



Information Services Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:00 AM
ESU 4 Plus Zoom
2301 Dahlke Ave
Auburn, NE 68305

1. Call to Order
Committee Chair
2. Roll call
Committee Chair
3. Agenda Item
Committee Chair
 - 3.1. GEER Fund Update
Technology Director
 - 3.2. Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)
Technology Director
 - 3.3. Cybersecurity
Committee Chair
 - 3.4. NITC Notes - February 21, 2024
Committee Chair
 - 3.5. MSA 2024-2025
 - 3.5.1. Approve NOC Budget Request for 2024-2025
Committee Chair
 - 3.5.2. Approve TLT Budget Requests 2024-2025
Committee Chair
 - 3.6. Rule 58: Safety and Security Update
Executive Director
 - 3.7. SIMPL Report
Nate McClenahan
 - 3.8. Staff Reports
Committee Chair
 - 3.8.1. Scott Isaacson
Scott Isaacson
 - 3.8.2. Andrew Easton
Andrew Easton

3.8.3. Rhonda Eis

Rhonda Eis

4. Next Meeting Agenda Items

Committee Chair

5. Adjournment

Committee Chair

NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as: (a) Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; (b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; (c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; (e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or (f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length. Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1)(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public. (b) (i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website. (ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published by: (A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or (B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city or village. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting. (iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public

body.(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee. (d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes. (e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (2)(b) of this section are met: (i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity; (ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (v) An educational service unit; (vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (viii) A community college board of governors; (ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee; (x) A local public health department; (xi) A metropolitan utilities district; (xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and (xiii) A natural resources district. (b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows: (i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsection (1) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used; (iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and (iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas at wholesale on a multistate basis or an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the organization may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing. The governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by virtual conferencing.

(3) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(4) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(5) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(6) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(7)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (5) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsection (1) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body. (b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (4) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings. (c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section 84-1413. (8) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (2)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if: (a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body; (b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) The public body complies with subdivisions (2)(b)(i) and (2)(b)(ii) of this section.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each

meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if: (a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction; (b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; (c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; (d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; (e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and (f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

(4) Any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of the Open Meetings Act shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

84-1415. Open Meetings Act; requirements; waiver; validity of action. No motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting as defined in section 84-1409 of a public body as defined in such section shall be invalidated because such motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action was made, adopted, passed, or taken at a meeting or meetings on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before April 30, 2021, pursuant to a Governor's Executive Order which waived certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

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NITC Notes – February 21, 2024

Shorter meeting with topics covering:

1. Network NE and the RFP for internet.
 - a. Decrease in ethernet costs some from \$200 to \$20
 - b. UNL decreased to 23cents per Mgb
 - c. The same provider bid low for the Omaha and Lincoln sites. May need to pick different ones as the same provider should not have both.
 - d. As of this date this bids are not publicly available
2. Federal Govt. is providing funding to providers for the “last mile”
3. Ed Toner, CIO for NE resigned – interim CIO is Mark Neiman
4. UNL discussed their use of Canvas and a connection was made with Shara at the ESUCC
5. Network NE
 - a. Requested information regarding the Safety/Security Grant process
 - i. The Jay Martin email was forwarded
 - b. Requested to be able to share info at the ESUCC table for conferences/workshops



PDO Training Form

Contact Person/Affiliate Chair: Bill Pulte
Affiliate: NOC
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Contractor/Company: None selected yet
Presenter:
Email:
Phone:
Address: City, State, Zip:
Point of Contact:

Workshop Title: None selected yet
Date of Workshop: No date selected yet
Projected cost of workshop (include presenter fees, materials, expenses, etc):

Budget request for 2023-24
\$3,500.00 for Meetings/Onsite Registration
\$50,000.00 for Self-Supporting
\$53,500.00 total

How does workshop align with ESU CC Goals and ESUCC/NDE priority areas?

The NOC group will be moving all of our budget to Self-Supporting expenses. ESU's will be billed by ESUCC throughout the year as expenses arise.

Office Use:

Contract sent:
W-9/W4NA:

Date Received:
Date Received:

Scott Isaacson Staff Report

March, 2024

Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER II)

We are waiting for the reimbursement to us of \$100,548.24 for the last robotics item purchase. We received word on February 13, 2024 that the payment was cleared and should be received by us shortly.

Future Ready Digital Learning Collaborative (FRDLC)

We have received update counts from ESUs and schools for their participation in the **Proofpoint and Duo** projects, and will be sending billing in March:

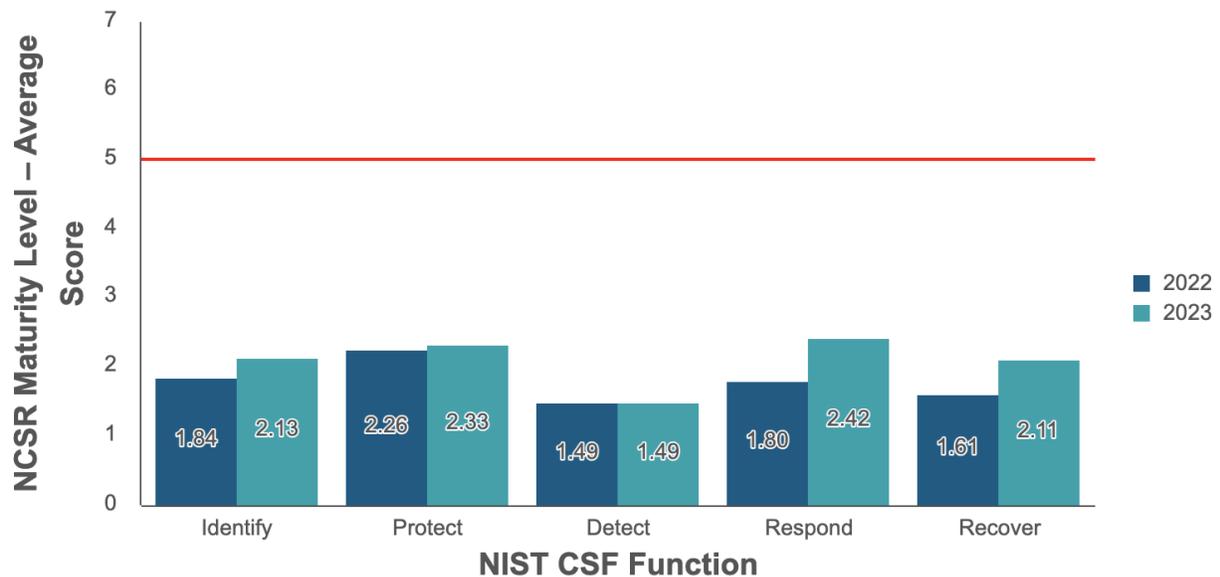
- Duo Security: 48 school districts and ESUs are participating, with 8,631 licenses purchased. 1,369 licenses remain available at the subsidized price of \$5 per license for this contract year.
- Proofpoint Security Awareness Training: 140 school districts and ESUs are participating, with 22,256 licenses registered. The cost is \$1.23 per license for this contract year.

The updated Canvas consortium usage is 82,369 user licenses across 190 school districts and ESUs participating. Canvas "road show" sessions around the state for teachers and administrators will be held this spring and summer to promote and teach beginning and advanced topics for a range of experience levels.

Tammy Cheatum (Canvas specialist) has announced her retirement effective May 31, 2024. Following an interview process, Bill Schroeder of Clarkson College has accepted an offer to join the Canvas team in April. His expertise in Canvas administration and instructional design will be a great addition to the Canvas team.

Cybersecurity

We (ESUCC) have completed the latest National Cyber Security Review (NCSR). This is a self-assessment which is required for recipients of the federal State and Local Cyber Security (SLCG/IIJA) grant funds. This charts shows the year-to-year results, comparing last year to this year:



I have been conservative in my answers to these questions and they show that we have improvements to make in many areas. While we are informally doing many of the right things for our cyber security, the scores are low when processes aren't documented and/or formalized. The improvement from last year represents mostly documentation work and improved processes. We will continue that improvement process.

The ESUCC SLCG year 1 project includes 0.4 FTE funding for additional support for ESUs and schools using Proofpoint, Duo Security and the NOC-led security assessment tools. ESUs 7 and 1 have offered assistance to the ESUCC to staff these needs. I am grateful for the help and will be utilizing these resources as needed to keep these projects moving forward

The application window for SLCG year 2 projects closed on February 4th, 2024. 62 project proposals were received, totalling \$5.1 million, which is greater than the \$4.3 million in funds available to award. The state committee has begun to review the proposals and will be scoring them likely during March, 2024. We anticipate the Notice of Funding Opportunity for year 3 funds will be released in May or June, 2024 and the state committee intends to open our application window earlier to keep the process and funding flowing as quickly as possible.

\$500,000 of remaining ESSER III state level funds have been allocated to the ESUCC for cyber security projects and a contract is in development. I visited with the NOC members at their February meeting and am working to finalize project plans, including cyber security training, workshops with ESUs and schools to develop and improve cyber incident response plans, and trials of security operations center (SOC) and penetration testing services. All work must be completed with these funds by September 30, 2024.

Other Projects

The SRS team is upgrading the software to keep it on current versions and has two new forms being reviewed by our legal counsel, along with other fixes and enhancements for release this spring. We are reaching out to ESUs and SRS districts to ask for feedback on the system and which future needs and enhancements they would like to see.

The software development team has released a testing version of the new NVIS site and made it available to all distance learning coordinators for their testing and feedback. We are working with that group to determine the best process and timeline for launching the new system.

The ESUCC will be taking on more responsibility (and funding) for the Project Para system. Our Canvas team is working on improving the registration process and access for paras taking the training, and improvements to the course content.



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning, Distance Learning, and Communication

PROJECT DIRECTOR: Andrew Easton

REPORT PERIOD: February 2024

COMMITTEE REPORT: DIGITAL LEARNING COORDINATOR

Digital Learning Efforts (Organized alphabetically by initiative)

- **Artificial Intelligence**
 - Presented on AI for ESU 3 Sups (2/1)
 - Applied for the ISTE+GM advanced cohort on AI (2/22)
 - Presented on AI for the Region III Principals' Group (2/14)
 - Presented on AI at the NSBA Conference (3/1)

- **BIT & Teacher Support Act**
 - Began initial conversations toward the development of the presentation materials and video recordings of the content for this teacher training.

- **Bold Steps Committee**
 - Continued to be a part of the **Bold Steps: Influence** Committee
 - Developing a series of one-pagers for efforts inclusive of...
 - [ESU Coordinating Council](#) (Finished)
 - [Distance Learning](#) (Finished)
 - [Cooperative Purchasing](#) (Finished)
 - [A Response to LR 240](#) (Finished)
 - [On ESUs and Non-Public Schools](#) (Finished)
 - Nebraska PowerSchool Cooperative (Developing)
 - Canvas Consortium (Developing)
 - GEER-Funded Robotics Purchase

- **Canvas Consortium**

- Met with Shara Johnson to discuss promoting the Canvas sessions in April for admin
 - [Posted this](#) to promote April admin sessions
 - [Posted this](#) to promote summer sessions
 - Scheduled a podcast for late March

- **Communication, Professional Learning, and Presentations**
 - Presented on Games in Education to ESU 4 educators (2/2)
 - Planned and presented an all-staff, team-building day for ESU 1 (2/5 & 2/6)
 - TLT Leadership meeting (2/6)

- **Computer Science**
 - Met with Shaun Young of NDE to discuss statewide computer science efforts, Comp Sci DL, Shaun presenting at TLT's May meetings, Saun presenting at FRNC, and our recording a podcast with CodeHS (2/9)

- **Cooperative Purchasing Collaboration**
 - Wrote a letter of recommendation to honor Pitsco representative Preston Fraizer for his support of [the GEER-funded Robotics](#) initiative

- **Curriculum-Based Professional Learning (CBPL)**
 - [Posted a podcast](#) on Eureka Math's impact on teaching and learning in the ESU 4 region

- **Digital Citizenship Symposium (2023)**
 - All resources are available at bit.ly/NEDigCit
 - Discussing options for a new logo with Dig Cit group

- **Distance Learning, NVIS, and VFT**
 - Held our third DL Coordinator's monthly meeting (2/26).
 - Here's the [Agenda](#)
 - Update from Todd Hatcher on NVIS site progress
 - Summer efforts to move course data from the old NVIS to the new system
 - Current NVIS will remain open for 2024-2025 school year/reporting year, but the aim will be to have the new system available in August

- Made the last call for resources in support of the development of NVIS onboarding documents for administrators and DL teachers
 - Will present at spring NETA on DL as a way to address teacher shortages
 - **Future Ready Nebraska Conference**
 - 2024 FR Nebraska Conference Planning
 - [REGISTRATION FORM](#) for June 10-11th, 2024
 - **Hybrid, Free, and at NDE**
 - Met with Nick Ziegler to move efforts forward (2/5 & 2/22)
 - FRN Conference meeting (2/27)
 - Contacted state, national, and international ed tech leaders to invite their participation in presenting at the FRNC 2024
 - Eirik Hernes Berre from Curipod
 - Trevor Goertzen from SchoolAI
 - Jaime Donally (keynote speaker)
 - Adam Vinter from Common Sense Media
 - Justin Knight from Perry Law
 - Bill Pulte from ESU 3
 - Brian Buffington from Pioneer RESA in GA
 - Eric Curts from GEG Ohio
 - Theme: ***Advancing Education in the Era of AI***
 - **Identified keynote/featured speakers...**
 - Amanda Bickerstaff, Jaime Donally, and Dr. Kristen Mattson
 - **Add Public / Private to Registration Form**
- **Future Ready Nebraska Council**
 - Met with the Future Ready Nebraska Council to begin the process of moving forward the Nebraska Ed Tech Plan now that the National Ed Tech Plan is in place (2/29)
- **PowerSchool Cooperative**

- [Created and posted this](#) to celebrate Wilcox-Hildreth joining as the 100th member district for NebPS
- [Created and posted this](#) as a way to update member districts about our third quarter opportunities

- **Robotics Purchase Support and Resources**

- Preston Fraizer of PITSCO has added additional resources to [our Robotic Support page](#)
 - [An Entire Catalogue](#) with links to add-on items for purchase is **NOW AVAILABLE**
- [Posted a podcast](#) that features district-level implementation of devices from the Robotics purchases
- Met with Dorann Avey to identify a group of ESU colleagues who might be interested in developing ties between the robotics devices and standards in elementary Math and science

- **Social Studies Inquiry Project (Summer 2024)**

- [ESUCC Page for Social Studies Inquiry Work](#)
- Nearly 60 inquiry units of study are now available
- **Aim is to include 40 teachers in the SS Inquiry Project for Summer of 2024**
 - Considering 4-5 sites to enhance teacher access and to cut personnel costs and travel

Social Media and Podcast Numbers/Reach Over Time

- **The Good Life EDU Podcast**

- Podcast Data
 - Broke 41,000 total downloads
 - **Listener retention across all episodes in February was 81%**
- Created 4 new episodes of [The Good Life EDU](#) podcast
 - **Episode 163** [The GEER-funded Robotics Devices Are Being Utilized in Nebraska Classrooms](#) with Dr. Josh Snyder, Erik, Emerson, and Preston Fraizer
 - **Episode 162** [What Game Design Can Teach Educators About Designing Learning Experiences](#) with Dr. Paul Darvasi
 - **Episode 161** [A New Equation for Learning: Pawnee City Is Having Their Eureka Math Moment](#) with Superintendent Brian Rottinghaus, teachers Aeden Ghyra and Hadley Sejkora, and Tara Gossman of ESU 4

- **Episode 160** [How a Nebraska-Based Company Is Leveraging AI to Support Individuals with Dyslexia](#) with Bridget Peterkin and Grace Clausen, the co-founders of Dyslexico

□ **Twitter X Follower Numbers and Reach Over Time**

- February 1588 (+11) Reach: ??? Discontinued
- January 1577 (+28) Reach: ??? Discontinued
- 2024**
 - November+December 1549 (+8) Reach: 3.6K
 - October 1541 (+28) Reach: 5.8K
 - September 1513 (+18) Reach: 10.3K
 - August 1495 (+41 Summer) Reach: 9.2K
 - July Reach: 9.8K
 - June Reach: 9.2K
 - May Reach: 16.2K
 - April 1454 (+11) Reach: 19.7K
 - March 1443 (+16) Reach: 17.6K
 - February 1427 (+12) Reach: 14.1K
 - January 1415 (+13) Reach: 13.6K
- 2023**
 - December 1402 (+7) Reach: 5.6K
 - November 1395 (-8) Reach: 6K
 - October 1403 (+46) Reach: 3.5K
 - September 1357 (+14) Reach: 9K
 - August 1343 (+19) Reach: 8K
 - July 1325 (+9) Reach: 8.6K
 - June 1316 (+13) Reach: 10.7K
 - May 1303 (+8) Reach: 17.6K
 - April 1295 (+1) Reach: 8.9K
 - March 1294 (+10) Reach: 17.9K
 - February 1284 (+12) Reach: 23.4K
 - January 1272 (+14) Reach: 31.2K
- 2022**
 - December: 1258 (+8) Reach: 6,737
 - November: 1250 (+14)
 - October: 1236 (+41)
 - September: 1195 (+71)
 - August: 1124 (+17)
 - July: 1107 (+34)
 - June: 1083 (+12)
 - May: 1071 (+70)
 - April: 1001 (+64) *Broke 1000 followers
 - March: 937 (+82)
 - February: 855 (+82)
 - January: 773 (+83)

2021

- December: 690 (+67)

□ Facebook Page Followers and Reach Over Time

- February (+2) Reach: 538
- January (+1) Reach: 362

2024

- November + December (+2) Reach: 1.1K
- October 594 (+3) Reach: 1951
- September 591 (-3) Reach: 600
- August 594 (+4) Reach: 1,380
- July 590 (+13) Reach: 2,027
- June 577 (+2) Reach: 1,784
- May 575 (+2) Reach: 1,343
- April 570 (+6)
- March 564 (+6)
- February 559 (+4)
- January 555 (+2)

2023

- December 553 (+0)
- November 553 (+0)
- October 553 (+7)
- September 546 (+6)
- August 540 (+12)
- July 528 (+10)
- June 518 (+1)
- May 517 (+5)
- April 512 (+6)
- March 506 (+3)
- February 503 (+10)
- January 493 (+4)

2022

- December: 489 (+36)
- November: 453 (+43)
- October: 410 (+15)
- September: 395 (+4)
- August: 391 (+13)
- July: 378 (+18)
- June: 360 (+3)
- May: 357 (+8)
- April: 349 (+33)
- March: 316 (+52)
- February: 264 (+30)
- January: 234 (+40)

2021

- December: 194 (+7)

□ **LinkedIn Direct Page Views Per Month**

- February Page Views: 38 Reach: 845
- January Page Views: 26 Reach: 371

2024

- Nov+Dec Page Views: 70
- October Page Views: 25
- September Page Views: 24
- August Page Views: 41
- July Page Views: 23
- June Page Views: 29
- May Page Views: 21

2023



Committee Report

PROJECT NAME: Digital Learning - Instructional Materials

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Rhonda Eis

REPORT PERIOD: March 2024

TLT Summary of Training Requests for 2024-25 (*Updated)

Total Training Budget Request = \$15,850

- **Subscription - The Marshall Memo** is a weekly email newsletter from the author that summarizes articles on current research and best practices in the field with e-links to full articles when available and highlights a few notable quotes.
 - **Cost: \$750**
 - annually for 999 recipients (ESUs and districts)
- **The Digital Citizenship Symposium** is both an in-person event and on-going online site with resources to teach the importance of being a good digital citizen. Online, there are videos and complete modules to learn about different aspects of digital citizenship. In-person is held at various ESUs. Students have the opportunity to compete in a contest that showcases how to be a CyberSmart citizen based on their learning. ([Website](#))
 - ***Cost: \$1,800 (increase of \$300 for presenter)**
 - Presenter (\$1,500) and student awards (\$300)
- **Training: Self-Paced UDL Course with Katie Novak Education**
 - Asynchronous course with scheduled monthly zoom meetings for TLT members to deepen their learning around Universally Design Instruction and Support. TLT members will collaborate on each module throughout the year. Participants will have the option to choose between two online courses. The course options are *UDL Now! Intro to UDL* and *Improving Accessibility with Technology and UDL*. (One course option for each service unit)
 - **Cost: \$4,000**
 - \$3,000 (One course option for each service unit)
 - \$1,000 - Books (contingent upon course selection)
- **Training: Artificial Intelligence to Improve Instruction Series**
 - A year long training program that focuses on: 1) How it improves instruction in curricular areas as well as in SPED, Admin, and others; 2) how to generate AI bots to enhance the classroom or education specific themes.
 - **Cost: \$9,300 + hospitality costs**
 - Presenter's Fee: \$3000 (Eric Curts)
 - Presenter's Fee: \$2500 (Donnie Piercey)
 - Subscription for POE App: \$3800
 - Two days hospitality costs (20 X \$25) X 2 = \$1,000
 - The following schedule is a year long process to accomplish this.

- June: Eric Curts to present at Future Ready conference (June 10-11) for 2-3 hour virtual kickoff with focus on how to change secondary instruction in an age of Generative AI using ELA examples. (**Future Ready Funding provided by NDE/Dorann Avey.**)
- **One day - regional/hybrid locations - September.** Most impactful AI tools & Strategies 2-3 hours virtually in the AM with Eric. Followup work time in the PM.
- **One day - regional/hybrid locations - *October.** Half day session with Donnie Piercey -- Creating our own AI chat bots for the classroom with afternoon to create and explore. (Recorded)
- **Monthly Webinars** (Recorded) - Possibly open webinars to districts based upon numbers allowed.
 - Nov: AI with a focus on SPED examples
 - Dec: AI with a focus on Social Studies examples
 - Jan: AI with a focus on Arts & CTE examples
 - Feb: AI with a focus on Admin examples
 - March: AI with a focus on Math/Science examples
 - April: AI with a focus on Librarian examples

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- [Nebraska OER Link](#)
- Platform updates to activity reporting - moving away from Google Analytics for more privacy and security of data. Rolling out new reports in the next few months.
- Meeting this week with Dorann Avey (NDE) - Standards and upcoming OER work

ESU PD Library

- [ESU PD Library Link](#)
- Usage Summary from August 1, 2023 - March 1, 2024
 - Total users - 54
 - Total checkouts -170
 - Ebook - 71
 - Audiobook - 99
- Top 10 Checkouts
 - Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope... (ebook)
 - Human Work in the Age of Smart Machines (ebook)
 - The Mister Rogers Effect (Audiobook)
 - Hope Rising: How the Science of Hope... (audiobook)
 - Reality-Based Leadership: Ditch the Drama (audiobook)
 - In Support of Students: Leader's Guide to Equitable MTSS (ebook)
 - Reality-Based Leadership: Ditch the Drama (ebook)
 - No Ego: How Leaders Can... (audiobook)
 - What Happened to You? (audiobook)
 - The PD Book (audiobook)
- Credit balance= \$2,460