibility for facilities planning, construction and administration for the Capitol and grounds. The Commission Office, shall provide for the promotion of the Capitol through public tours and information; and the preservation and interpretation of collected material about the construction and history of this landmark site.

**Capitol Environs Commission** Term: 3 years Meets: Monthly

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission is a joint body of the City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska body which identifies, recommends, approves, protects, and advocates for amenities within the Capitol Environs District as the urban setting for the Capitol within the city of Lincoln. The Commission also approves and oversees improvements proposed within the Environs District. Five members appointed by Lincoln Mayor. 2 members appointed by the Governor, one shall be a resident of Lincoln. Three non-voting members of the commission shall be the City of Lincoln Planning Director or designee, the city of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director or designee and Director of the Department of Administrative Services or designee.

**Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: as needed

The committee shall consist of the following members appointed by the Governor: an entity which generates electrical energy; two members who are producers of field crops at least one of whom actively employs a minimum tillage management system in his or her farming operation; two members who are producers of livestock at least one of whom is actively involved in range management; one member with expertise in greenhouse emissions marketing or trading; one member representing natural resources districts; and one member representing the ethanol industry. The committee shall advise and assist the Director of Natural Resources in preparing reports and to recommend policies or programs to enhance the ability of NE agricultural landowners to participate in systems of carbon trading. Such recommendations shall include potential policies or programs designed to optimize economic benefits to agricultural producers participating in carbon trading transactions.

**Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4-6 times a year

Seven members appointed by the Governor. Two members from each of Congressional District and one member at large. As a group, the appointed board members (a) shall demonstrate knowledge in the area of child

abuse and neglect prevention, (b) shall be representative of the demographic composition of this state, and (c) to the extent practicable, shall be representative of all of the following categories (i) the business community, (ii) the religious community, (iii) the legal community, (iv) professional providers of child abuse and neglect prevention services, and (v) volunteers in child abuse and neglect prevention services. Duties include to approve and award grants; to develop a state plan for the distribution and disbursement of funds and encourage statewide education and public awareness programs for prevention.

**Children's Commission**      Term: Expires 6/30/2016      Meets: Quarterly

The commission shall include the following voting members: (a) The executive director of the Foster Care Review Office; and (b) Seventeen members appointed by the Governor. The members appointed pursuant to this subdivision shall represent stakeholders in the child welfare system and shall include: (i) A director of a child advocacy center; (ii) an administrator of a behavioral health region established pursuant to section 71-807; (iii) a community representative from each of the service areas designated pursuant to section 81-3116. In the eastern service area designated pursuant to such section, the representative may be from a lead agency of a pilot project established under section 68-1212 or a collaborative member; (iv) a prosecuting attorney who practices in juvenile court; (v) a guardian ad litem; (vi) a biological parent currently or previously involved in the child welfare system; (vii) a foster parent; (viii) a court appointed special advocate volunteer; (ix) a member of a local foster care review board; (x) a child welfare service agency that directly provides a wide range of child welfare services and is not a member of a lead agency collaborative; (xi) a young adult previously in foster care; (xii) a representative of a child advocacy organization that deals with legal and policy issues that include child welfare; and (xiii) a representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe residing within the State of Nebraska and appointed within thirty days after June 5, 2013, from a list of three nominees submitted by the Commission on Indian Affairs. (1) The Nebraska Children's Commission is created as a high-level leadership body to (a) create a statewide strategic plan for reform of the child welfare system programs and services in the State of Nebraska and (b) review the operations of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding child welfare programs and services and recommend, as a part of the statewide strategic plan, options for attaining the legislative intent stated in section 43-4201, either by the establishment of a new division within the department or the establishment of a new state agency to provide all child welfare programs and services which are the responsibility of the state. The commission shall provide a permanent forum for collaboration among state, local, community, public, and private stakeholders in child welfare programs and services.

**Commission for the Protection of Children**      Term: 3 years      Meets: Quarterly

To be comprised of individuals representing: law enforcement, judiciary, child advocates, health and mental health professionals, child protective services, education, handicapped professionals, parents, legislators and the business community (follow the rules of representation by all ethnic, cultural and gender elements). The Commission shall assess the progress of the State in ensuring the safe and healthy development of its children and advise the Governor and inform the public about actions that should be taken to protect children in Nebraska. The Commission will develop and evaluate methods to improve the investigative, administrative and judicial processes which constitute the response and support mechanisms for children and families who are at risk or who have experienced neglect and abuse.

**Climate Assessment Response Committee**      Term: At the pleasure of the Governor      Meets: 2 times a year  
Governor shall appoint a member from the Emergency Management Agency, Conservation and Survey Division and Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska; Department of Agriculture; Department of Health and Human Services; Governor's Policy Research Office and Department of Natural

Resources. Representatives from the Farm Service Agency and Federal Crop Insurance Corporation may also serve by invitation from the Governor. The Governor also shall appoint a livestock producer and a crop producer. Provide timely and systematic data collection, analysis and dissemination of information about drought and other severe climate occurrences to the Governor and other interested persons. Provide the Governor with information and advice relevant to requests for federal disaster declarations and to the use of funds and other types of assistance available to the state because of such declarations. Establish criteria for start-up and shut-down of assessment and response activities. Provide organizational structure, maintain a current inventory of state and federal agency responsibilities, and improve methods of assessing impacts of drought.

**Collection Agency Licensing Board** Term: 4 years Meets: Quarterly

The Secretary of State shall serve as Chair. The Governor will appoint four members. Three of the members appointed shall be licensees actively engaged in the collection business in this state, one of whom shall reside in each of the state's three congressional districts. The remaining member shall be appointed at large as a representative of the public. Such persons shall not be a licensee actively engaged in the collection business in this state. The board shall be responsible for the administration of the Collection Agency Act.

**Conveyance Advisory Committee** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

The committee shall include the following: State Elevator Inspector, State Fire Marshal or designee. The Governor shall appoint one representative from each of the following: major elevator manufacturing company; elevator servicing company; building manager, elevator mechanic and one member of the general public from each county with a population of more than 100,000. (Douglas, Lancaster & Sarpy). The committee may consult with engineering authorities and organizations concerned with standard safety codes; shall recommend to the Commissioner of The Department of Labor rules and regulations governing the operation, maintenance, servicing, construction, alteration, installation and inspection of conveyances, and other duties outlined in 48-2504.

**Corn Development, Utilization & Marketing Board** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

One member from each of the eight districts and one member at-large. The Governor selects appointee from candidates who have filed petitions signed by 50 growers from their district (DUE Mid May to the board). Board members must be at least 21 years old, Nebraska citizens and have been engaged in growing corn in this state for a period of at least five years, and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing corn. Ex officio members: Director of Agriculture, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources of University and the President of the Corn Growers Assoc. The Board finances market development, research, promotion and education activities.

**County Attorney Standards Advisory Council** Term: 4 years Meets: Once a year

The council shall be responsible for establishing the annual number of hours of continuing legal education and periodically review the required number of hours to include instruction which will provide a working knowledge of electronic speed measurement principles required by section 23-1217. Four members shall be either a county attorney or deputy county attorney; one professor of law; two county commissioners or supervisors. Of the county attorneys or deputy county attorneys appointed to the council, one shall be from Douglas County, one from Lancaster County, and the other two shall be selected from the remainder of the state.

**Board of County Highway & City Superintendents**

Term: 4 years

Meets: 6 times a year

Four members of whom shall be county representatives, and three of whom shall be municipal representatives. The board of examiners oversees the process whereby qualified people administer local road and street programs. The board administers two licensing examinations each year. The board may suspend or revoke licenses for cause, following a hearing.

**Crime Commission**

Term: 6 years

Meets: Quarterly

Serves as an umbrella agency for the coordination and administration of all criminal justice programs in the state. NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Statutory members: Governor, Attorney General, Supt. of State Patrol, Director of Corrections, chairperson of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council (1 year term) and the chairperson of the Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice (1 year term). Governor appoints: Chief of Police or Dir. of Public Safety, city over 200,000; Chief of Police or Dir. of Public Safety, city under 200,000; County Sheriff, County Attorney, County Commissioner, Mayor or City Manager; person involved in Juvenile delinquency prevention or control; 6 public members at large, one must be a woman.

**Crime Victim's Reparation Committee**

Term: 4 years

Meets: Quarterly

A Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is hereby created. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission and three public members to be appointed by the Governor subject to approval by the Legislature. One public member shall represent charitable organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims. The executive director may serve as a hearing officer pursuant to this section and in addition the committee, with the approval of the commission, shall appoint one or more additional hearing officers, who shall be licensed to practice law in the state, to conduct hearings, take testimony in proceedings under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, and make determinations of any matter subject to such act.

**Dairy Industry Development Board**

Term: 3 years

Meets: 3 times a year

The Nebraska Dairy Development Act provides for the Board to collect and distribute funds to qualified programs to increase consumption of milk and dairy products through promotion, research or nutrition education programs. Each first purchaser of milk shall submit for the Governor's consideration the names of two Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board candidates each representing forty milk production units from which that purchaser purchases milk. 2-3951. Nebraska Dairy Industry Development Board; created; members; qualifications. Members of the board shall (1) be residents of Nebraska, (2) be at least twenty-one years of age, (3) have been actually engaged in the production of milk in this state for at least five years, and (4) derive a substantial portion of their income from the production of milk in Nebraska.

**Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

Term: 3 years (Limit 2)

Meets: Quarterly

The commission shall serve as the principle state agency responsible for advocating public policies and programs which shall improve the quality and coordination of existing services for the hearing impaired and promote the development of new services when necessary. The commission members shall include three deaf persons, three hard of hearing persons, and three persons who have an interest in and knowledge of deafness and hearing loss issues. A majority of the commission members who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be able to express themselves through American Sign Language.

**Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee** Term: 3 years Meets: As needed

The committee shall advise the Department of Health and Human Service – Division on Developmental Disabilities regarding all aspects of the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Membership shall include a representative of a statewide advocacy organization and not more than 15 additional members. At least 1/3 shall be persons with developmental disabilities; at least 1/3 shall be families of persons with developmental disabilities; no more than 1/3 shall be elected officials or interested community persons.

**Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

To plan and monitor services for individuals with developmental disabilities in the State. To review and award grants. Membership: 40% of the membership consists of agency representatives and 60% of consumers. Of the consumer representatives, 1/3 must be individuals with developmental disabilities (listed as primary members), 1/3 must represent immediate relatives or guardians of individuals with mentally impairing developmental disabilities, (listed as secondary members) and 1/3 a combination of persons with developmental disabilities or their parents/guardians.

**Dry Bean Commission** Term: 3 years (Limit 3) Meets: 5-6 times a year

The Dry Bean Commission was established to encourage dry bean growers and processors to develop, research, educate and promote dry beans and bean product programs. The Commission also provides a way for Nebraska dry bean growers and processors to finance programs to achieve the purposes of the Dry Bean Resources Act. Governor shall appoint seven of the nine members with two members appointed by the Commission. Six shall be growers and three shall be processors. Members must be 21 years of age, engaged in growing dry beans for at least three years and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing dry beans. Processors shall have been in business for at least three years. The Governor shall appoint one from each of four specified districts.

**Early Childhood Education Endowment** Term: 3 years Meets: 6 times a year

The Dept. of Education shall establish and administer the Early Childhood Education Grant Program. Grants provided by this section shall be to school districts and cooperatives of school districts for early childhood education programs for at-risk children from birth to age three, as determined by the board of trustees pursuant to criteria set forth by the board of trustees. School districts and cooperatives of school districts may establish agreements with other public and private entities to provide services or operate programs. Membership shall include: The Commissioner of Education or designee; the Director of Health and Human Services or designee; two persons nominated by the endowment provider; an early childhood professional representing a rural at-risk area; an early childhood professional representing a rural at-risk county.

**Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: As needed

The Council shall advise and assist the collaborating agencies in carrying out the provisions of the Early Intervention Act, the Quality Child Care Act, Sections 79-1101 to 79-1104, and other early childhood care and education initiatives under state supervision. Membership and activities of the Council shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal law. The Council: develops and implements statewide early childhood special education services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families; helps coordinate services payments from federal, state, local and private sources; and enhances the capacity to provide quality services and expand and improve existing services being provided to infants, toddlers and families with disabilities.



Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include but not be limited to: parents of children who require early intervention services, early childhood special education, and other early childhood care and education services; and representatives of school districts, social services, health and medical services, family child care and center-based early childhood care and education programs, agencies providing training to staff of child care programs, resource and referral agencies, mental health services, developmental disabilities services, educational service units, Head Start, higher education, physicians, the Legislature, business persons, and the collaborating agencies. The Governor shall make additional appointments as required.

**Economic Forecasting Advisory Board** Term: 4 years Meets: 2-3 times a year

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board acts as an advisory body to the Governor and the Legislature for state general fund revenue projections. The Board works to develop a consensus projection on the state's economic activity, as it relates to the general fund revenue derived for existing state tax rates. The Board estimates growth or decline in the state unemployment rate, gross state product, statewide personal income, and other economic activity indicators. 4 members appointed by the Governor. 5 members appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature. Qualifications: Members must be experts in tax policy, economics or economic forecasting.

**Education Commission of the States** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: Annually

The Commission is a 47 state organization established to carry out the Compact of Education. The commission: collects and analyzes educational needs and resources information; encourages education research, particularly in public education systems; develops education finance proposals at all levels; conducts and participates in educational research; and devises policies and plans to improve public education and makes recommendations available to governmental units and public officials. The committee shall consist of 7 members representing the following: the Governor or his/her representative; the Commissioner of Education; three members of the Legislature chosen by the Legislature's Executive Board for two year terms; and three appointed by the governor. One governor-appointed member must be a Class II, III, IV, V, or VI school board member or a representative of a state school board association.

**Board of Educational Lands and Funds** Term: 5 years Meets: Monthly

The Board of Educational Lands and Funds is the trustee of Nebraska's School Trust Lands. The Board's primary duty is to manage nearly 1.5 million acres of land held in trust for Nebraska's K-12 public schools. The board serves as both land owner and land manager. Board Members: Four members come from the state's U.S. Congressional Districts as they existed on Jan. 1, 1961. A fifth member is an at-large member. Qualifications: Board members must have lived in Nebraska for three years and cannot be a teacher, have a financial interest in a school land lease, or be a state office, board or commission holder or candidate.

**Educational Telecommunications Committee - NETC** Term: 4 years Meets: Quarterly

The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission promotes and establishes noncommercial educational telecommunications in the state and provides noncommercial educational telecommunications programs statewide by broadcast or closed-circuit television. Appointees include a representative of the Nebraska state colleges; private educational institutions; community colleges; and six members of the public at large members, with not more than two from each Congressional District. Not more than four members can be teachers or school administrators.

**Educational, Health and Social Services Finance Authority** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4 times a year  
The Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services Facilities Authority assists Nebraska's private colleges and universities, private health care institutes, and private social services institutions build, finance and refinance projects; improvement, equipment, administers and operates the Nebraska Health Education Assistance Loan Program. The board shall consist of seven members, not more than four can be of the same political party. At least one member shall be a trustee, director, officer or employee of a private institution. There shall also be at least one member from each of these areas with experience and knowledge in the field of finance, educational building construction, public accounting, private health care institution and private social services institution.

**Election Commissioners** Term: 4 years Meets: Not Applicable  
The Election Commissioner shall make all necessary rules and regulations in regard to general, city, special and primary elections, and registration of voters in such counties. An Election Commissioner is created for each county having a population of more than 100,000. (Douglas, Lancaster & Sarpy only) A Commissioner shall be a legal voter and a resident of such county for at least one year and be of good moral character.

**State Electrical Board** Term: 5 years Meets: 6 times a year  
The board shall direct the efforts of the executive director and set the policy of the Board. Membership shall include: journeyman electrician, professional engineer, municipal electrical system representative, rural electrical system representative, electrical contractor and certified electrical inspector; and a seventh member who may represent any of these groups.

**Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority** Term: 4 years (Limit 3) Meets: 6 times a year  
The purpose of the Authority shall be to assist private institutions in the constructing, financing, and refinancing of projects. The act creating this Authority gives the same opportunity to private elementary and secondary schools to issue tax exempt bonds for financing or refinancing projects, which currently exists under the Nebraska Educational Finance Authority Act for postsecondary education. The Authority consists of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be residents of the state, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party.

**Board of Emergency Medical Services** Term: 5 years Meets: 4 times a year  
The board shall promote public information and education programs; collect information; review and comment on all state agency proposals; establish model procedures; review and evaluate the act. Board shall have 17 members appointed by Governor with approval of the Legislature. Seven shall be active out-of-hospital emergency care providers and have at least five years' experience in his or her level of licensure at time of appointment or reappointment. Of the seven - two shall be EMT's, one shall be EMT - intermediate or advanced, 2 shall be EMT - paramedics. Three shall be physicians involved in emergency care, at least one shall be a board certified emergency physician. Five members shall also be appointed to include one from an approved training agency, one physician assistant with at least 5 yrs experience and out-of-hospital emergency care ed, one registered nurse with 5 years' experience and emergency care ed, two public members who meet requirements of 38-165 and interest in emergency medical care, two members who have any of the qualifications listed above. In addition to other criteria, of members at least one member who is a voluntary emergency care provider, paid provider, firefighter, law enforcement officer and one active in Critical Incident

Stress Management Program. At least five members shall be appointed from each congressional district and at least one physician from each district.

**Board of Engineers and Architects** Term: 5 years Meets: 12 times a year

The mission of the Board is to establish the requirements for education, experience, examination and enforcement for the practices of engineering and architecture through timely and quality regulatory services. Complaints alleging violations of the standards of practice are accepted and investigated. Disciplinary actions may be taken against respondents as allowed in the E&A Act. The Governor appoints eight members: Three architects, (including one from education), four professional engineers (including one from education) and one member of the public. The education members shall be licensed in the relevant professions representing the faculty of the College of Engineering and College of Architecture within the University of Nebraska as recommended by the Dean and then appointed by the Governor.

**Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board** Term: 3 years Meets: As needed

The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board is created to advise the Public Service Commission concerning the implementation, development, administration, coordination, evaluation, and maintenance of enhanced wireless 911 service. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board shall be composed of nine individuals appointed by the Governor; and the Director of Administrative Services or his/her designee; and one commissioner from the Public Service Commission or his/her designee who shall serve as ex-officio members. The members appointed by the Governor shall be as follows: one sheriff; two county officials or employees; two municipal officials or employees; one representatives from the state's wireless telecommunications industry; one manager of a public safety answering point not employed by a sheriff; one representative of the state's local exchange telecommunications service industry and one public member.

**Environmental Quality Council** Term: 4 years Meets: minimum of 3 times a year

As set out in Environmental Protection Act, the Council adopts rules and regulations to assure quality standards of air, water and land and to protect the public health and welfare of the State. Governor appoints the Director of Environmental Quality based on names recommended by the Environmental Quality Council. 17 Council members represent the following industries: food products manufacturing; conservation; agricultural processing; automotive or petroleum; chemical; heavy industry; power generating; agriculture actively engaged in crop production; labor; professional engineer experienced in control of air and water pollution and solid wastes; physician knowledgeable in health aspects of air, water and land pollution; one rep from county government; two reps from municipal government, one from cities other than primary or metropolitan class; livestock industry; minority populations and biologist.

**Nebraska Environmental Trust** Term: 6 years Meets: Quarterly

The board shall make annual allocations from the fund for projects which conform to the environmental priorities of the board and those determined to have merit. To evaluate the economic, financial and technical feasibility of proposals, the board may establish subcommittees, request or contract for assistance or establish advisory groups. Members: Director of Environmental Quality; Director of Health and Human Services – Division of Public Health; Director of Natural Resources; Director of Agriculture; Secretary of the Game and Parks Commission and nine citizens. The citizens shall represent the general public and demonstrate competence, experience, and interest in the environment. Two of the citizen appointees shall also have experience with private financing of public projects.

**EPSCoR/IDeA Committee** Term: 3 years Meets: As needed

The Nebraska EPSCoR committee is an advisory body, not a state agency, appointed by the Governor to develop projects to fulfill requirements of the federal initiative known as the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and to improve state research capacity to stimulate/facilitate economic development. Members include: The Director of Dept. of Economic Development or rep of the Governor's office; representatives of the University of Nebraska and Creighton University to include six faculty and six administrators recommended by the University presidents; ex-officio non-voting member of the Legislature; 5 representatives of the private sector with experience in innovation and entrepreneurial activities, applied research and development, management and finance or community economic development.

**Equal Opportunity Commission** Term: 3 years Meets: Monthly

Commission duties: to investigate unlawful employment, housing and accommodation practices, to hold hearings relevant to unlawful practices, to act as liaison with federal government mandates, to attempt to eliminate unfair employment, housing and public accommodation practices, to enforce fair employment practices by requiring employers to keep records, to report to the Legislature and the Governor every other year and to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out duties. Commissioners spend a minimum of ten hours a month reviewing case investigations and attending the monthly Commission meeting. Serving on committee, contacting the legislative body, and liaison work with the Attorney General's office requires an additional time commitment. The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor.

**Ethanol Board** Term: 4 years Meets: Monthly

The board may appropriate funds and become a member of any national promotion group. The board is encouraged to solicit and authorized to expend any federally distributed funds from the Energy Settlement Fund. Members include: Four members shall be engaged in farming in this state, one in general farming, and one in production of corn, wheat, and sorghum. One shall be engaged in business in this state. One shall represent labor interests in this state. One shall represent Nebraska petroleum marketers in this state.

**Exchange Stakeholder Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: 3 times a year Terminates: 7/1/2017

The purpose of the Nebraska Exchange Transparency Act is to provide state-based recommendations and transparency regarding the implementation and operation of an affordable insurance exchange, as required by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. 18001 et seq., by creating the Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission. The commission shall be composed of eleven members as follows: (a) Nine members shall be appointed by the Governor in the following manner: (i) Four members to represent the interests of consumers who will access health insurance in the exchange with at least one of such members to represent the interests of rural consumers who will access health insurance in the exchange; (ii) One member to represent the interests of small businesses who are qualified to purchase health insurance in the exchange; (iii) Two members to represent the interests of health care providers in the state; (iv) One member to represent the interests of health insurance carriers who are eligible to offer health plans in the exchange; and (v) One member to represent the interests of health insurance agents. This member shall not be a captive agent of any health insurance carrier;

**State Fair Board** Term: 3 years (Limit 3) Meets: Monthly except for September

The NE State Fair Board should endeavor to: 1) place a priority on the development of private funding sources, including corporate donations and sponsorships; 2) work with municipal officials to enhance the board's

participation in local planning efforts and to create a partnership with local economic development and tourism officials; 3) maintain a policy of openness and accountability that allows for citizen participation in the operation of the NE State Fair and the NE State Fairgrounds; and 4) regularly provide the Governor, the Legislature and appropriate state agencies with information, including, but not limited to, the development of private funding sources, the use of state appropriations, the status of the state fairground facility maintenance and improvements, the fiscal management of the state fair, and the activities and goals established for the state fair and the state fairgrounds. The Nebraska State Fair Board shall consist of the following members: seven members nominated and selected by district as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the board and four members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, three selected to represent the business community of the state with one from each congressional district as of Jan 1, 2009 and one member from the business community of the largest city within the county in which the State Fair is located.

**Fire Safety Appeals Board** Term: 4 years Meets: As needed

The Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board advises the State Fire Marshal on application of fire regulations. The board shall include representatives of the following: fire insurance industry with experience in fire prevention inspections; architect; public school district board member; fire protection engineer; inspection division of paid fire department; active member of volunteer fire department; Nebraska Assn of Hospitals and Health Systems; and two representatives of DHHS

**Foster Care Advisory Committee** Term: 3 years (limit 2) Meets: 4 times a year

The duties of the Foster Care Advisory Committee are to: Hire and fire an executive director for the office who has training and experience in foster care; Support and facilitate the work of the office, including the tracking of children in foster care and reviewing foster care file audit case reviews. The Governor shall appoint three members from local board members, one member with data analysis experience, and one member who is a resident of the state and representative of the public at large.

**Game and Parks Commission** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: 6 times a year

The Game and Parks Commission has sole charge of state parks, game and fish and all things related thereto. It administers and develops state fish and game resources. It also enforces and administers the state boating law and the construction and maintenance of boating facilities. The Commission shall consist of nine members, one from each the 8 districts provided in sec. 37-102 and one member at-large. Members shall be legal residents of Nebraska, at least three shall be engaged in agricultural pursuits; not more than five shall be of the same political party; and shall be residents of the district from which they are appointed.

**Board of Geologists** Term: 5 years Meets: Minimum of once a year

The Board of Geologists was created to administer the Geologists Regulation Act. Meetings are typically held in Lincoln on a quarterly basis. The board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor: one education member who is a member of the professional faculty of a geology or related geosciences department of a college or university located in Nebraska, recommended by the president of the respective college or university and one public member who is not a professional geologist. All members of the Board, with the exception of the public member, shall be a licensed geologist. Each professional member of the Board shall have been engaged in the active practice of geology for at least 10 years.

**GIS/Geographic Information System Council** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

The Committee is to help facilitate acquisition of Geographic Information System technology at all levels of government and make recommendations to the Legislature for program initiatives. The Geographic Information Systems Council consists of: (g) One representative of federal agencies appointed by the Governor; (h) One representative of the natural resources districts nominated by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and appointed by the Governor; (i) One representative of the public power districts appointed by the Governor; (j) Two representatives of the counties nominated by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and appointed by the Governor; (k) One representative of the municipalities nominated by the League of Nebraska Municipalities and appointed by the Governor; (l) Two members at large appointed by the Governor; and (m) Such other members as nominated by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and appointed by the Governor. There are statutory state agency members that serve per statute.

**Governor's Residence Advisory Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: As needed

The Governor's Residence Advisory Commission shall conduct a yearly inspection of the Governor's Residence. A report on the inspection shall be submitted to the Governor within 30 days after the day of the inspection. Members consist of the Governor's spouse; the Director of Administrative Services or his or her designee; the administrator of the Task Force for Building Renewal; six at-large members, two from each congressional district, with no more than 3 of the six members being from the same political party; the Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society; and a current professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

**Grain Sorghum Development, Utilities & Marketing Board** Term: 3 years Meets: 6-8 times a year

The Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board was created to help grain sorghum producers achieve market development, research, promotion and education programs. Active overseas market development program support is also developed. The Board cooperates with the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources in conducting research projects. There are 4 districts and three at large members. Two at-large members appointed by the Governor and one by the Board. Members shall file an application, statement of interest, two letters of endorsement by sorghum growers and documentation substantiating qualification to serve.

**Grape and Winery Board** Term: 3 years Meets: Twice a year

The duties of the board shall be: to establish a public forum whereby any producer of wine, grapes, or other wine-producing agricultural products has the opportunity, at least once annually, to discuss with the board its policy and procedures; to keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which will clearly reflect all of the acts and transactions of the board and to make these records available for examination upon request by members of the public; to authorize and approve the Dept of Agriculture's expenditure of funds collected pursuant to section 4 of this act; to serve as an advisory panel to the NE Liquor Control Commission in all matters pertaining to the wine industry; and to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this act. The board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor on a non-partisan basis. All board members shall be citizens of Nebraska; at least 21 years of age and either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members shall be members of the NE Winery and Grape Growers Association.

**Greater Nebraska Chief Elected Officer Board** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: 3 times a year  
The Board works in cooperation with the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Board Board to administer services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Area (all counties in Nebraska except Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington). The Governor serves as the grant recipient for the Greater Nebraska Workforce Development Area. Due to the large number of counties (88) that make up the Greater Nebraska area, the Governor has established a Chief Elected Officers Board (CEOB) to serve as the Chief Elected Official. At least one Mayor and one County Commissioner from each of the five planning regions serve on the Chief Elected Officials Board. Members are delegated the responsibility to act on behalf of their respective region. Three members from each of the 5 service delivery areas.

**Hall of Fame Commission** Term: 6 years Meets: As needed  
The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission was created in 1961 to bring public attention to and officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence. The Commission can name one person every five years to the Nebraska Hall of Fame. No one can be considered for Hall of Fame induction until at least 35 years after her or his death. The Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society serves as an ex officio member of the Commission and acts as its secretary. The Governor also serves as an ex officio member.

**Board of Health** Term: 5 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4-5 times a year plus 1 retreat  
The State Board of Health shall promote and protect the health and safety of all people in Nebraska. The Board shall also advise the Division of Public Health Licensure Unit of DHHS on rules, regulations and policies of the division concerning the professions in section 76-2610.01. It shall also give advice concerning communication among professional boards and organization of the division. The Governor is an ex-officio board member, with voting power in case of a tie vote. The Board adopts and promulgates regulations and sets policies regarding health care and human services professionals and facilities. The Board also advises the agency on public health issues and recognizes programs across the state which excel in preventative health initiatives. Board members are available to present on a variety of public health topics. The Governor appoints 17 members which shall consist of representatives licensed in the following areas: Two in medicine and surgery, one in the practice of dentistry and pharmacy, two licensed in nursing, one in osteopathic medicine, podiatry, chiropractic, physical therapy, a professional engineer, a hospital administrator and a mental health professional. Two members of the public who are interested in health and not less than 21 years of age shall also be appointed.

**State Highway Commission** Term: 6 years Meets: 6-8 times a year  
It shall be the duty of the State Highway Commission to conduct studies and investigations and to act in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Department of Roads in the establishment of broad policies for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Department; to advise the public regarding the policies; to hold hearings, make investigations, studies necessary to carry out duties as described in Nebraska statute 39-1110. One member from each of the eight districts designated in section 39-1102. Each member of the commission shall be a citizen of the United States, not less than 30 years old, and a bona fide resident of the State of Nebraska and of the district from which he or she is appointed for a least 3 years immediately preceding his or her appointment. No more than four members shall be of the same political party.

**State Historical Records Advisory** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: As needed  
To provide leadership in encouraging, promoting, and assisting the advancement of programs to preserve and make accessible historical records in Nebraska. As the central advisory body for historical records planning, the

Board's role is to investigate and report on the conditions and needs of historical records in Nebraska; to determine state priorities for historical records projects based upon National Historical Publications and Records Commission guidelines and record conditions and needs; to solicit, foster, and develop proposals for NHPRC projects to be carried out within the state; and to review grant proposals submitted by Nebraska institutions and make recommendations to NHPRC based upon their merit. The Director and State Archivist of the NE State Historical Society are permanent members. Also, the Records Management Deputy Director for the Office of the Secretary of State and the NACO representative are permanent members of the Board. A majority of the members must have experience in the administration of government records, historical records, or archives and that membership is broadly representative of the public and private archives, records offices, and research institutions and organizations in the state. It is recommended that all three congressional districts are represented equally.

**State Historical Society Board** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: As needed

The Board was established to promote historical knowledge and research, awaken public interest and popularize historical study throughout the state. The Board also governs the NE State Historical Society. Membership shall include one member from each congressional district.

**Homeland Security Policy Group** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: As needed

The Homeland Security Policy Group was created by action of the Nebraska Legislature through LB 940 in 2006. The Governor shall appoint the Director of State Homeland Security who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The policy group is charged with assessing strategic alternatives and recommending broad courses of action for the development of comprehensive strategies. The make-up of the group is determined by the Governor.

**Commission on Housing and Homelessness** Term: 3 years Meets: 4 times a year

This Commission consolidates the work and memberships of: the Nebraska Affordable Housing Commission, the Nebraska Interagency Council on the Homeless, and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee and recognizes the strong linkages among the various issues of housing and homelessness/near-homelessness. The Commission is to make recommendations to the Department of Economic Development on the operation of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund; serve as an advisory body on housing and homelessness; assist with education, advocacy, coordination/cooperation and integration of the existing recommendations from the Nebraska's Housing & Community Development Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan with other statewide strategic planning initiatives involved with affordable housing, homelessness/near homelessness issues and other housing issues.

**Human Trafficking Task Force** Term: 6 years Meets: As needed

The task force is established within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for the purposes of investigating and studying human trafficking, the methods for advertising human trafficking services, and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking. The task force shall examine the extent to which human trafficking is prevalent in this state, the scope of efforts being taken to prevent human trafficking from occurring, and the services available to victims of human trafficking in this state. The task force shall also investigate the limitations upon victims who wish to come forward and seek medical attention; investigate the potential to stop human trafficking; and investigate the potential to promote recovery, to protect families and children who may be profoundly impacted by such abuse, and to save lives. The task force shall consist of the following members: The Attorney General or his or her designee; The



executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; The Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety or his or her designee; the Director of Correctional Services or his or her designee; The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of two hundred thousand inhabitants or more; The chief of police or director of public safety of a city of less than two hundred thousand inhabitants; a county sheriff; a county attorney; a county commissioner; a mayor or city manager; a person involved with the control or prevention of juvenile delinquency; a person involved with the control or prevention of child abuse; The Commissioner of Education or his or her designee; The director of the Commission on Latino-Americans or his or her designee; and six members, at least three of whom shall be women, from the public at large. The membership of the task force shall represent varying geographic areas and large and small political subdivisions. One member from the public at large shall be a professional representing child welfare, and one member of the public at large shall represent juvenile pretrial diversion programs.

**Humanities Council** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: 3 times a year

The mission of the Nebraska Humanities Council dba Humanities Nebraska is to enhance the quality of life in Nebraska communities by supporting educational programs on our history and culture. The Council funds a speakers bureau, a summer Chautauqua, Capitol Forum on America's Future for high school students, Prime Time Family Reading Time in libraries and schools for low-literacy, low-income Hispanic families, Museum on Main Street traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian for small museums, the annual Governor's Lecture in the Humanities, and it awards grants to nonprofit organizations such as libraries, museums, historical societies, senior centers, schools and colleges, and civic and religious groups. The grants go to public educational programs in the humanities or projects that use the humanities to examine public issues. Five of the 20 members are appointed at the pleasure of the Governor. Qualifications: At least half of the members shall be individuals who by reason of their achievement, scholarship, or creativity in the humanities are especially qualified to serve.

**Commission on Indian Affairs** Term: 4 years Meets: Quarterly

The purpose of the commission shall be to join representatives of all Indians in Nebraska to do all things which it may determine to enhance the cause of Indian rights and to develop solutions to problems common to all Nebraska Indian Tribes. The commission shall consist of 14 members. There shall be two representatives each from the Ponca, Santee, Winnebago and Omaha Tribes; one from the city of Lincoln; two from the city of Omaha; one from the district comprised of Garden, Deuel, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff counties; one from the district comprised of Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan and Box Butte counties; one member at large. The commission may have such nonvoting, ex-officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not be of Indian ancestry. The Governor shall appoint from a panel of nominees submitted by the tribe with three names being submitted for each appointment to be made.

**Commission of Industrial Relations** Term: 5 years Meets: Monthly

The Commission was created to have jurisdiction over labor disputes involving employees of public power districts, public utilities, employees of state and local governments. Five commissioners are appointed by the Governor with consent of the Legislature. Commissioners shall be representative of the public. Commissioners shall not be appointed because they are representatives of either capital or labor, but because of their experience and knowledge in legal, financial, labor and industrial matters.

**Information Technology Commission** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: Quarterly

The Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) is a nine-member commission established by the Legislature to provide advice, strategic direction, and accountability on information technology investments in the state. To achieve its mandate, the NITC relies on coordination and collaboration to influence a wide range of information technology issues. The NITC annually prepares a Statewide Technology Plan, provides biannual recommendations on technology investments to the Governor and the Legislature, and adopts technical standards, guidelines, and architectures.

**Interagency Coordinating Council** Term: 3 years Meets: 4-5 times a year

The Nebraska Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Special Education was created to give advice and assistance to the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services in administering Part H of the Education of the Handicapped Act Amendments of 1986. The Council: develops and implements statewide early childhood special education services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families; helps coordinate services payments from federal, state, local and private sources; and enhances the capacity to provide quality services and expand and improve existing services being provided to infants, toddlers and families with disabilities. 15-25 members appointed by the Governor. Membership includes: parents of children with disabilities; public or private providers of early childhood special education services for children with disabilities; a state senator; a person involved in personnel preparation; and other members that represent agencies that provide, or help pay for, services to infants or toddlers with disabilities and their families.

**Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor

Meets: As needed

The compacting states recognize that each state is responsible for the supervision of adult offenders in the community who are authorized to travel across state lines both to and from compacting states so as to track the location of offenders, transfer supervision authority, and when necessary return offenders to their originating jurisdiction. The Interstate Compact also provides the framework for the promotion of public safety; to protect the rights of victims through the control and regulation of the interstate movement of offenders in the community and to provide for tracking, supervision, and the sending and receiving of offenders among the compacting states. Finally, the compact creates an Interstate Commission which will establish such uniform procedures to manage the movement between states of adults placed under community supervision and released to the community under the jurisdiction of the courts, paroling authorities, or other criminal justice agencies. The commission will also ensure an opportunity for input by victims where offenders are permitted to travel; establish a system of uniform data collection; access to information on active cases by authorized officials; and regular reporting of compact activities to the heads of State Councils, Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches.

**Invasive Species Council** Term: 2 years Meets: As needed

The Nebraska Invasive Species Council shall: (1) Recommend action to minimize the effects of harmful invasive species on Nebraska's citizens in order to promote the economic and environmental well-being of the state; (2) Develop and periodically update a statewide adaptive management plan for invasive species as described in section 37-1405; (3) Serve as a forum for discussion, identification, and understanding of invasive species issues; (4) Facilitate the communication, cooperation, and coordination of local, state, federal, private, and nongovernmental entities for the prevention, control, and management of invasive species; (5) Assist with public outreach and awareness of invasive species issues; and (6) Provide information to the Legislature for

decision making, planning, and coordination of invasive species management and prevention. Voting members of the council shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include a representative of: (a) An electric generating utility; (b) The Department of Agriculture; (c) The Game and Parks Commission; (d) The Nebraska Forest Service of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; (e) The University of Nebraska-Lincoln; (f) The Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit of the University of Nebraska; (g) The Nebraska Weed Control Association; and (h) The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. (3) Voting members of the council shall also include up to five members at large appointed by the Governor who shall represent public interests, at least three of which shall represent agricultural land owner interests. (4) Nonvoting, ex officio members of the council shall include a representative of: (a) The Midwest Region of the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior; (b) The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; (c) The Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture; (d) The United States Geological Survey; and (e) The Nature Conservancy, Nebraska Field Office. (5) The council may seek additional advisory support from representatives of relevant federal, state, or local agencies as it deems necessary to accomplish its duties.

**Investment Council** Term: 5 years Meets: As needed

The Nebraska Investment Council was created by the 1969 Legislature to provide centralized investment of state funds and to direct how these funds are invested. The Council appoints a full-time state investment officer, subject to Legislative approval, and fixes the salary. The Council determines the officer's methods, practices and procedures for investing or reinvesting state funds and buying, selling or exchanging securities. The investment officer serves an indefinite term, but may be removed by the Council for a stated reason. The appointed members of the council shall have at least 10 years of experience in the financial affairs of a public or private organization or have at least five years of experience in the field of investment management or analysis.

**Jail Standards Board** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

The Jail Standards Board: develops minimum standards for the construction, maintenance and operation of jails and prisons; and performs other duties to carry out state policy regarding jails and prisons. Membership includes the Director of the Department of Correctional Services or a designee. Three members from each Congressional District; including two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a municipal police chief, a member of the State Bar Association, administrator of a Juvenile Detention facility, administrator of a criminal detention facility having an average daily population greater than fifty, administrator of staff secured juvenile facility and two laypersons. Recommendation lists with at least three names are submitted by the NE Association of County Officials, the NE County Sheriffs Association, the NE State Bar Association and the Police Officers Association of Nebraska. The Director of Corrections or his designee and the Fire Marshall or his designee shall also serve as statutory members.

**Judicial Nominating Commissions** Term: 4 years (Max of 8 years) Meets: When Judicial vacancy occurs Except for the judge of the Supreme Court who is required to be a member of a judicial nominating commission, each member or alternate member of a commission shall be a resident of the judicial district or area of the state served by such commission except as provided in subsection (2) of section 24-806. The Governor appoints 4 lay members and 2 alternate lay members to each commission. Lay Members may not be lawyers. No more than half of the lay and alternate members can be of the same political party. The Commission meets due to a judicial vacancy (ex: Judge resigns or retires). A hearing is held to determine which applicants will be forwarded to the Governor for his consideration for the judicial vacancy. In selecting or rejecting judicial nominees, the members of the commission shall vote by oral roll call vote. Each candidate

shall receive five votes from the voting members of the nominating commission to have his or her name submitted to the Governor.

**Commission on Judicial Qualifications** Term: 4 years Meets: 6 plus times a year

Any citizen shall have the right to complain to the Commission about any judge's acts, activities or qualifications. Upon receipt of complaints or requests for action, the Commission will conduct investigations as necessary. The Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses, hold hearings, require Judges to submit physical or mental examination findings by medical experts, appoint special masters to conduct hearings, and make special investigations. The Commission may recommend to the Supreme Court that a Judge be reprimanded, disciplined, censured or suspended. Members do not need to be from each Congressional District. Three citizens, none of whom shall be a judge of any court either active or retired nor a member of the NE Bar Assn. Three judges including 1 district judge, 1 county judge, and 1 judge from any other court inferior to the Supreme Court as it now exists or may be created hereafter chosen by the Supreme Court's Chief; Three members of the NE Bar Association who have practiced in the state for at least ten years chosen by the Executive Council of the Bar Assn.; and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who serves as Chairperson of the Commission.

**Judicial Resources Commission** Term: 5 years Meets: As needed

The Judicial Resources Commission shall meet in the event of the death, retirement, resignation or removal of a district or county judge or an increase in the number of judgeships authorized by law, shall, after holding a public hearing, determine whether a judicial vacancy exists. One citizen from each of the six Supreme Court judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska and one member at large, appointed by Governor, none of whom shall be a Judge of the Supreme Court or a judge of any other court, active or retired; a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association; or an immediate family member of any person listed in subdivision. Three judges, including one district court judge, one county court judge and one Judge of the Supreme Court all appointed by the Supreme Court, and a separate juvenile court judge. One member of the NE State Bar Association from each of the six judicial districts prescribed in Article V, section 5 of the Constitution of Nebraska who shall have practice law in this state for at least ten years and who shall be appointed by the Executive Council of the Nebraska State Bar Association.

**Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

The coalition shall make recommendations to the Crime Commission on the awarding of grants to eligible applicants; identify juvenile justice issues, share information, and monitor and evaluate programs in the juvenile justice system; develop or contract for the development of a statewide system to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of plans and programs receiving grants under section 43-2406 in preventing persons from entering the juvenile justice system and in rehabilitating juvenile offenders; recommend guidelines and supervision procedures to be used to develop or expand local diversion programs for to be juveniles from the juvenile justice system; prepare an annual report to the Governor; Legislature; the Office of Probation Administrations and the Office of Juvenile Services including recommendations on administrative and legislative actions which would improve the juvenile justice system; and ensure widespread citizen involvement in all phases of its work. The report shall be submitted to the Legislature electronically. 15-33 members appointed by the Governor shall include the following or designee: Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Services; Director of DHHS; Commissioner of Education; Exec Dir Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; Exec Dir NE Assn of County Officials; Admin Office of Probation Administration; county commissioner or supervisor; one person with data analysis experience; police chief; county sheriff; executive director of the Foster Care Review

Office; separate juvenile court judge; county court judge; mental health professional who works directly with juveniles; three members, one from each congressional district, representing community-based private non-profit organizations who work with juvenile offenders and families; volunteer who works with juvenile offenders or potential juvenile offenders; person who works with an alternative to incarceration program for juveniles; director of a youth rehabilitation and treatment center; director of a secure youth confinement facility; director or staff member of a secure juvenile detention facility; at least five members who are under twenty-four years of age when appointed; person who works directly with juveniles who have learning disabilities, emotional difficulties or been abused or neglected; member of NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; one member of a regional behavioral health authority established under section 71-808; county attorney; and public defender. A majority of the coalition, including the chairperson, shall not be full-time employees of federal, state or local government. At least one-fifth of the members shall be under the age of twenty-four at the time of appointment.

**Governor's Council to Keep Nebraska Beautiful** Term: 3 years (Limit 3) Meets: 3 times a year

The Governor's Keep Nebraska Beautiful Committee engages Nebraskans to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments; and advances cooperation among the public, business and government to achieve quality living standards. The Governor and the Director of the Dept. of Environmental Control are ex officio members. 15 to 30 members appointed by Governor from a list submitted by Council. Members are appointed to 3 year terms and can only serve 3 terms - or 9 years without a year off. The Committee is composed of civic leaders, business people and members of public interest service groups.

**Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors** Term: 5 years Meets: 4-5 times a year

The Board tests and interviews people applying to be registered land surveyors. The Board can also revoke registration to conform with the law. The Board is financed through registration fees which are handled by the Board's secretary. Four members must be registered land surveyors who have lived in Nebraska for at least one year and have been practicing surveyors for 10 years. At least five years must have been spent in charge of surveying work. One board member, who is at least 21 years old and a Nebraska resident for at least one year, represents the public.

**Board of Landscape Architects** Term: 5 years Meets: Minimum of once a year

The Board carries out the Professional Landscape Architects Act which provides for licensing professional landscape architect applicants and disciplining landscape architects in violation of the statutes and rules. Five members must be professional landscape architects. The other member must be at least 21 years old and represents the public. All members must have legally lived in Nebraska for at least one year before their appointment. The board shall elect annually from its members a chairman and vice-chairman. The board shall have power to employ technical and clerical assistants.

**Commission on Latino-Americans** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

The Commission shall 1) gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings, conferences and special studies on problems and programs concerning Latino-Americans; 2) serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 3) develop, coordinate, and assist the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino-Americans; 4) propose new programs; 5) evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation; 6) stimulate public awareness of the problems of Latino-Americans; 7) conduct training programs for community leadership and service project staff. Nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor or his/her appointee shall be ex officio member of the commission with the power to vote. The Commission appoints the director.

**Library Commission** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: Every other month

The Nebraska Library Commission works to promote, develop and coordinate library programs and services statewide. Also, the Commission: makes rules and regulations to govern itself; appoints a director authorized to hire assistants as needed; receives and disburses federal funds; accepts and administers gifts; makes a biennial report to the Governor. Members are appointed from each of the state's four library system areas. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Meetings are usually held at the Commission Office in Lincoln. The Commission meets jointly with the State Advisory Council on Libraries in March each year.

**Liquor Control Commission** Term: 6 years Meets: Monthly

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission has the power to regulate all phases of the control of the manufacture, distribution, sale, and traffic of alcoholic liquors, except as specifically delegated in the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. No more than two members from the same political party. Each Congressional District shall have one representative.

**Long-Term Restrictive Housing Work Group** Term: 3 years Meets: Minimum semiannually

The work group shall advise the Department of Correctional Services on policies and procedures related to the proper treatment and care of offenders in long-term restrictive housing. The work group shall consist of: (i) The director and all deputy directors. The director shall serve as the chairperson of the work group; (ii) The director of health services within the department; (iii) The behavioral health administrator within the department; (iv) Two employees of the department who currently work with inmates held in restrictive housing; (v) Additional department staff as designated by the director; and (vi) Four members as follows appointed by the Governor: (A) Two representatives from a nonprofit prisoners' rights advocacy group, including at least one former inmate; and (B) Two mental health professionals independent from the department with particular knowledge of prisons and conditions of confinement. (b) The work group shall advise the department on policies and procedures related to the proper treatment and care of offenders in long-term restrictive housing.

**State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services** Term: 3 years Meets: 4 times per year

The committee shall serve as the state's mental health planning council as required by Public Law 102-321, conduct regular meetings, provide advice and assistance to DHHS- Division of Behavioral Health Services relating to the provision of mental health services in the State of Nebraska, promote the interests of consumers and their families, provide reports as requested by the division and engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the Division. Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of mental health services in the state of Nebraska. The committee shall consist of 23 members appointed by the Governor as follows: one regional governing board member, one regional administrator, twelve consumers of behavioral health services, or their family members, two providers of behavioral health services, two representatives from the State Department of Education, including one representative from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Education, three representatives from HHSS representing mental health, social services and Medicaid, one representative from the NE Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and one representative from the Housing Office of the Community and Rural Development Division of the Dept. of Economic Development.

**Midwestern Higher Education Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: Annually

The Compact Commission shall provide greater opportunities in higher education and services in the midwestern region with the aim of furthering regional access, research, and choices of higher education for the citizens residing in the compact states. The Commission shall report annually to the Legislature and Governor of the compacting states, to the Midwest Governor's Conference and the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments on the activities of the Commission. Five members: the Governor or designee; one member of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education appointed by the Governor; one representative of higher education appointed by the Governor; and two members of the Legislature selected by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council for two year terms. The Executive Director of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall serve as an ex-officio member. The states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin are eligible to become party to this compact. Additional states will be eligible if approved by a majority of the compacting states.

**Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board** Term: 3 year (Limit 2) Meets: Monthly

The Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created to enforce motor vehicle, mobile home and travel trailer industry licensee standards and to protect the public from dishonest licensee practices. The Board issues and revokes licenses, establishes license fees for each class, prescribes license forms, and investigates actions of licensees upon a sworn written complaint. The Board also regulates the issuance and revocation of licenses. The Director of Motor Vehicles is the Chair. Board members include: a factory representative; member representing the public; licensed new car dealer from each Congressional District as of 1963; two licensed used motor vehicle dealers from different congressional districts; one trailer dealer or combination motor vehicle or trailer dealer; a licensed motorcycle dealer.

**Natural Gas Fuel Board** Term: 4 years Meets: At least annually

(1) The Natural Gas Fuel Board is hereby established to advise the State Energy Office regarding the promotion of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel in Nebraska. The board shall provide recommendations relating to: (a) Distribution, infrastructure, and workforce development for natural gas to be used as a motor vehicle fuel; (b) Loans, grants, and tax incentives to encourage the use of natural gas as a motor vehicle fuel for individuals and public and private fleets; and (c) Such other matters as it deems appropriate. The board shall include: (a) One member representing a jurisdictional utility as defined in section 66-1802; (b) One member representing a metropolitan utilities district; (c) One member representing the interests of the transportation industry in the state; (d) One member representing the interests of the business community in the state, specifically fueling station owners or operators; (e) One member representing natural gas marketers or pipelines in the state; (f) One member representing automobile dealerships or repair businesses in the state; (g) One member representing labor interests in the state; and (h) One member representing environmental interests in the state, specifically air quality.

**Natural Resources Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: 4-6 times a year

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission's responsibilities include soil and water conservation, flood prevention, watershed protection and flood control. 13 appointees: Commission members representing river basins are appointed at individual caucuses of natural resource directors. These caucuses are held when and where the commission directs. Fourteen members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one shall represent municipal users of water, one shall represent each of the following categories: Agribusiness interests; agricultural interests; ground water irrigators; irrigation districts; manufacturing interests;

metropolitan utilities districts; municipal users of water from a city of the primary class; municipal users of water from a city of the first or second class or a village; outdoor recreation users; public power districts; public power and irrigation districts; range livestock owners; surface water irrigators; and wildlife conservation interests.

**Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA)** Term: 4 years Meets: once every 3 months

The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority was created as a nonprofit entity by the 1983 Legislature. The Authority provides: mortgage financing at reduced interest rates for low-and moderate-income Nebraskans; agricultural financing at reduced interest rates to Nebraska farmers and other agricultural enterprises; and other financing at reduced interest rates to Nebraska businesses. The Director of the Department of Economic Development, the Chair of the Nebraska Investment Council and the Director of the Department of Agriculture serve as ex-officio members. Each may designate a representative to perform their respective duties under the act. Public members shall be representative of the following: real estate development; mortgage-commercial, agriculture or housing credit; banking or investment banking; home building or be a licensed real estate broker; production agriculture and one member at large. Two shall be appointed from each congressional district and no more than three may be of the same political party.

**Niobrara Council** Term: 3 years Meets: Minimum of 6 times a year

The mission of the council is to assist in all aspects of the management of the Niobrara scenic river corridor since portions of the Niobrara River have been designated as a national scenic river under 16 U.S.C. 1274(a) (117), giving consideration and respect to local and governmental input and private landowner rights, and to maintain and protect the integrity of the resources associated with the Niobrara scenic river corridor. The council shall perform management functions related to the Niobrara scenic river corridor, including, but not limited to, those authorized and delegated to it by the National Park Service. The council may purchase, accept gifts of, or trade real estate and may obtain conservation easement as provided in the Conservation and Preservation Easements Act. The Council membership shall include a County Commissioner of each of the county boards of Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock counties chosen by the county board of the respective county; a rep of the Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District and the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District chosen by the board of the respective district; the Secretary of the Game & Parks Commission or his/her designee; a regional director or designee of the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service designated by the federal services; an individual from each of Brown, Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock counties who resides in the Niobrara River drainage area and owns land in the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list from each county submitted by the county board reps on the council; a rep from a recreational business operating within the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list submitted by the county board representatives on the council; a timber industry rep operating within the Niobrara scenic river corridor chosen by the Governor from a list submitted by the county board representatives on the council; and a rep of a recognized, non-profit environmental, conservation, or wildlife organization chosen by the Governor from a list submitted by the county board representatives on the council.

**Nebraska Center for Nursing** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: As needed

The board shall determine operational policy; elect a chairperson and officers to serve two-year terms (the chairperson and officers may not succeed themselves); establish committees of the board as needed; appoint a multi-disciplinary advisory council for input and advice on policy matters; implement the major functions of the Nebraska Center for Nursing; and to seek and accept non-state funds for carrying out Center policy. Sixteen members appointed by the Governor to include: at least three RN's; one LPN; one representative of hospital



industry; one representative of long-term care industry; four additional members can be from the general public or any of the previous categories. Other members of the board shall include one nurse educator recommended by each of the following: the Univ of NE Board of Regents; the NE Community College Assn; the NE Assn of Independent Colleges and Universities; and three members recommended by the State Board of Health.

**Oil and Gas Conservation Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: Quarterly

The Commission: encourages and promotes the development, production and use of oil and gas in the state to prevent waste; provides for the operation and development of oil and gas properties to permit recovery of the most oil and gas possible while protecting owners' rights; encourages and authorizes cycling, recycling, pressure maintenance and secondary recovery operations to obtain maximum oil and gas economic recovery in the state; conducts hearings to devise and adopt programs aimed at accomplishing the duties listed above. At least one member must have oil and gas production experience and must have lived in Nebraska for at least one year. Each of the other members must have lived in Nebraska for at least three years. The State Geological Survey Director serves as technical advisor for the Commission.

**Board of Parole** Term: 6 years Meets: Full Time State Position

The Board reviews the status of committed offenders; determines when committed offenders are released on parole; fixes parole conditions, and may revoke parole and issue warrants to arrest parole violators; determines when offenders are taken off parole; visits and inspects state and local prisons or jails; recommends parole legislation to the Governor. The Board also advises the Board of Pardons - composed of the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State - on the merits of any application for remission, respite, reprieve, pardon or commutation. This advice is not binding. By law, board members must have a good character and a just temperament. At least one board member must be a minority and one must have a professional background in corrections.

**State Personnel Board** Term: 5 years Meets: Quarterly

The State Personnel Board hears employees grievance appeals covered by the State Personnel System but not by collective bargaining contracts. The Board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of Personnel and provides legal advice regarding State Personnel System matters. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations, or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board.

**Nebraska State Poet** Term: 5 years

The State Poet should be a post designated to recognize and honor a citizen poet of exceptional talent and accomplishment. The State Poet's role is to encourage appreciation of poetry and literary life in Nebraska by giving readings and presentations throughout the state and making poetry available to a statewide audience. In order to fulfill the board mandate stated above, the State Poet should be willing to make appearances statewide, participate in literary festivals, and teach workshops and other educational endeavors.

**Police Standards Advisory Council** Term: 4 years Meets: Monthly

The Nebraska PSAC is responsible for the establishment of law enforcement entrance standards and training standards. The Council is responsible for providing direction to the Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) regarding the operation and programming of the NLETC. The Council serves as an appeals body for actions and decisions of the Director regarding admissions to and separations from training.

The Council serves as the hearing body for decertification actions of law enforcement officers. Six members are full-time officers or employees of law enforcement agencies. The Council's membership must include: -- a representative from a Metropolitan or Primary Class City -- a representative from a First Class City -- a representative from a Second Class City or Village -- a county sheriff from a county under 40,000 population -- a Nebraska State Patrol member -- a member of the Jail Standards Board or Public at Large -- a county sheriff from a county over 40,000 population. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month. Most of these are at 9:00 a.m. and are held at the NLETC in Grand Island. Most are concluded by 1:00 p.m. Council members have been called upon to represent the Council at legislative hearings, and at professional law enforcement associations on occasion.

**Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education** Term: 6 years Meets: Minimum of 6 times a year  
The Commission was given authority to coordinate the activities of public colleges and universities. Activities to be coordinated include programs, academic activities, planning, budget submission, capital construction, and other administrative functions. The Commission also administers state student financial aid programs and authorizes out-of-state colleges and universities to operate in Nebraska. Qualifications: One from each of the six Nebraska Supreme Court Districts. The other five are selected at-large. Members and their immediate family are prohibited from serving on any public or private postsecondary education governing board or being employed either directly or indirectly (contract) by any public or private postsecondary education institution.

**Potato Development Committee** Term: 2 years Meets: 2 times a year  
The Nebraska Potato Development Committee works with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to develop and promote the state's potato industry through projects funded by the excise tax on potatoes. Three potato shippers and four potato growers. Permanent members are the Director of the Department of Agriculture, who serves as Chair; and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, an ex officio member.

**Power Review Board** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: Monthly  
The Nebraska Power Review Board regulates Nebraska's electrical utility industry. The Board creates both retail and wholesale service areas which designate areas utilities may serve. Also, the Board: authorizes generation facilities and certain transmission lines; settles disputes between suppliers over area and customers to be served and, in certain limited cases, disagreements between customers and utilities; authorizes microwave facility construction; and creates public power districts and approves changes to each district's original petition for creation, and the Board must approve all changes to the service areas. Board membership is made up of an engineer, a lawyer, an accountant and two members of the public. Board members cannot be elected state officials or a director, officer or employee of any electric utility within the past four years. No more than three board members may belong to the Governor's political party. Meetings are usually in Lincoln, with the exception of once per year. The date and meeting location are set by the board members a month or two in advance -- they usually begin at 9:00 a.m. and normally go until noon.

**Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling** Term: 3 years Meets: Minimum of 4 times a year  
The Gamblers Assistance Program was created. The program shall: (1) Contract with providers of problem gambling treatment services to Nebraska consumers; (2) Promote public awareness of the existence of problem gambling and the availability of treatment services; (3) Evaluate the existence and scope of problem gambling in Nebraska and its consequences through means and methods determined by the commission; and (4) Perform such other duties and provide such other services as the commission determines. The commission shall have

nine members appointed by the Governor as provided in this section, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature. The members of the commission shall have no pecuniary interest, either directly or indirectly, in a contract with the program providing services to problem gamblers and shall not be employed by the commission or the Department of Revenue. The Governor appoints members of the commission as follows: (a) One member with medical care or mental health expertise; (b) One member with expertise in banking and finance; (c) One member with legal expertise; (d) One member with expertise in the field of education; (e) Two members who are consumers of problem gambling services; (f) One member with data analysis expertise; and (g) Two members who are residents of the state and are representative of the public at large.

**Professional Practices Commission** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: 4 times a year

The Professional Practices Commission advises the Board in developing, through the teaching profession, criteria of professional practices in ethical and professional performance, competency, continuance in professional service, and contractual obligations. Professional standards recommended by the Commission that are adopted by the Board are legally binding and can be enforced on teachers. The Office of the Commissioner of Education investigates alleged professional ethics and practices violations. The Commissioner's office can prosecute the case before the Commission if there are sufficient grounds for revocation or suspension of teaching licenses or other penalties. The Commission also holds hearings and makes recommendations to the board in cases where certificates are revoked, suspended or reinstated. The Commission may warn and penalize public school certificate holders for violations of board standards. Members are nominated by the teaching and teachers' professional organizations. Members represent elementary and secondary classroom teachers, school administrators and higher education. Members must be currently in the position that they represent. Since this is a licensing agency and the positions represent those that they license, the person and school needs to be licensed. Non-public schools and staff are often also certified and therefore regulated by this commission and the Department of Education.

**Propane Education and Research Council** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: 3-4 times a year

The Nebraska Propane Education and Research Council shall provide rules and regulations to carry out its responsibilities under the Propane Education and Research Act. The Council shall also develop programs and projects and enter into contracts or agreements for implementing the Propane Education and Research Act. The council is appointed by the Governor and consists of 9 members: 4 members representing retail marketers, one member representing wholesalers, suppliers and importers, one member representing manufacturers and distributors of liquefied petroleum gas equipment, one member representing the academic or propane research community, one propane user or consumer and the State Fire Marshal and his or her designee. Other than the State Fire Marshal and the representatives of the research community and consumers, members shall be full-time employees or owners of businesses in the industry or representatives of agriculture cooperatives. All members shall be Nebraska residents, except that members representing wholesalers, suppliers and importers may be residents of other states.

**State Board of Public Accountancy** Term: 4 years (Limit 2) Meets: Every other month

The board adopts and amends its operating rules and regulations and administers public accountancy law. The board uses the Uniform Certified Public Accountant's Examination or Advisory Grading Service to examine candidates for CPA certificates. All money and fees received by the board are deposited in a separate fund called the Public Accountants' Fund, which is appropriated by the Legislature to run the board's office. The

board has eight members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. Members include two representatives of the public and six active CPAs, two each for the three congressional districts.

**Commission on Public Advocacy** Term: 6 years Meets: Quarterly

The commission shall provide legal service and resources to assist counties in fulfilling their obligation to provide counsel for indigent persons. Nine members appointed by the Governor from a list of attorneys submitted by the Nebraska Bar Association (The Nebraska State Bar Association gets the names from the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorney's Association). One member must be from each of the Supreme Court district. Three members at large. All members must be members of the Nebraska State Bar.

**Board of Public Roads Classifications & Standards** Term: 4 years Meets: 10-11 times a year

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards develops minimum design, construction and maintenance standards for each functional classification of public roads and streets. These standards ensure that each road segment can handle the traffic pattern and volume it is expected to carry. The Board may rule that some road segments don't have to meet these standards in special situations. Conformance requirements and non-conformance penalties are set by the Board. Membership: Two members represent the Department of Roads. Three members represent counties, one must be a licensed county highway superintendent and two must be county board members. Of the county board members, one must be from a Class 1 or 2 county, one from a Class 3 or 4 county, and one from a Class 5, 6, or 7 county. The three municipal members must be either public works directors or licensed city street superintendents. Of these, one must be from a town with fewer than 2,500 people, one from a town of 2,500 to 50,000 people, and one from Lincoln or Omaha, a city of over 50,000. The other three members are lay members and represent each of the Congressional Districts. Meetings are usually held the third Friday of the month.

**Advisory Council on Public Water Supply** Term: 3 years (Limit 3) Meets: At least once a year

The Advisory Council on Public Water Supply was established to advise the Director of DHHS-Division of Public Health about regulating public water supplies and implementing the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act. The Council must approve changes or exemptions to maximum permitted contaminant levels in drinking water and changes in standard treatment techniques used to eliminate or reduce contamination. Approval or disapproval of changes may be based on economic or health factors. Membership includes: two operators of public water systems (one representing a system serving more than 5,000 and one representing a system serving 5000 or less); an individual who shall be at the time of appointment (i) an individual who owns a public water supply, or (ii) a member of a governing board of a public or private corporation which owns a public water supply system, or (iii) in the case of a political subdivision which owns a public water supply system, a member of the subdivision's governing board or board of public works or similar board which oversees the operation of a public water supply system; a physician; two consumers of a public water supply system and a professional engineer.

**Racial Profiling Advisory Committee** Term: 4 years Meets: Semi-annual

Committee shall consist of the following: Exec Dir of Crime Commission; Director of designee of each of the following: State Patrol, Latino-American Comm, Indian Affairs. Also one member from each of the following selected by Governor from list of five names: Fraternal Order of Police, County Sheriffs Assn, Police Officers of NE, ACLU, AFL-CIO, Police Chiefs Assn, NAACP and State Bar Assn.

The committee shall advise the Crime Commission and its executive director in the conduct of their duties regarding (a) the completeness and acceptability of written racial profiling prevention policies submitted by

individual law enforcement agencies as required by subsection (1) of section 20-504, (b) the collection of data by law enforcement agencies, any needed additional data, and any needed additional analysis, investigation, or inquiry as to the data provided pursuant to subsection (3) of section 20-504, (c) the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations required pursuant to subsection (7) of section 20-504, including an analysis of the review, analysis, inquiry, study, and recommendations, and (d) policy recommendations with respect to the prevention of racial profiling and the need, if any, for enforcement by the Department of Justice of the prohibitions found in section 20-502.

**State Racing Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: Monthly

The purpose of the State Racing Commission is to provide statewide regulation of horseracing in order to prevent and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby maintain a high level of integrity and honesty in the horseracing industry of Nebraska and to insure that all funds received by the commission are properly distributed. The commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor. One shall be appointed from each Congressional District and two shall be appointed at-large. Not more than three shall belong to the same political party, no more than two, when appointed, shall come from the same congressional district; no more than two members shall reside in the same county.

**Real Estate Commission** Term: 6 years (Limit 1) Meets: Monthly

The Real Estate Commission investigates applicants for licenses, investigates complaints, examines real estate broker trust accounts and conducts educational conferences for real estate licensees. The State Real Estate Commission which shall consist of the Secretary of State, who shall be chairperson of the commission, and six members appointed by the Governor. Three of the members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall be active and licensed real estate brokers who have engaged in the real estate business as brokers or associate brokers for not less than five years, which members shall be appointed by the Governor, one from each of the three congressional districts as the districts were constituted on January 1, 2006. The remaining members shall be appointed at large, one of whom shall be representative of the public, one of whom shall be a licensed real estate salesperson who has engaged in the real estate business as a salesperson for not less than three years, and one of whom shall be an active and licensed real estate broker who has engaged in the real estate business as a broker or associate broker for not less than five years.

**State Records Board** Term: 3 years (Limit 2) Meets: Quarterly

The board shall assist the administrator in the performance of the duties under the Records Management Act; provide electronic access; develop and maintain a network; appropriate oversight; approve reasonable fees; authority to enter into or negotiate agreements; explore ways and means to expand public records; explore technological ways to improve citizen access; explore the option of expanding the network service to citizens. The members will include: Governor or designee; Secretary of State or designee; Attorney General or designee; State Auditor or designee; State Treasurer or designee; DAS Director or designee. The Governor appoints representatives from Banking; Insurance; Law; Libraries; General Public; Media.

**Public Employees Retirement Board** Term: 5 years Meets: Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

To administer the retirement systems, to hire a director to administer the systems under the direction of the board, to provide for an equitable allocation of expenses among the retirement systems administered by the board, to adopt rules and regulation, as set forth in Nebraska statute. The board shall consist of eight appointed members, plus the state investment officer as a non-voting, ex officio member. Six shall be active or retired participants in the retirement systems and two shall not be an employee of the State or any political subdivisions

and have at least ten years of experience in the management of a public or private organization or have at least five years of experience in the field of actuarial analysis or the administration of an employee benefit plan. The six appointed members who are participants in the system shall include two members of the School Retirement System, one administrator and one teacher, and one member each of the following Retirement Systems: Judges, State Patrol, Counties and State Employees. Appointments are subject to Legislative confirmation.

**Rural Health Advisory Commission** Term: 3 years Meets: 4 times a year

The Rural Health Advisory Commission was established to advise the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Legislature, the Governor, the University of Nebraska, and the citizens of Nebraska regarding all aspects of rural health and to advise the Office of Rural Health regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act (the Act). The commission has powers and duties defined in the Act some of which are: identifying problems in the delivery of health care in rural Nebraska, in the education and training of health care providers in Nebraska, preparing recommendations to the appropriate bodies to alleviate identified problems, advising DHHS regarding the development and implementation of a state rural health policy, designating health profession shortage areas in Nebraska, and selecting recipients of financial incentives available under the Act. Standing members: Director of DHHS – Division of Public Health or designee and another rep of DHHS. The Governor appoints 11 members including: -- representative from UNMC involved in training family physicians -- representative from Creighton involved in training family physicians -- physician in family practice residency training From rural areas: -- physician, consumer representative, hospital administrator, nursing home admin, nurse, physician assistant, mental health professional and dentist. All members must be citizens and residents of Nebraska. The members of the commission shall, to the extent possible, represent the three congressional districts equally.

**SERC – State Emergency Response Commission** Term: 4 years Meets: As needed

The Commission is charged with overseeing compliance with the requirements of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and to include the appointment and oversight of Local Emergency Planning Committees. The membership of the commission shall include the Director of Environmental Quality or his or her designee, the Director-State Engineer or his or her designee, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety or his or her designee, the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee, the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee, two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government, and one citizen member to represent each of the following interest groups: Firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school district, small business, agricultural business, chemical industry, highway transportation, and rail transportation. The Governor shall appoint the municipal or county government officials or employees and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments shall be made to represent the three congressional districts as equally as possible.

**ServeNebraska** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

To provide administration of funding awarded to Nebraska through the Corporation for National and Community Service; to provide oversight and technical assistance to the programs funded through the Commission; to promote community service/volunteerism in the state; to serve as a clearing-house for resources and information for community service/volunteer programming throughout the state; to assist intra-state coordination and collaboration of community service programs; approve projects/programs for funding; provision of technical assistance and support to local community service programs; administration of the

AmeriCorps grant programs, Disability Inclusion, Professional Development and TA and other grant programs in Nebraska, including evaluation and oversight. State is required to match the Administrative Grant one to one. To the extent possible, the membership shall be balanced with respect to the racial, ethnic, age, gender and disability characteristics of members. Not more than 50% plus one of the voting members shall be from the same political party.

**Sesquicentennial Commission** Term: expires June 30, 2018 Meets: As needed

The Commission will develop programs and plans for official observance of the 150th anniversary of Nebraska Statehood. Commission shall work closely with various state agencies, boards, commissions and political subdivisions, include the State Dept. of Education, Dept. of Roads, State Historical Society, State Fair Board, Game and Parks Commission and Nebraska Tourism Commission to execute commemorative events and to implement educational activities.

**Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel** Term: At the Pleasure of the Governor Meets: As needed

The panel shall advise Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff on the effectiveness of the Small Business Assistance Program, with regard to any difficulties encountered. Review proposed rules and regulations, pertaining to the CAAA. Prepare an annual report to the Governor, on the activities of the panel. Review written information that is created for small business stationary sources to assure such information is understandable to the layperson. This panel was created as a result of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990, (CAAA), and was established by the Legislature through the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. The panel consists of the following seven members: two members who are not owners or representatives of owners of small business stationary sources to represent the general public appointed by the Governor; one member representing DEQ; four members who are small business owners or representatives or small business stationary sources, to be designated by the Legislature.

**Board of Trustees for State College System** Term: 6 years Meets: 5-6 times a year

The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System has control of Nebraska's state colleges at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne. The Board of Trustees: appoints a president and others as required for each college, fixes their salaries, and prescribes their duties; removes appointed officials, with at least four votes required to remove a president or assistant; acquires and disposes of real and personal property; pays expenses to recruit academic, administrative, professional and managerial personnel; provides benefits for all state college employees; institutes a preventive maintenance program; and consults with the Nebraska Arts Council and acquires art works for construction of public buildings. Six members appointed. The Commissioner of Education is an ex-officio member. The Governor appoints three student representatives (one from Chadron, Peru and Wayne State College), to serve as non-voting members for one year. The students do not have to go through legislative approval and their terms are one year. Students apply to their respective college.

**Technical Advisory Committee on Statewide Assessment** Term: 3 years Meets: 2-3 times a year

To review the statewide assessment plan and state assessment instruments developed under the Quality Education Accountability Act. The Committee shall consist of three nationally recognized experts in educational assessment and measurement, one administrator and one teacher from a school in Nebraska.

**State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services** Term: 3 years Meets: As needed

Members of the committee shall have a demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise relating to the provision of substance abuse services in the State of Nebraska. The

committee shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor and shall include at least three consumers of substance abuse services. The committee shall be responsible to DHHS – Division of Behavioral Health and shall (a) conduct regular meetings, (b) provide advice and assistance to the division relating to the provision of substance abuse services in the State of Nebraska, (c) promote the interests of consumers and their families, (d) provide reports as requested by the division, and (e) engage in such other activities as directed or authorized by the division.

**Suggestion Award Board**      Term: 3 years              Meets: Monthly

The Suggestion Award Board is designed to motivate employees to make suggestions to improve economy and efficiency in state government. It provides a channel of communication between employees and agencies, while at the same time providing employee recognition and monetary awards for adopted ideas. Membership shall consist of the Director of Personnel, the Director of Administrative Services, the Auditor of Public Accounts and three persons appointed by the Governor from the bargaining units listed in section 81-1373. Of the persons selected from such bargaining units one shall be selected from each of such bargaining units as follows: The first year from the bargaining units listed in subdivisions (1) (a), (b), and (l) of such section; The second year from the bargaining units listed in subdivisions (1) (c), (d), and (g) of such section; The third year from the bargaining units listed in subdivisions (1) (e), (f), and (h) of such section and The fourth year from the bargaining units listed in subdivisions (1) (i), (j), and (k) of such section. After the fourth year, the appointments shall be made starting from subdivision (1) of this section and following the same sequence.

**Tax Equalization and Review Commission**              Term: 6 years              Meets: Full-Time Positions

The commission has the power and duty to hear and determine the appeals of various decisions related to assessment practices. There shall be three commissioners, one from each congressional district, for terms of six years. Each commissioner shall be a qualified voter and resident of the state and a domiciliary of the district he or she represents. At least one commissioner shall possess the certification or training required to become a licensed residential real property appraiser as set forth in section 76-2230. At least one commissioner shall have been engaged in the practice of law in the State of Nebraska for at least five years, which may include prior service as a judge, and shall be currently admitted to practice before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

**Tourism Commission**              Term: 4 years              Meets: As needed

The commission shall: (1) Administer the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; (2) Prepare and approve a budget; (3) Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson; (4) Procure and evaluate data and information necessary for the proper administration of the act; (5) Appoint an executive director at a salary to be fixed by the commission to conduct the day-to-day operations of the commission; (6) Employ personnel and contract for services which are necessary for the proper operation of the commission; (7) Establish a means by which any interested person has the opportunity at least annually to offer his or her ideas and suggestions relative to the commission's duties for the upcoming year; (8) Authorize the expenditure of funds and contracting of expenditures to carry out the act; (9) Keep minutes of its meetings and other books and records which clearly reflect all of the actions and transactions of the commission and keep such records open to examination during normal business hours; (10) Prohibit any funds appropriated to the commission from being expended directly or indirectly to promote or oppose any candidate for public office or to influence state or federal legislation; and (11) Have authority to mark significant tourism attractions as provided in section 81-3711.01. The commission shall consist of the following members: (a) One representative from the Game and Parks Commission; (b) One representative from the Nebraska Travel Association; (c) One representative from the Nebraska Hotel and Motel Association; (d) One representative from a tourism attraction that records at least two thousand out-of-state visitors per year; (e) One representative from the Nebraska Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus; (f) One representative from the Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition; (g) One representative who resides in eastern



Nebraska and is employed by a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors;(h) One representative from the Central Nebraska Tourism Partnership; and(i) One representative of a business that derives a majority of its revenue from out-of-state visitors.

**Commission on Uniform State Laws** Term: 4 years Meets: Minimum of once every two years  
The Commission on Uniform State Laws shall consist of three recognized members of the bar who shall be appointed by the Governor. Any resident of this state who because of long service in the cause of the uniformity of state legislation can be elected as a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. There may be appropriated a sum sufficient to reimburse appointed members of the Commission for their necessary expenses in performing the duties of their office. Each member shall attend the meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and both in and out of such national conference shall do all in his or her power to promote uniformity in state laws, upon all subjects where uniformity may be deemed desirable and practicable. The Commission shall report to the Clerk of the Legislature from time to time an account of its transactions and its advice and recommendations for legislation. It shall also be the duty of the commission to bring about, as far as practicable, the uniform judicial interpretation of all uniform laws.

**United Nations Day Chair** Term: 1 Year Meets: October event  
It will provide an opportunity for citizens to focus on the essential work of the United Nations in resolving conflicts, protecting the environment, and promoting human dignity. October 24 is United Nations Day. The Governor appoints a prominent citizen to serve as chair of the state's observance of United Nations Day. The event is held in October at the Capitol.

**Veterans Advisory Commission** Term: 5 years Meets: Minimum of 2 times a year  
The Veterans' Advisory Commission investigates the handling of veterans' affairs, under the jurisdiction of the director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Commission makes recommendations and reports to the Governor or director on these matters. The Commission also serves as an appeals board for any person or post of a recognized veterans' organization, concerning any decision made by the department on Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims. The appeal board decision is final and governs in all matters presented to its members. Each commission member must: live in Nebraska for at least five years before appointment; have served in the U.S. armed forces during the dates set forth in Nebraska law 80-401.01 and be honorably discharged; and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization. The Governor appoints one member from each Congressional District as constituted on January 1, 1962 and two members at large.

**Advisory Council to the Office of Violence Prevention** Term: 4 years Meets: Quarterly  
Make recommendations to the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice regarding rules and regulations; program fundraising, evaluation, coordination and criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs. The advisory council shall consist of six members - at least one from each congressional district; two members representing local government, two law enforcement, one community advocacy and one member with expertise in law enforcement and juvenile crime.

**Water Well Standards & Contractors' Licensing Board** Term: 5 years (Limit 2) Meets: Quarterly  
The Water Well Standards and Contractors Licensing Board sets reasonable fees calculated to recover the costs incurred by the Department and the board in administering and carrying out the purposes of the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act; adopts rules and regulations to establish continuing competency requirements; and approves rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Department of Health and

Human Services for the establishment of standards for (1) the construction of water wells, (2) the installation of pumps and pumping equipment, and (3) decommissioning water wells. Qualifications: Appointed members include: - a water well contractor representing irrigation well contractors - a water well contractor representing domestic well contractors - a water well contractor representing municipal and industrial well contractors - a pump installation contractor - a manufacturer or supplier of water well or pumping equipment - a holder of a license issued under the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act employed by a natural resources district. Each appointed member must have at least five years of experience in his or her profession before appointment, and must be actively involved in the profession while serving on the board. When making appointments, the Governor may consider recommendations made by water well or pump equipment trade associations. All members representing categories subject to licensing under the Water Well Standards and Contractors Practice Act must be licensed by the department. All board members must be Nebraska residents.

**Wheat Development, Utilization & Marketing Board** Term: 5 years Meets: 4-5 times a year

The Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board was created to protect and foster the economic health of the state's wheat-producing areas and wheat economy. An established public policy guides the wheat board in establishing its overall policy, annual marketing plan, goals and objectives, and program priorities. The Board also evaluates wheat market developments worldwide to meet these goals. The Governor shall appoint seven members to the Board who are citizens of Nebraska, at least 21 years of age, engaged in growing wheat for a period of at least five years and derive a substantial portion of their income from growing wheat. The Director of Agriculture and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nebraska INAR shall serve as non-voting members of the board.

**Platte River Whooping Crane Maintenance Trust** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: As needed

The Trust purpose is to protect and maintain migratory bird habitat in the Big Bend area of the Platte River between Overton and Chapman, NE through the use of financing programs and acquisitions. Membership: -- one appointed by the Governor as a representative of Nebraska -- one appointed by the National Wildlife Federation -- one appointed by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

**Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council** Term: 3 years (limit 2) Meets: Minimum of every 6 months

The Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council shall strive to improve the health of women in NE by fostering the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy and education. (1) The Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council is created and shall consist of not more than thirty members, at least three-fourths of whom are women. At least one member shall be appointed from the following disciplines: (a) An obstetrician/gynecologist; (b) a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant from a rural community; (c) a geriatrics physician or nurse; (d) a pediatrician; (e) a community public health representative from each congressional district; (f) a health educator; (g) an insurance industry representative; (h) a mental health professional; (i) a representative from a statewide health volunteer agency; (j) a private health care industry representative; (k) an epidemiologist or a health statistician; (l) a foundation representative; and (m) a woman who is a health care consumer from each of the following age categories: Eighteen to thirty; thirty-one to forty; forty-one to sixty-five; and sixty-six and older. The membership shall also include a representative of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a representative from Creighton University Medical Center, the chief medical officer if one is appointed under section 81-3115, and the Title V Administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Governor shall appoint advisory council members and shall consider and attempt to balance representation based on political party affiliation, race, and different geographical areas of Nebraska when making appointments.

**Worker Training Board** Term: 3 years Meets: Quarterly

Members appointed by the Governor shall include: employer rep; employee rep; and member of the public; others serving shall include: Commissioner of Labor or designee; Commissioner of Education or designee; Director of Dept. of Economic Development or designee; and the Chairperson of the Community College Association or designee. Dennis Baack, Executive Director of the Com College Assn is the designee. The board shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal year containing guidelines for the program financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers, criteria for evaluating requests for the use of money under section 48-622.02, and guidelines for requiring employers to provide matching funds.

**Workforce Development Board** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: 3-4 times a year

On behalf of the Governor, the Department of Labor shall monitor and review organizations and agencies engaged in and facilities used for the administration or delivery of job training programs under Title I of WIOA; and provide staff support and adopt such methods of administration as are necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the duties and functions provided in WIOA. Members include the Governor and one rep from the Nebraska Legislature appointed by the Speaker of the Legislature. A majority shall be representatives of businesses in Nebraska, at least 20% shall consist of representatives of the workforce within Nebraska and the balance shall be representatives of government. THE NWDB shall include members that represent diverse geographic areas of the State including urban, rural, and suburban areas.

**Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees** Term: 6 years Meets: As needed

Under Nebraska law, Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln is a public charitable corporation. The Cemetery's general control and management is vested in a Board of Trustees. The Board can authorize one of its members to sign petitions for improving any streets, alleys, or public ways or grounds abutting cemetery grounds. The Board may sue or be sued, contract work and be under contract and acquire and convey real and personal property. The trustees shall subdivide, set apart, and dedicate that portion of said Cemetery located at Lincoln which heretofore been used for the burial of the dead from the various state institutions. The part set aside and dedicated shall be under the joint control of the trustees and HHSS. They have the power to provide, in their discretion, retirement benefits for present and future employees of the Cemetery, and to establish, participate in and administer plans for the benefit of the Cemetery's employees or its employees and their dependents. They also have the power to prescribe all of the rules and regulations for the governance of the Cemetery. Board of five trustees, appointed by the Governor for a term of six years, all serving without compensation.

**Governor's Youth Advisory Council** Term: At the pleasure of the Governor Meets: 4 times a year

Members are appointed from all areas of the state. Students are from 9th to 12th grade. Governor will chair the council, ranging from ages 14 to 18. Youth will come from a variety of family backgrounds, students with a variety of learning levels; the group will represent young people with diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. NE Children and Families Foundation works with the current members to conduct interviews and scores applicants to recommend names for appointments. Meets quarterly to address issues relevant to youth. They review legislative bills that relate to issues impacting youth and meet with the Governor to discuss these issues.