ESU 3 Regular Meeting

ESU #3

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00 PM

Marla Fries:	Present
Brett Kuhn:	Absent
Ron Pearson:	Absent
Mary Scarborough:	Present
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 4/16/26.

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 Brett Kuhn and Ron Pearson Passed with a motion by Brenda Sherman and a second by Marla Fries.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: 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

No visitors were present.

4. Public Comments

No public comments.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Brenda Sherman and a second by Liz Tompkins.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: 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, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

The Treasurer's Report noting receipts totaled $2,702,767.02 for the month and disbursements totaled $2,272,847.72.

7. Approval of Bills

Motion to approve bills as presented Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Stan Turner.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Bills were presented in the amount of $2,772,216.31.

8. Administrative Report

Dr. Schnoes shared information on the following topics: the AESA Executive in Residence Program and Cecilia Wilken's acceptance, the Legislative session update, and a reminder of the External visit with the board members on April 22.

9. New Business Agenda Items

9.1. Presentation: Head Start

Presentation from Troy Glock, Audra Oestreich, Robin Kolumban and Jill French (Health and Nutrition Specialist), who provided an update on the Head Start program and the outlook for 2026-27.

9.2. Legislative Review and Lobby Retainer Agreement

Motion to approve the renewal of the Lobby Retainer Agreement with Bromm and Associates for 2026-2028 Passed with a motion by Brenda Sherman and a second by Liz Tompkins.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Jason Bromm and Payton Coulter of Bromm and Associates provided an update on the legislative session and the work completed. The board also discussed the need to continue with the lobbying services for the next two years.

9.3. AESA Search Firm Presentation and Approval

Motion to approve the Executive Search proposal from AESA for $19,500 Passed with a motion by Brenda Sherman and a second by Ted Stilwill.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

The board reviewed the proposal from AESA and was impressed with the thoroughness.

9.4. Approve Contract with ChanceLight

Motion to approve contract with Chancelight. Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Marla Fries.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

9.5. 2026 Summer Construction Projects

Motion to approve the 2026 summer construction projects Passed with a motion by Stan Turner and a second by Brenda Sherman.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

Dr. Schnoes reviewed with the board the current constrcution projects and the potential future ones.

9.6. Budget Planning and Review

Dr. Schnoes shared information on the 26-27 budget projections.

9.7. Board Policy Approvals

Motion to approve Board Policy updates for Article 3, Sections 5D and 5M Passed with a motion by Ted Stilwill and a second by Marla Fries.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

9.8. Set Date and Location for June Board Meeting

Motion to set the date of the June Board Meeting on June 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm, at Gifford Farm Passed with a motion by Stan Turner and a second by Liz Tompkins.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

9.9. 2026-27 Master Services Agreement between ESU Coordinating Council and ESU #3

Motion to approve ESU #3 to participate in all cooperative projects offered by ESUCC for the 2026-27 school year, as specified in the Master Services Agreement; the Board authorizes the administrator of the ESU to sign the Master Services Agreement on the ESUâ€™s behalf Passed with a motion by Brenda Sherman and a second by Liz Tompkins.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

9.10. NSBA National Conference Follow up

Marla, Mary and Scott Blum shared information on the NSBA National Conference. All expressed the value this conference offered with the keynotes and breakout sessions.

9.11. Sterling Spring Technology Purchase

Motion to approve the technology purchase from Sterling Computers for $108,474.10 Passed with a motion by Marla Fries and a second by Ted Stilwill.
Marla Fries: Yes, Mary Scarborough: Yes, Brenda Sherman: Yes, Ted Stilwill: Yes, Liz Tompkins: Yes, Stan Turner: Yes

10. Adjournment

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