STATE OF NEBRASKA

Minutes of the
Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

October 16, 2026

Nebraska Department of Transportation
Central Headquarters Building Auditorium
1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska

Meeting and Hearings Notices:

- Statewide news release emailed and posted on Nebraska Department of Transportation website, October 8, 2026.
- Event posted on the State of Nebraska website (Public Meeting Calendar), October 8, 2026.
- Event posted on the NDOT Boards- Liaison Services webpage, October 8, 2026.
- Tentative agenda was made available to each board member and interested persons in SharePoint, October 8, 2026.
- Meeting agenda kept current and on public display in Liaison Services Section, Room 102, Nebraska Department of Transportation, 1600 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska.
- Meeting agenda posted in the main entrance of the Nebraska Department of Transportation's 1500 Nebraska Parkway building, October 16, 2026.

Board members present:

Roger Figard, Lincoln, Chairman
Kent H. Anderson, Lemoyne
Kyle L. Anderson, Valley
Bruce H. Filipi, Milligan
Chris P. Jacobsen, Broken Bow
Barbara J. Keegan, Alliance
Russell L. Kreachbaum, Jr., Central City
James K. McDonald, David City
Steven D. Rames, Norfolk
Nathan Sorben, Lincoln

Board members absent:

Brandon Varilek, Lincoln

Staff members present:

LeMoyne D. Schulz, Board Secretary & Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, NDOT, Lincoln
Barbara Hasterlo, Liaison Services Administrative Specialist, NDOT, Lincoln
Jessie Sampson, Highway External Affairs Manager, Local Assistance Division, NDOT, Lincoln
Megan Patent-Nygren, Highway Program Specialist /Nebraska LTAP, NDOT, Lincoln

Others in attendance:

Nichole Bogen, Assistant Attorney General, Nebraska Attorney General's Office, Lincoln
Matthew Marra, Roadway Design, NDOT, Lincoln
Walter Moy, Materials & Research, NDOT, Lincoln
Jodi Gibson, Local Assistant Division Manager, NDOT, Lincoln

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Chairman Figard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The meeting was open to the public. There will be an opportunity for members of the public to speak at the end of the meeting.

For the record, Secretary Schulz made the following announcement: the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards is assembled in the auditorium at NDOT Headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. The date is Friday, October 16, 2026, and the time is 9:00 a.m. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the room. The Meeting Agenda and a copy of all materials that were provided to the Board Members, prior to the start of this meeting, are available on the table by the entrance to this room. A sign-in sheet is available. Visitors are not required to sign but are encouraged to do so.

There were no changes from the originally published agenda.

Member Filipi moved to approve the August 21, 2026, meeting minutes. Member Kent H. Anderson seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Kreachbaum abstained. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried.

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Meeting business:

- 2026 Annual Certification of Program Compliance Update

    1. A total of 80 County *(out of 93);* 399 *(out of 526)* Municipal; and NDOT certifications have been received.

    2. The County and Municipal filing deadline is October 31, 2026.

    Member Jacobsen moved to accept the Status Report of the 2026 Annual Certification of Program Compliance as presented. Member Kreachbaum seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried.

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- Professional Engineer Applications (2)

  - Members reviewed and discussed the Class B License Application of Travis Wallen.

    Member Filipi moved to approve the license. Member Kyle Anderson seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried. License Number assigned: S-1845.

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  - Members reviewed and discussed the Class B License Application of Nate Jensen.

    Member Jacobsen moved to approve the license. Member McDonald seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried. License Number assigned: S-1846.

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- PDH Request – Pre-certification:

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	CATEGORY 1 PDH
41th Annual Local Roads Conference (2026)	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	October 19 – 21, 2026	**Day 1 =** 0 **Day 2 =** 6.50 **Day 3 =** 3.50 **Total 10.0**

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	CATEGORY 1 PDH	CATEGORY 5 PDH
APWA 2026 Joint Fall Conference	Kearney, NE	November 3, 2026	**Day 1 = 5.25**	
		November 4, 2026	**Day 2 = 3.00** **Total 8.25**	**Day 2 = 1.0** (Business meeting)
			Total 9.25 PDH (Categories 1 + 5)	

Member McDonald moved to approve the two (2), Pre-certification PDH requests. Member Keegan seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried.

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COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	CATEGORY 1 PDH
Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association **(NIRMA) Self Defense – Get Ahead of the Game Conference**	Kearney, NE	October 22 – 23, 2026	
	The board tabled the NIRMA Pre-certification request until the next meeting, for additional information.		

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- PDH Request – Verification:

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	CATEGORY 1 PDH	CATEGORY 3 PDH
2026 MINK Conference	St. Joseph, Missouri	September 16 – 17, 2026	**Day 1 =** 3.75 **Day 2 =** 3.50 **Total 7.25**	N/A

COURSE	LOCATION	DATE	CATEGORY 1 PDH	CATEGORY 3 PDH
All NACO Fall 2026 District Meetings (as 1 unit), as noted below:				
Nebraska Association of County Officials – **Southeast District** Meeting	Ashland	September 10, 2026	**1.75**	**1.25** (NACO Business Meeting.) **0.00** (Highway Association Business Meeting)
Nebraska Association of County Officials – **Northeast District** Meeting	Norfolk	September 11, 2026	**1.75**	**1.25** (NACO Business meeting) **0.00** (Highway Association Business Meeting)
Nebraska Association of County Officials – **Central District** Meeting	Kearney	September 17, 2026	**1.75**	**1.25** (NACO Business meeting) **0.00** (Highway Association Business Meeting)
Nebraska Association of County Officials – **Panhandle District** Meeting	Bridgeport	September 23, 2026	**1.00**	**1.25** (NACO Business Meeting) **0.75** (Highway Association Business Meeting) **2.00 Total**
Nebraska Association of County Officials – **West Central District** Meeting.	Ogallala	September 24, 2026	**1.25**	**1.25** (NACO Business Meeting) **0.50** (Highway Association Business Meeting) **1.75 Total**

Member Jacobsen moved to approve the two (2), Verification PDH requests. Member Filipi seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen,

Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried.

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2027- 2029 License Renewal:

- The board discussed the status of the 2027 – 2029 Class A and Class B license renewals.

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Other Business:

- Nuckolls County Complaint – The board received a complaint from a resident of Nuckolls County concerning maintenance of their road.

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Correspondence and General Information:

- Minimum Standards Update: Chairman Figard updated the board on the changes to Minimum Standards for County Roads and Municipal Streets. The board is working with a consultant, Ms. Sampson, and the Assistant Attorney General regarding the process of Standards and will schedule meetings with the NBCS Minimum Standards Committee to review and discuss further and update the NBCS board at future meetings.

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There were no Comments from the Audience.

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Acknowledgement of Visitors.

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Superintendent License Exam- grading:

- Closed Meeting Business – At 9:36 a.m., Chairman Figard announced the board will go into closed session to review and discuss the grading of the October 2, 2026, exam. Seven (7) candidates were examined. The closed session ended at 9:54 a.m., and the board returned to open session.

	Five (5) candidates passed:	**License Number Assigned**
	Mr. Thomas Fields, Norfolk, Nebraska	S-1847
	Mr. Matt Mitchell, Dalton, Nebraska	S-1848
	Mr. Blake Power, Kearney, Nebraska	S-1849
	Ms. Ashley Rasmussen, Stromsburg, Nebraska	S-1850
*	Ms. Nicole Lynn Tyrrell-Feltes, Pender, Nebraska	S-1851

Five (5) candidates passed:	**License Number Assigned**

* Prior candidate

Mr. Kent H. Anderson moved to approve Class B Licenses for the five (5) candidates who passed the exam. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Members Kent H. Anderson, Kyle L. Anderson, Filipi, Jacobsen, Keegan, Kreachbaum, McDonald, Rames, Sorben, and Figard voted YES. Member Varilek was absent. The motion carried.

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The board directed staff to prepare and issue a statewide news release of newly licensed Superintendents. *(See Attachment #1.)*

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Secretary Schulz reported that as of October 16, 2026, Nebraska has 397 Licensees that hold 242 Class B and 155 Class A licenses.

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Pre-Exam Training, Fall 2026. Ms. Patent-Nygren reported that seven (7) candidates, and one (1) attendee – listening only – attended in Lincoln on September 15 – 18, 2026.

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A total of thirteen (13) persons remain eligible for the April 2, 2027, exam.

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Applicants for the April 2, 2027, Exam. No applications were received.

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The Board discussed preparations for the April 2, 2027, exam to be held in the NDOT Auditorium in Lincoln and tentatively holding future exams in Gering, at the NDOT District 5 office.

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The exam application filing deadline is December 31, 2026.

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The Spring 2027 Pre-exam Training Workshop is scheduled to be held March 2 – 5, 2027 at the NDOT Auditorium, in Lincoln. NDOT LTAP staff will present. Workshop materials and videos are available on the NDOT- Boards Liaison Services website at https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/local-public-assistance/boards-liaison/training/

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The next tentative meeting is scheduled to be held on November 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Nebraska Department of Transportation Central Headquarters Building Auditorium, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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There being no further meeting business agenda items, Chairman Figard adjourned the open meeting business at 9:55 a.m.

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LeMoyne D. Schulz
Secretary for the Board
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Highway and Street Superintendents Licensed

October 23, 2026 (Lincoln, Neb.) — Five people successfully completed the October 2, 2026, examination and are now licensed by the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Licensed as Class B County Highway and City Street Superintendents are: Mr. Thomas Fields of Norfolk; Mr. Matt Mitchell of Dalton; Mr. Blake Power of Kearney; Ms. Ashley Rasmussen of Stromsburg; and Ms. Nicole Lynn Tyrrell-Feltes of Pender.

Fields is a Staff Engineer with McLaury Engineering; Mitchell is the Assistant Highway Superintendent for the Cheyenne County Highway Department; Power is the Assistant Highway Superintendent for the Buffalo County Highway Department; Rasmussen is the Highway Superintendent for the York County Highway Department; and Tyrrell-Feltes is the Village Clerk, for the Village of Pender.

The next examination will be held April 2, 2027, with an application deadline of December 31, 2026.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, PO Box 94759, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, 402-479-4436, and by visiting the website listed below.

Others recently licensed as Class B Highway and City Street Superintendents include:

Mr. Nate Jensen, P.E., of Minden; Mr. Bryan D. Kratky, P.E., of Omaha; and Mr. Travis Lee Wallen, P.E., of McCook.

Professional Engineers (P.E.) are licensed by equivalency. Jensen is Engineer with Brown Surveying Services in Grand Island; Kratky is a Construction Engineering Lead with Lamp Rynearson in Omaha; and Wallen is a Professional Engineer with W. Design Associates in McCook.

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TOWARD ZERO DEATHS — NEBRASKA

BUCKLE UP PHONE DOWN

Superintendents are qualified to assist in administering county, city and village road and street programs, including:

- preparing one- and six-year improvement plans or programs,
- preparing annual budgets,
- supervising the annual program for design, construction and maintenance of roads and streets, and
- coordinating plans with adjacent counties, cities, villages and with the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Additional information about the licensing program is available at the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Boards – Local Assistance Division, Liaison Services Section website, ndot.info/boards-liaison.

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