

**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment**

**Board of Trustees Minutes**

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**January 19, 2022**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Holly Hatton Bowers called the Sixpence Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. on January 19, 2022, via Zoom

**Trustees attended via Zoom**: Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education), Holly Hatton Bowers, Nicole Vint (representing the CEO of Health and Human Services), Cara Small, and Tanya Santos. Absent, John Levy

**Others attended via zoom:**  Ron Theasmeyer (NDE Finance), Bob Homan, Josh Cramer, Mary Jo Pankoke, Betty Medinger, Aiesha Rahn (NCFF), Beckie Cromer (DHHS), Stephanie Knust, Elizabeth Everett (First Five Nebraska)

**Trustees and others attending at NCFF:** Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Fabiola Dimas, and Kevin Cloonan (Nebraska Children)

**Approve September 15th Board Minutes**

A motion was made by Melody Hobson to approve the minutes, Second by Holly Hatten Bowers. Voting yes: Holly Hatten Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, Abstaining, Tanya Santos. Absent, John Levy. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Financial Reports, funding forecasts**

Ron Theasmeyer provided an update on the 20-21, and 21-22 grant status. The current allocation for all Sixpence Traditional Grants is $9,828,958. Kevin Cloonan provided the Board a CCP update and the five-year forecast, including the sources and uses of funds.   Elizabeth Everett informed the board of a proposed bill to codify capital gains. Stephanni Renn asked the Board to create a subcommittee to further explore the pros and cons of the legislation and what would need to be done to ensure the Sixpence Endowment provides the revenue needed to continue to fund programs at the current level.

**Review Grantee Status Report**

Karen Pinkelman, Aiesha Rahn, Fabiola Dimas and Stephanni Renn provided highlights and updates from each District's programs, including the Step Up to Quality ratings and enrollment.

**Discuss Board Appointment Terms and vote for Chair and Co-Chair**

Stephanni Renn introduced Tanya Santos as the newest member of the Board. The current board terms were reviewed. Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small will end in December of 2023 and John Levy's terms will end in December of 2022.

A motion was made by Melody Hobson to nominate Holly Hatten Bowers as Chair of the Board and Tanya Santos as the Vice Chair, Second by Cara Small. Voting yes: Holly Hatten Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, Nicole Vint, Tanya Santos. Absent, John Levy. No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2:12 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** by Holly Hatten Bowers. Second by Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Holly Hatten Bowers, Cara Small, Tanya Santos, Melody Hobson, and Nicole Vint. Absent, John Levy. No opposition, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: March 16th at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.



**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment**

**Board of Trustees Minutes**

**March 16, 2022**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Melody Hobson called the Sixpence Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. on March 16, 2022, via Zoom

**Trustees attended via Zoom**: Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education), Holly Hatton Bowers, John Levy, Cara Small, Absent: Tanya Santos, Nicole Vint.

**Others attended via zoom:**  Ron Theasmeyer (NDE Finance), Mary Jo Pankoke, Betty Medinger (NCFF), Beckie Cromer (DHHS), Stephanie Knust, Elizabeth Everett, Jason Prokop (First Five Nebraska), Stephanie Knust, Beckie Cromer.

**Others attending at NCFF:** Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Aiesha Rahn, Fabiola Dimas, Deb Reinman and Kevin Cloonan (Nebraska Children)

**Approve January 16 Board Minutes**

A motion was made by Holly Hatton-Bowers to approve the minutes, Second by Cara Small Voting yes: Holly Hatten Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Absent, Tonya Santos and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Financial Reports, funding forecasts**

Ron Theasmeyer updated the 20-21 and 21-22 grant status. The current allocation for all Sixpence Traditional Grants is $9,828,958. Kevin Cloonan provided the Board a CCP update and the five-year forecast, including the sources and uses of funds.

**Discuss and update from Board Subcommittee**

Stephanni Renn asked Melody Hobson to report on the subcommittee's decision regarding whether to request a change in the current proposed legislative language to include the word capital gains instead of just interest and dividends. The sub-committee determined it was in the best interest of the Sixpence Endowment to continue to grow the corpus to receive additional interest and dividends in the future. The subcommittee wanted to ensure the long-term benefit vs. short-term flexibility. During Public comment, a request was made to the Board not to make their current decision permanent and consider that the language may need to be changed for Sixpence Endowment to provide the necessary revenue to continue to fund programs at the current level. The Board agreed to leave the issue open and to look at it again in the fall

**Review and approve 2022-2023 Funding Allocations**

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| **District** | **22-23**  **Allocation** |
| Alliance Public Schools | $150,000 |
| Auburn Public Schools | $110,392 |
| Aurora Public Schools | $89,250 |
| Bancroft-Rosalie Center | $150,000 |
| Bancroft-Rosalie Family Engagement | $85,000 |
| Beatrice Public School | $85,000 |
| Blair Community School | $85,000 |
| Broken Bow Public Schools | $183,500 |
| Central City Public Schools | $89,250 |
| Columbus Public Schools | $164,500 |
| Crete Public Schools | $314,666 |
| Falls City Public Schools | $291,907 |
| Fremont Public Schools | $295,573 |
| Garden County Public Schools | $86,000 |
| Grand Island Public Schools | $163,870 |
| Hastings Public Schools | $85,000 |
| Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer | $86,000 |
| Kearney Center | $150,212 |
| Kearney Home Based | $230,000 |
| Kearney Center Expansion | $150,000 |
| Lexington Public Schools | $251,450 |
| Lincoln Home | $205,200 |
| Lincoln SCLC Center | $429,375 |
| Lincoln Educare Center | $434,121 |
| Loup City Public Schools | $166,250 |
| Millard Public Schools | $87,276 |
| Norfolk Public Schools | $230,000 |
| North Platte Public Schools | $180,000 |
| Omaha Educare | $581,250 |
| Omaha OELC Center | $534,040 |
| Omaha Home | $159,710 |
| O'Neill Public Schools | $300,000 |
| Ord Public Schools | $93,750 |
| Papillion La Vista Public Schools | $92,000 |
| Plattsmouth Community Schools | $87,000 |
| Red Cloud Community Schools | $150,000 |
| Santee Community Schools | $162,500 |
| Schuyler Community Schools | $326,930 |
| Scottsbluff Public Schools | $306,850 |
| Seward Public Schools | $174,000 |
| South Sioux City (Dakota) | $85,000 |
| St Paul Public Schools | $89,250 |
| Umo N Ho N Nation Public Schools | $150,000 |
| Walthill Public Schools | $150,000 |
| Weeping Water Public Schools | $300,000 |
| Weeping Water Conestoga | $150,000 |
| Winnebago Public Schools | $217,000 |
| York Public Schools | $328,886 |
| Total 2022-2023 Allocations | **$9,446,958** |

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| Child Care Partnership | |
| **District** | **22-23**  **Allocation** |
| Auburn | $225,000 |
| Chadron | $202,057 |
| Falls City | $227,588 |
| Gering | $238,376 |
| Grand Island | $250,000 |
| Hastings | $244,238 |
| Kearney | $482,525 |
| Sidney | $178,823 |
| York | $219,000 |
| **Total** | **$2,267,607** |

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the proposed allocations for the 2022-2023 program year. Second by Holly Hatton-Bowers. Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Absent, Tonya Santos and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review and approve revised Quality Criteria/Indicators for CCP**

Deb Reiman reviewed the proposed changes to the Childcare Partnership Quality Indicators with the Board. The revised Indicators include items previously included in the Supplemental Guide for Sixpence Childcare Partnership Programs. The revised indicators now include more detail for CCP Programs and their Child Care Partners and better align with the State's Step Up to Quality Indicators.

A motion was made by Cara Small to approve the revised Childcare Partnership Quality Indicators. Second by John Levy. Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Absent, Tonya Santos and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Grantee Status Report**

Karen Pinkelman, Aiesha Rahn, Fabiola Dimas, and Stephanni Renn provided highlights and updates from each District's programs, including the Step Up to Quality ratings and enrollment.

The meeting ended at 1:58 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** by John Levy, Second by Cara Small Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Absent, Tonya Santos and Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: June 8 at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.



**Nebraska Early Childhood Education Endowment**

**Board of Trustees Minutes**

**June 8, 2022**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Tanya Santos called the Sixpence Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. on June 8, 2022, via Zoom

**Trustees attended**: Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education)

**Trustees attended via Zoom**: Tanya Santos, John Levy, Cara Small, Absent: Nicole Vint, Holly Hatton Bowers

**Others attended via zoom:**  Ron Theasmeyer (NDE Finance), Beckie Cromer (DHHS), Elizabeth Everett, Jason Prokop (First Five Nebraska), Josh Kramer

**Others attending at NCFF:** Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Aiesha Rahn, Fabiola Dimas, Deb Reiman, and Kevin Cloonan (Nebraska Children)

**Approve Board Minutes**

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve the minutes, Second by Melody Hobson. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Financial Reports and funding forecasts**

Ron Theasmeyer updated the 20-21 and 21-22 grant status. The current allocation for all Sixpence Traditional Grants is $9,680,434. Kevin Cloonan provided the Board with a CCP update and the five-year forecast, including the sources and uses of funds.

**Review and Approve Blair Public Schools Model**

Stephanni Renn presented a letter from Blair Public School's Superintendent Randall Gilson requesting a change in partnership between his district and NEN-CAP.

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve Blair Public Schools' request to no longer contract with NEN-CAP, Second by Cara Small. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review and Approve School District Carryover Requests**

Stephanni Renn presented the Board with the carryover request documents to consider approving.

Blair - $20,558.19

O’Neill - $5,500

Conestoga - $25,000

Weeping Water - $50,000

North Platte - $11,178

Bancroft-Rosalie Center - $25,000

Bancroft-Rosalie Home - $21,000

Norfolk - $25,240

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve the carryover requests for Blair, O'Neill, Weeping Water, Conestoga, Bancroft, and Norfolk school districts. Second by Melody Hobson Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review and approve 2022-2023 Funding Allocations**

Grantee School District          Program Model Continued Funding

Alliance Center $150,000 Contingent Funding

Auburn Home $110,392 Continued Funding

Auburn CCP (CCDF funded) $233,590 Continued Funding

Aurora Home $89,250 Continued Funding

Bancroft-Rosalie Center $175,000 Continued Funding

Bancroft-Rosalie Home $106,000 Continued Funding

Beatrice Home $85,000 Continued Funding

Blair Home $105,558 Continued Funding

Broken Bow Home $183,500 Continued Funding

Central City Home $89,250 Contingent Funding

Chadron CCP (CCDF funded) $202,057 Continued Funding

Columbus Home $164,500 Continued Funding

Crete Home $314,666 Continued Funding

Falls City Home $291,907 Continued Funding

Falls City CCP (CCDF funded) $237,330 Continued Funding

Fremont Home $295,573 Continued Funding

Garden County Home $86,000 Contingent Funding

Gering CCP (CCDF funded) $238,376 Continued Funding

Grand Island Home $163,870 Continued Funding

Grand Island CCP (CCDF Funded) $252,500 Continued Funding

Hastings Home $85,000 Continued Funding

Hastings CCP (CCDF funded) $253,976 Continued Funding

HTRS Home $86,000 Continued Funding

Kearney Home $230,000 Continued Funding

Kearney Center $300,212 Continued Funding

Kearney Center (CCDF funded) $150,000 Continued Funding

Kearney CCP (CCDF funded) $341,430 Continued Funding

Lexington Home $251,450 Continued Funding

Lincoln Center- Educare $434,121 Continued Funding

Lincoln Home $205,200 Contingent Funding

Lincoln Center- SCLCs $429,375 Contingent Funding

Loup City Home $166,250 Continued Funding

Millard Home $87,276 Continued Funding

Norfolk Home $255,240 Continued Funding

North Platte Home $191,178 Continued Funding

Omaha Center- Educare $581,250 Contingent Funding

Omaha Home – OELC $159,710 Continued Funding

Omaha Center- OELC $534,040 Continued Funding

O’Neill Center $305,500 Continued Funding

Ord Home $93,750 Continued Funding

Papillion-LaVista Home                                               $92,000 Continued Funding

Plattsmouth Home $87,000 Continued Funding

Santee Center $162,500 Continued Funding

Schuyler Home $336,930 Continued Funding

Scottsbluff Home $306,850 Continued Funding

Seward Consortium Home $174,000 Continued Funding

South Sioux City Home $85,000 Continued Funding

Sidney CCP (CCDF funded) $178,823 Continued Funding

St. Paul Home $89,250 Continued Funding

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Walthill Center $150,000 Continued Funding

Weeping Water Center $350,000 Continued Funding

Weeping Water Conestoga Center $175,000 Continued Funding

Winnebago Center- Educare $217,000 Continued Funding

York Home $328,886 Continued Funding

York CCP (CCDF funded) $229,000 Continued Funding

**Total Allocations** **Home & Center** **$9,680,434**

**Total Allocations** **CCP** **$2,317,107 (CCDF funded)**

**Grand Total Allocations** **$11,997,541**

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve the recommended funding allocations for the 22-23 program year. Second by Melody Hobson Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve the recommended Childcare Partnership funding allocations for the 22-23 program year. Second by Jon Levy. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Designate NCFF to contract with CCP Programs**

Stephanni Renn asked the Board to designate NCFF to contract with the CCP programs.

A motion was made by Tanya Santos to approve the NCFF designation to contract with Childcare Partnership Programs. Second by Melody Hobson Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

**Discuss and Approve UNMC Evaluation Budgets and Scopes of Work, Designating the Board Chair to sign the contract.**

Stephanni Renn presented the proposed evaluation budget and scope of work plan from UNMC Monroe Meyer Institute. She noted the traditional Sixpence program budget went down slightly, and the Childcare Partnership budget went up.

A motion was made by Melody to approve the UNMC evaluation budget for the 22-23 program year and designate the Board Chair to sign the contract. Second by Tanya Santos. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2:26 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** by Tanya Santos. Second by John Levy. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tanya Santos. Absent: Holly Hatten-Bowers, Nicole Vint. No opposition, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2022, at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

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**Board of Trustees Minutes**

**September 16, 2022**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Holly Hatton Bowers** called the Sixpence Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. on September 16, 2022, via Zoom

**Trustees attended via Zoom**: Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education), Nicole Vint (DHHS) Holly Hatton Bowers, John Levy, Cara Small, Absent: Tanya Santos

**Others attended via zoom:** Aiesha Rahn (Nebraska Children)

**Others attending at NCFF:** Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Fabiola Dimas, Deb Reinman, and Kevin Cloonan (Nebraska Children)

**Approve June 8,2022 Board Minutes**

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the minutes, Second by Cara Small Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy. Abstaining Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers. Absent, Tonya Santos No opposition, motion inquorate.

**Review Financial Reports, funding forecasts**

Ron Theasmeyer updated the 20-21 and 21-22 grant statuses. The current allocation for all Sixpence Traditional Grants is $9,828,958. Kevin Cloonan provided the Board with a CCP update.

**Discuss 2022 Endowment Audit**

Kevin Cloonan from Nebraska Children presented the Private Endowment Audit conducted by HBE CPA’s and consultants. The Independent Audit Report was accepted by the NCFF Children’s Board. The audit was a clean opinion and found the private endowment accurate.

**Discuss Strategic Planning**

The Board of Trustees is planning to convene for a three-hour strategic planning meeting **on November 16th**. Topics for discussion will allow the board of trustees and TA to share hopes and aspirations for the future of Sixpence. The vision of the workshop is to produce long-range thinking that connects the organization's work to a shared impact for the future. The meeting will focus on goal-setting strategy development.

**Review 2020-21 Evaluation Report**

Rosie Zweiback from UNMC Monroe Meyer Institute presented the Sixpence 2021-22 Evaluation Report. Rosie reviewed highlights from the evaluation of the center, home visitation, and CCP programs. The full report will be available on the Sixpence website.

**Discuss and Approve carryover requests from Beatrice, Columbus, Crete, HTRS, Plattsmouth, Red Cloud, and Walthill.**

Stephanni Renn presented the Board with the carryover request documents to consider approving.

Beatrice - $7,000

Columbus - $8,448

Crete - $70,928

HTRS - $5,472

Plattsmouth - $8,415

Red Cloud - $9,668

Walthill - $23,074

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the carryover request with the exception for Crete only receiving $25,000 of their requested amount. Second by Cara Small Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatton Bowers. Absent, Tonya Santos No opposition, motion carried.

**Review and approve revised Quality Criteria/Indicators for home and center-based programs**

Stephanni Renn reviewed the proposed changes to the Quality Indicators with the Board. A few changes discussed were specific training for supervisors in facilitating attuned interactions and reducing the number of supervisor observations from four to three. Districts will need to have a minimum of three partnerships. For center-based programs, a few of the changes were suggested surrounding ratios and professional development, and teacher licensing.

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the revised Traditional and Center-based Quality Indicators, with a provision for a center-based indicator revolving around teacher certification and evaluation. Second by Nicole Vint. Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint. Absent, Tonya Santos. No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Grantee Status Report**

Karen Pinkelman, Aiesha Rahn, and Fabiola Dimas updated the Board on individual Sixpence grantees.

**Discuss and Approve Santee Request**

Karen Pinkelman presented the Board with a letter from Santee Elementary principal Cindy Nagel asking to change their model of two center-based classrooms, to having one classroom and one home visitor to work within the community.

A motion was made by Holly Hatton-Bowers to approve Santee’s request, Second by John Levy. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers. Absent, Tonya Santos. No opposition, motion carried.

**Approve 2023 Board Meeting Dates**

Stephanni Renn provided the Board with tentative board dates for their review. The dates proposed were January 18th, March 15th, May 17th, September 13th, and November 15th. All meetings would run from 1:00 – 3:00

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the proposed dates, Second by Holly Hatton-Bowers. Voting yes: Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers. Absent, Tonya Santos No opposition, motion carried.

The meeting ended at 2:48 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** by John Levy, Second by Nicole Vint Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Cara Small, Melody Hobson, John Levy, and Nicole Vint. Absent, Tonya Santos. No opposition, motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: November 16th at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

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**Board of Trustees Minutes**

**November 16, 2022**

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Holly Hatton Bowers** called the Sixpence Board of Trustees meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on November 16, 2022

**Trustees attended** Melody Hobson (representing the Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education), Nicole Vint (DHHS) Holly Hatton Bowers, John Levy, and Tanya Santos, Absent: Cara Small

**Others attending:** Karen Pinkelman, Stephanni Renn, Fabiola Dimas, Aiesha Rahn, Deb Reinman, Kevin Cloonan, Josh Cramer (Nebraska Children) Ron Theasmeyer (NDE), Wendy Keele, Susan Johnson, Stephanie Knust, Jessie Rasmussen, Bill Comely, Paola Acosta, Beth Morrissette-Parlay, Elizabeth Everett

**Approve June 8,2022 Board Minutes**

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the minutes, Second by Melody Hobson, Voting yes: Melody Hobson, John Levy, Tonya Santos. Abstaining Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers. Absent, Cara Small. No opposition, motion inquorate.

**Approve September 16, 2022 Board Minutes**

A motion was made by John Levy to approve the minutes, Second by, Holly Hatten Bowers Voting yes: Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers. Abstaining, Tanya Santos, Absent, Cara Small, No opposition, motion carried.

**Review Financial Reports, funding forecasts**

Ron Theasmeyer updated the 20-21 and 21-22 grant statuses. The current allocation for all Sixpence Traditional Grants is $9,828,958. Stephanni Renn provided the Board with a CCP update. The current allocation for CCP programs is $2,317,107.

**Approve First Five’s Legislative Biennial Report**

Elizabeth Everett presented the Biennial Report to the Board.

A motion was made to approve with final edits by Holly Hatten Bowers to approve the Legislative Report, Second by, John Levy. Voting yes: Melody Hobson, John Levy, Nicole Vint, Holly Hatten Bowers, Tanya Santos, Absent, Cara Small, No opposition, motion carried.

**Strategic Planning**

The meeting ended at 1:33 p.m. with a ***motion to adjourn*** by Tonya Santos, Second by Melody Hobson, Voting yes: Holly Hatton Bowers, Melody Hobson, John Levy, and Nicole Vint. Absent, Cara Small No opposition, motion carried.  The Board of Trustees met until 4:00 with Beth Morrissette-Parlay with Parla Consulting Firm led the board through strategic planning, goal setting, vision and mission statements, and strategy development.

Next Meeting Date: January 18th at Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.