

ESU 3 Regular Meeting

ESU #3

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 7:00 PM

Marla Fries:	Present
Brett Kuhn:	Present
Ron Pearson:	Present
Mary Scarborough:	Absent
Brenda Sherman:	Present
Ted Stilwill:	Present
Liz Tompkins:	Present
Stan Turner:	Present

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Pursuant to Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Statutes, notice of future meetings was be given by advertisement in the Omaha World Herald on 5/14/26.

In addition the meeting was posted on the following locations: the ESU #3 Website, the ESU #3 Headquarters front door, and the Sparq Meetings host site.

1.1. Excused Board Members, if Applicable

Motion to excuse absent board member, Mary Scarborough Passed with a motion by Brett Kuhn and a second by Liz Tompkins.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

2. Nebraska Open Meetings Act Notice; Location of Posted Information

3. Recognition of Visitors

Tara Lindstrom of NESC was in attendance as part of her EIR process.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Marla Fries.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

5.1. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

5.2. Personnel Report

5.2.1. Hired

5.2.2. Resigned/Terminated

5.3. Contract Report

5.4. Approval of National Travel and/or Lodging Expenses Exceeding the Applicable Federal Rate Report

5.5. Items for Disposal, Asset Change, or For Sale

5.6. Board Member Insurance Coverage

5.7. Head Start Leadership Reports, Policy Council Updates, Contracts, Etc.

6. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Marla Fries.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

The Treasurer's Report noting receipts totaled \$6,589,814.19 for the month and disbursements totaled \$2,759,651.63.

7. Approval of Bills

Motion to approve bills as presented Passed with a motion by Liz Tompkins and a second by Brett Kuhn.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Bills were presented in the amount of \$2,152,501.22.

8. Administrative Report

Dr. Schnoes shared information on the following topics: budget process, Facilities update, AESA: Dr. Schnoes will serve as Past President for one year, Dr. Wilken and EIR process, and recognized our staff at the Staff Appreciation Lunch.

9. New Business Agenda Items

9.1. AI for Board Members

Eileen Heller, PLD led a presentation regarding AI and the focus that ESU 3 is taking with staff and districts.

9.2. Presentation: Professional Learning

Dr. Scott Blum and Dr. Cecilia Wilken shared the current programs within the PL Department and discussed several projects that are on the horizon.

9.3. ESU 3 External Visit Review

Dr. Schnoes, Dr. Blum, and Dr. Wilken reviewed the External Report findings with the board. Overall, ESU 3 had an excellent visit and is thankful for everyone's support and input.

9.4. AESA Delegation Trip Presentation

Dr. Schnoes shared the key takeaways from the AESA visits to Beijing 101 in China and the second trip to Portugal and Spain. He emphasized the importance of keeping future global educational opportunities in mind and that these trips will likely encourage international visitors to come to ESU 3 in Nebraska.

9.5. Presentation: EIR from Minnesota

Tara Lindstrom shared information about the NESC (cooperative) in north-east Minnesota that she works for and her involvement with the AESA EIR program.

9.6. Budget Planning and Staffing Review

Dr. Schnoes shared the latest version of Core Service Funds for the Nebraska ESUs.

9.7. Review Board Policy on AI

A first draft of a new AI policy was reviewed. This will be on the board agenda for approval in June.

9.8. Approve Handbooks for 2026-27

Motion to approve the Handbooks as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Stan Turner.

Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting Passed with a motion by Marla Fries and a second by Liz Tompkins.
Marla Fries: Yes, Brett Kuhn: Yes, Ron Pearson: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

