

**Boards and Commissions
in Nebraska, 2003**

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN NEBRASKA, 2003

Introduction

Nebraska has more than 250 statutorily created boards, commissions, and other similarly situated entities (hereinafter, simply referred to as boards). Among the many tasks assigned to them, boards provide oversight of governmental programs, regulate and license professionals, carry out studies, oversee implementation of new programs, advocate for certain constituencies, and advise state agencies.

In 1997, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council requested that the Legislative Research Division compile and annually update a list of statutorily created boards. This publication contains that list. The list does not include (1) boards created by executive order, by agency rule or regulation, or pursuant to federal mandates; (2) interstate compacts unless the compacts have a statutorily created state counterpart; or (3) boards created via state statute but which serve local governments.

Legislative Action Affecting Boards and Commissions

In 2003, the Legislature created six new boards, terminated four boards (three because they had completed their work), did not fund the Commission on the Status of Women because of the ongoing state budget problems, and gutted and remade the Rural Development Commission after a testy political tug-of-war between the Governor and several state senators.

New Boards

Community Corrections Council (LB 46). The council was created to oversee the community-corrections policy articulated in LB 46. Chief among its numerous tasks is to develop, recommend, and review sentencing guidelines for adoption by the Supreme Court. For administrative and budgetary purposes, the council is housed within the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (crime commission) and is composed of voting and nonvoting members. The voting members are the executive director of the crime commission; the Director of Correctional Services; the chairperson of the Board of Parole; the Parole Administrator; and seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. Of the latter seven members, one is to be appointed from a list nominated by the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association; one from a list nominated by the Nebraska County

Attorneys Association; one full-time officer or employee of a law enforcement agency; one mental health and substance abuse professional; and one provider of community-based behavioral health services from each congressional district. The nonvoting members are the State Court Administrator; the probation administrator, two members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council; and two district court judges appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

State Council for Interstate Adult Supervision (LB 46). The state council was created pursuant to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, which Nebraska joined via the passage of LB 46. The chief duty of the council is the appointment of Nebraska's representative on the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, the compact's governing body. The representative is known as the compact administrator. Although the compact leaves it up to the compacting states to select members for the council, the members must include at least one representative from the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government, victim's groups, and the state's compact administrator. The council also has duties of oversight and advocacy pertaining to Nebraska's participation in interstate commission activities and other duties as may be determined by each member state.

Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee (LB 94). The advisory committee is created to advise the Department of Environmental Quality on issues pertaining to wastewater treatment systems generally and the rules and regulations of the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act specifically. The advisory committee is composed of 11 members. Seven members are appointed by the Director of Environmental Quality and include five private onsite wastewater treatment system professionals and two registered environmental health specialists or officials representing local public health departments with programs for regulating private onsite wastewater treatment systems. The other members are the directors of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure or their designees; and two representatives designated by the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, one with experience in soils and geology and one with experience in biological engineering.

Vote Nebraska Initiative (LB 358). The initiative is established to study why Nebraskans are not voting and what the state can do to encourage voter turnout. The initiative membership consists of the Secretary of State; the chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; two individuals employed by the media, representing broadcast and print media; two members of minority communities appointed by the Secretary of State; up to three Nebraska representatives appointed by the Secretary of State; three public school teachers with social studies backgrounds appointed by the Commissioner of Education; one representative of postsecondary education with a background in political science appointed by the Secretary of State; a member of the League of Women Voters; three election commissioners or county clerks appointed by the Secretary of State; a member of the Democratic Party; and a member of the Republican Party. The Vote Nebraska Initiative must issue a report on its findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2004 and terminates upon delivery of the report.

Task Force to Review Government Structure and Taxation (LB 407). The task force, composed at least initially of state senators, was created to study "Nebraska's overall tax structure, both revenue and spending, and overall government and education structure." Among the items to be studied are Nebraska's major tax programs, including the exemptions, credits, and other preferences granted by the programs and their effect on Nebraska taxpayers. The membership of the task force is composed of the chairpersons of the standing committees of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Executive Board, and the Speaker of the Legislature. The task force can include other lay, professional, organizational, and governmental representatives. The task force is to present its findings in a report to the full Legislature no later than January 1, 2004. (Because this task force was created via LB 407, the mainline budget bill, it is not codified in statute and therefore is not added to this document's master list of Nebraska Boards and Commissions.)

Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee (LB 760). LB 760, which provides for ongoing mandatory legal training and education for all judges and court staff, allows the Supreme Court to appoint an advisory committee to advise it on issues pertaining to such education.

Repealed Boards

- *Teacher Salary Task Force (LB 1).*
- *Nebraska Commission on Local Government Innovation and Restructuring (LB 8).*
- *Education and Career Preparation Task Force (LB 12).*
- *Health and Human Services System Partnership Council (LB 467).*

Actions Affecting Existing Boards

This annual publication does not track every change made to existing boards. However significant changes (for example, changes affecting a board's structure, function, funding, or termination dates) are briefly noted below.

Rural Development Commission (LB 92, LB 48). In 2002, the Legislature did not provide funding to the commission, although its framework remained in state statute. Advocates for the commission felt it could function better if it were entirely removed from statute, allowing it to become a private, nonprofit commission and seek other sources of funding. To that end, LB 92 was introduced and enacted early in the 2003 session. LB 92 would have removed the commission from state statute as of July 1, 2003. However, a dispute arose over a federal rural development grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Both the commission and the Governor's office applied to receive the funding. Both were turned down by the USDA, which said only one entity from each state could apply for the grant. The Governor expressed his clear preference that the grant be awarded to the state's Department of Economic Development and his disdain for the work of the commission in a meeting that put him at odds with some state senators. This led to the resurrection of the Rural Development Commission as a state agency, albeit in a form more acceptable to the Governor. The reworked commission was amended into an unrelated bill, LB 48.

LB 48 re-enacts the Rural Development Commission, but changes provisions for membership and funding. Gone are the requirements that there be 19 members and that the commission has a voice in the Governor's appointments to the commission. Instead, the Governor is to appoint four members, to include: a representative of his or her office and one representative from each of the departments of Economic Development, Agriculture,

and Health and Human Services. The Speaker of the Legislature is to appoint one state senator to the commission. The remaining members are to be appointed by the Governor to represent federal agencies, local governments, tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, regional economic development organizations, the private sector, postsecondary education, and youth. The bill also stipulates that any funds received by Nebraska under the USDA's National Rural Development Partnership are to be allocated to the commission.

The State Board of Health (LB 56). The state Board of Health is given new duties pursuant to its advisory functions to the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and its functions pursuant to health-care professionals. LB 56 also adds failure to meet the qualifications of the position for which they were appointed to the statutory reasons for which members can be removed by the Governor. Further, the expiration date for members' terms is changed to August 1 of the appropriate year instead of September 14, and the board's meeting place is moved from the Capitol Building to the State Office Building. The bill also expands the list of health-related professions for which the board is required to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to include persons subject to the Asbestos Control Act, the Radiation Control Act, and the Residential Lead-Based Paint Professions Certification Act. Finally, the board is provided immunity from liability for actions or recommendations if they are made without malice and in the reasonable belief that such action or recommendation is warranted by the facts known.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents (LB 181). LB 181 changes how vacancies on the Board of Regents are to be handled. Prior to the enactment of LB 181, the Governor appointed someone to fill a vacancy for all of the remainder of the six-year term. Under the provisions of LB 181, vacancies are filled in the same manner as are vacancies for state or U.S. senator. Essentially, the appointee serves until the next general election, with slight variation depending on when the vacancy occurs and when the term expires.

Dry Bean Commission (LB 219). Appointees to the Dry Bean Commission no longer need legislative approval under the terms of LB 219, which also allows them to serve three consecutive three-year terms.

Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women (LB 407).

Funding for the women's commission was eliminated in the mainline budget bill. However, the commission remains in state statute.

Biopower Steering Committee (LB 619). The sunset date for the Biopower Steering Committee was extended from December 31, 2003 to December 31, 2008. The committee was created in 1999 to study the economic and environmental impact of generating electricity from biomass and agricultural crops.

Nebraska Capitol Commission (LB 439). The Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society is added to the membership of the commission and the three members previously appointed by the Governor will be appointed, one each, by the Governor, the Speaker of the Legislature, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Further, the commission is given duties pursuant to the newly created State Capitol Administrator and the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Tables

The following tables list the statutorily created boards and commissions in Nebraska. The first table lists just those boards created during the 2003 legislative session. The second table lists all current, statutorily created boards in Nebraska

TABLE 1

Nebraska Boards and Commissions Created by the Legislature in 2003

Legislative Confirmation and Statutorily Authorized Per Diems/Expenses

Board/Commission	Bill Number	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute
Community Corrections Council	LB 46	47-622	✓		Y
State Council for Interstate Adult Supervision	LB 46	29-2640			N
Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	LB 94	81-15,245			Y
Vote Nebraska Initiative	LB 358	32-1701			Y
Task Force to Review Government Structure and Taxation	LB 407	Not codified			N
Judicial Branch Advisory Committee	LB 760	24-205.01			N

TABLE 2

Nebraska Boards and Commissions

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
1. Abstracters Board of Examiners	76-540 et seq.		\$50	Y
2. Accountability and Disclosure Commission, Nebraska	49-14, 105 et seq.	✓	\$50	Y
3. Accreditation Committee, State	79-703			N
4. Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Board of	71-1718.01 et seq.		\$30	Y
5. Advocacy, Commission on Public	29-3923			Y
6. Advisory Council, State	48-610		\$40	Y
7. Aeronautics Commission, Nebraska	3-104			Y
8. Affirmative Action Committee	81-1363, et seq.			Y
9. Affordable Housing Committee, Nebraska	81-1281			Y
10. Aging Advisory Committee	68-1101			Y
11. Agricultural Structure Assessment Task Force	2-5201			Y
12. Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory Committee	71-5024 et seq.			Y
13. Anatomical Board, State	71-1001 et seq.			N
14. Antique Farm Machinery and Equipment Commission	51-601			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
15. Appraisers for Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-22403(1)		\$50	Y
16. Aquaculture Board	2-5003			Y
17. Arts Council, Nebraska	82-309 et seq.	✓		Y
18. Athletic Advisory Committee	81-8, 139.01			Y
19. Athletic Training, Board of Examiners in	71-112 et seq.		\$20	Y
20. Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Board of Examiners in	71-112 et seq.		\$20	Y
21. Barber Examiners, Board of	71-221		\$75	Y
22. Beginning Farmer Board	77-5204 et seq.	✓		Y
23. Big Blue River Compact Administration	1-115 Appendix			Y
24. Biopower Steering Committee	66-1701			Y
25. Blind and Visually Impaired, Commission for the	71-8604	✓	\$70	Y
26. Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board	48-739 et seq.	✓	\$50	Y
27. Boundary Commission, Nebraska	1-120 Appendix			Y
28. Brand Committee, Nebraska	54-135 et seq.			Y
29. Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee	71-7012			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
30. Building Renewal, Task Force for, ALB 309 Task Force@	81-174 et seq.		C ²	Y
31. Canvassers, State Board of	32-1037 et seq.			N
32. Capitol Commission, Nebraska	81-1108-32			Y
33. Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska State	90-306 et seq.			N
34. Capital Facilities Planning Committee, State Comprehensive	81-1108.41			Y
35. Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee	2-5302			Y
36. Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission	71-3521 & 81-1599.02	✓		N
37. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Advisory Council of	71-1736			N
38. Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Nebraska	43-1903 et seq.	✓		Y
39. Child Death Review Team	71-3406 et seq.			Y
40. Chiropractic, Board of	71-112		\$30	Y
41. Claims Board, State	81-8, 220 et seq.		C ³	Y
42. Climate Assessment Response Committee	2-4901 et seq.	✓		Y
43. Collection Agency Licensing Board	45-603 et seq.			Y
44. Colleges, Board of Trustees of Nebraska State	85-301 et seq.	✓		Y
45. Commission of Industrial Relations	48-803 et seq.	✓	\$250	Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute
46. Commission on Public Advocacy	29-3923			Y
47. Communications Relay Advisory Committee	86-1307			N
48. Community-Based Neurobehavioral Rehabilitation Advisory Board	79-11,145			Y
49. Community College Aid, Grant, and Contract Review Committee, Nebraska	85-1539			N
50. Community College Board of Governors	85-1506 et seq.			Y
51. Community Corrections Council	47-622	✓		Y
52. Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee	81-1201.08			Y
53. Compulsive Gambling, Nebraska Advisory Commission on	83-162.01 et seq.	✓		Y
54. Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	85-1403 et seq.	✓		Y
55. Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	2-3604 et seq.		\$25	Y
56. Cosmetology, Board of	71-373		\$50	Y
57. County Attorney Standards Advisory Council	23-1213 et seq.			Y
58. County, Highway and City Street Superintendents, Board of Examiners for	39-2301 et seq.			Y
59. Crime Victim=s Reparations Committee	81-1802 et seq.	✓		Y
60. Critical Incident Stress Management Council	71-7105			N

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
61. Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska	2-3951 et seq.			Y
62. Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the	71-4720	✓		Y
63. Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Special Committee for the Commission for the	71-4728.03			N
64. Dentistry, Board of	71-112		\$30	Y
65. Developmental Disabilities, Advisory Committee on	83-1212.01			Y
66. Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council on	25-2905			Y
67. Dry Bean Commission	2-3745 et seq.			Y
68. Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	43-3401			Y
69. Economic Development Commission	81-1201.02 et seq.			Y
70. Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, Nebraska	77-27, 156 et seq.			Y
71. Education Commission of the States	79-1501 et seq.			N
72. Education Roundtable	85-9, 184			Y
73. Education, State Board of	79-301 Const. Art. VII, sec.3			Y
74. Education Technology Consortium	79-1301 et seq.			N
75. Educational Finance Authority	85-1710 et seq.			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
76. Educational Lands and Funds, Board of	72-201 et seq.	✓	\$40	Y
77. Election Process, Task Force to Examine	32-121			Y
78. Electrical Board, State	81-2103 et seq.	✓		Y
79. Electronic Benefit System Task Force	68-1725.01			Y
80. Electronic Information Committee	50-440			N
81. Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, Nebraska	79-1810 et seq.			Y
82. Emergency Medical Services, Board of	71-5176	✓		Y
83. Emergency Response Commission	81-15,210 et seq.			Y
84. Engineers and Architects, Board of	81-3428 et seq.		\$30	Y
85. Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board	86-461			Y
86. Environmental Health Specialists, Board of Registration for	71-3705.01		\$25	Y
87. Environmental Quality Council	81-1503	✓	\$40	Y
88. Environmental Trust Board, Nebraska	81-15, 170 et seq.	✓		Y
89. Equal Opportunity Commission, Nebraska	48-1116 et seq.		\$50	Y
90. Ethanol Board, Advisory Committee to the	66-1337			N
91. Ethanol Board, Nebraska	66-1335 et seq.	✓	\$25	Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
92. Ethanol Pricing Task Force	66-1350			Y
93. Excellence in Education Council	9-812			N
94. Excellence in Health Care Council	71-7614			Y
95. Families With Special Housing Needs, Advisory Committee on	68-1605			N
96. Fatigue Counter Measure Task Force	74-922			N
97. Fire Safety Appeals Board, Nebraska	81-502.01 et seq.			Y
98. Foster Care Review Board	43-1302 et seq.	✓		Y
99. Funeral Directing and Embalming, Board of	71-112		\$30	Y
100. Game and Parks Commission	37-101 et seq.	✓	\$35	Y
101. Geographic Information System Steering Committee	86-570			Y
102. Geologists, Board of	81-3520 et seq.		C ⁴	Y
103. Governor's Residence Advisory Commission	72-2101 et seq.			Y
104. Grain Sorghum Development, Utilization and Marketing Board	2-4002 et seq.			Y
105. Greenbelt Advisory Committee	77-1355			Y
106. Hall of Fame Commission, Nebraska	72-724 et seq.			N
107. Health Advisory Board	60-4,118.02 et seq.			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
108. Health, State Board of	71-2601	✓	\$20	Y
109. Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers and Fitters, Board of	71-4715		\$25	Y
110. Highway Commission, State	39-1101 et seq.	✓	\$20	Y
111. Historical Society Board of Trustees, Nebraska State	82-101			Y
112. Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee	58-704			N
113. Indian Affairs, Commission on	81-2501 et seq.		\$50	Y
114. Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council	29-3932			Y
115. Industrial Competitiveness Alliance Board	81-1201.14			N
116. Inquiry and Review, Board of (Veterans)	80-318			Y
117. Interagency Management Committee	71-7106			N
118. Intergovernmental Data Communications Advisory Council	86-539			Y
119. Interpreter Review Board	71-4728.05			Y
120. Interrelated Water Review Committee of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission	46-656.61			N
121. Interstate Adult Supervision, State Council for	29-2640			N
122. Interstate Agricultural Grain Marketing Commission	Appendix DD			N
123. Invest Nebraska Board	77-5508			N

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
124. Investment Council, Nebraska	72-1237	✓	\$20	Y
125. Investment Finance Authority, Nebraska (NIFA)	58-226 et seq.			Y
126. Jail Standards Board	83-4, 124 et seq.			Y
127. Judicial Branch Education Advisory Committee	24-205.01			N
128. Judicial Nominating Commission	24-801			N
129. Judicial Qualifications Commission	24-715			Y
130. Judicial Resources Commission	24-1201 et seq.			Y
131. Juvenile Diversion, Detention, and Probation Services Implementation Team	43-360			Y
132. Labor, State Advisory Board to the Commissioner of	48-610		\$40	Y
133. Land Surveyors, Board of Examiners for	81-8, 110 et seq.			Y
134. Landscape Architects, State Board of	81-8, 186 et seq.			Y
135. Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Nebraska Commission on	81-1416 et seq.			Y
136. Library Commission, Nebraska	51-401 et seq.			Y
137. Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska	53-105 et seq.	✓	C ⁵	Y
138. Livestock Auction Market Board	54-1160		\$10	Y ⁶

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
139. Local Monitoring Committee (low-level waste)	81-15,101.01			Y
140. Massage Therapy, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
141. Medical Nutrition Therapy, Board of Examiners in	71-112, et seq.		\$30	Y
142. Medical Review Panel	44-2841 et seq.		\$30	Y
143. Medicine and Surgery, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
144. Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council, State	71-5008			Y
145. Mental Health Practitioners, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
146. Mental Health Regional Governing Boards ⁷	71-5004			Y
147. Mental Health Regional Governing Boards, Advisory Committees to ⁸	71-5006			Y
148. Mental Health Regional Quality Review Teams	71-5003.01			Y
149. Mexican-Americans, Commission on	81-8,262 et seq.		\$35	Y
150. Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission	74-1601			Y
151. Midwestern Higher Education Commission	85-1301 et seq.			Y
152. Missouri Basin Natural Resources Council	2-32, 103 et seq.			N
153. Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board	60-1402 et seq.	✓	\$50	Y
154. Motor Vehicle Insurance Data Base Task Force	60-302.05			N

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
155. Natural Resources Data Bank, Technical Advisory Committee to the	2-1570			N
156. Natural Resources Commission, Nebraska	2-1504	✓	\$50	Y
157. Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice	43-2411			Y
158. Nebraska Center for Nursing Board	71-1799			Y
159. Nebraska Futures Center Board	50-303			Y
160. Nebraska Grape and Winery Board	53-301			Y
161. Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-515	✓		Y
162. Nebraska Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission	81-8,307			Y
163. Nebraska State Fair Board	2-101	✓ ⁹		N
164. Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council	74-1504 et seq.	✓		Y
165. Niobrara Council	LB 1234			Y
166. Nurse-Practitioner-Anesthetist Advisory Council	71-1736			N
167. Nursing Home Administration, Board of Examiners in	71-6065 et seq.		\$20	Y
168. Nursing Home Advisory Council	71-6044 et seq.			Y
169. Nursing, Board of	71-1,132.07 et seq.		\$25 ¹⁰	Y
170. Occupational Therapy Practice, Board of	71-6115			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute
171. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission	57-904 et seq.	✓	\$50	Y
172. Optometry, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
173. Pardons, Board of	83-1,126 et seq.			N
174. Parole, Board of	83-188 et seq.	✓	C ¹¹	N
175. Peer Review and Quality Assurance Panel				N
176. Personnel Board, State	81-1318 et seq.	✓		N
177. Pharmacy, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
178. Physical Therapy, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
179. Physician Assistant Committee	71-1,107.25			Y
180. Podiatry, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
181. Police Standards Advisory Council	81-1406 et seq.			Y
182. Potato Development Committee, Nebraska	2-1803			Y
183. Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee, Nebraska	2-3404 et seq.		\$25	Y
184. Power Review Board, Nebraska	70-1003 et seq.	✓	\$60	Y
185. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee	81-15,245			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
186. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council	85-1607			N
187. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Advisory Committee	85-1655			N
188. Professional Practices Commission	79-861 et seq.			Y
189. Propane Education and Research Council	66-1617 et seq.			N
190. Psychologists, Board of	71-112 et seq.			Y
191. Public Accountancy, Educational Advisory Committee to the Board of	1-113			N
192. Public Accountancy, Nebraska State Board of	1-107		\$100	Y
193. Public Employees Retirement Board	84-1501 et seq.	✓		Y
194. Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee	71-1, 147.59			N
195. Public Roads Classifications and Standards, Board of	39-2106	✓	\$20	Y
196. Public Safety Wireless Communication Advisory Board	86-419			Y
197. Public Service Commission	Ne. Const., Art. IV, sec. 20		C ¹²	N
198. Public Water Supply, Advisory Council on	71-5311			Y
199. Quality Jobs Board	77-4908			N
200. Quarter Design Committee, Nebraska State	90-120			Y

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
201. Racing Commission, State	2-1201			Y
202. Railway Council, Nebraska	74-1403 et seq.	✓	\$60	Y
203. Real Estate Appraiser Board	76-2222 et seq.		\$100	Y
204. Real Estate Commission	81-885.07		\$100 ¹³	Y
205. Redevelopment Board, Nebraska	58-503			N
206. Reorganization of School Districts, State Committee for the	79-435 et seq.			Y
207. Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority	44-2837 et seq.			N
208. Respiratory Care Practice, Board of	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
209. Rural Development Commission	81-3601 et seq.			Y
210. Rural Health Advisory Commission	71-5654 et seq.	✓		Y
211. Safety Center Advisory Council	85-1008			N
212. School Finance Review Committee	79-1032			N
213. Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel	81-1505.3	— ¹⁴		Y
214. Small Employer Health Reinsurance Board, Nebraska	44-5261			N
215. Soybean Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board ¹⁵	2-3327			N
216. State Board to Administer the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act	13-2603 et seq.			N

Board/Commission	Statute	Legislative Confirmation Required	Per Diems	Expenses Authorized In Statute ¹
217. State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts	79-435 et seq.			Y
218. State Disbursement and Child Support Advisory Commission	43-3342.05	— ¹⁶		Y
219. State Patrol, Task Force to Study the	81-2013.02; 81-2013.04			Y
220. State Records Board	84-1204 et seq.			Y
221. State Tax Board	77-501 et seq.			N
222. Substance Abuse Treatment Task Force	83-4, 148 et seq.			Y
223. Suggestion Award Board	81-1348 et seq.			Y
224. Task Force for Nebraska State Radio Communication System	86-1802			Y
225. Task Force on the Productive Integration of the Immigrant Workforce Population	48-2401			Y
226. Tax Equalization and Review Commission	Const. Art. IX, sec. 2877-5003 et seq.	✓	— ¹⁷	Y
227. Technical Advisory Committee	81-15, 189 et seq.			Y
228. Technical Advisory Committee for Regulation of Health Professions	71-6224			Y
229. Technology Review Panel for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission	86-521			N
230. Teen Tobacco Education and Prevention Project Committee	71-5715			Y

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231. Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska Educational	79-1313 et seq.	✓		Y
232. Telecommunications Relay System Special Committee	86-315			N
233. Telecommunications Universal Service Advisory Committee	86-327			N
234. Trauma Advisory Board, State	71-8236			Y
235. Trauma Advisory Board, Regional	71-8251			Y
236. Uniform State Laws, Commission on	49-901 et seq.			Y
237. University of Nebraska Board of Regents	Const. Art. VI, Sec 10 & 85-103			Y
238. Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee	72-812			N
239. Veterans' Advisory Commission	80-401.06 et seq.			Y
240. Veterinary Medicine and Surgery, Board of Examiners in	71-112 et seq.		\$30	Y
241. Vocational Education, State Board of ^{1b}	79-321			Y
242. Vote Nebraska Initiative	32-1701			Y
243. Water Policy Task Force	46-2,132			N
244. Water Quality Monitoring, Advisory Committee to the Department of Environmental Quality for the Study of	46-1302			N
245. Water Well Standards and Contractors= Licensing Board	46-1217 et seq.			Y

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246. Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing Board, Nebraska	2-2302 et seq.			Y
247. Women, Nebraska Commission on the Status of	81-8,255			N
248. Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council	71-702			Y
249. Worker Training Board, Nebraska	48-622.03			N
250. Workforce Investment Board, Nebraska	48-1623			N
251. Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees	12-101 et seq.			N

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Endnotes

General note: As per Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 71-112, the professional boards in the various health-related fields receive expenses as well as a per diem not to exceed \$30. Additionally, the per diem and expenses cannot be greater than "is received in fees from the applicants taking the examination in any particular profession." Each individual board sets its own per diem within those parameters. Additionally, these boards may set per diems and pay the expenses up to this rate for any subcommittees they create. The per diems listed here were provided by the Health and Human Services Department of Regulation and Licensure Credentialing Division.

1. A "Y" in this column indicates that a provision authorizing expenses exists in the statute creating the board or commission; an "N" indicates the enacting statute makes no mention of allowing expenses. However, Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 81-1177, 81-1179, and 81-1180 provide that all statutory boards and commission are entitled to expense reimbursement.
2. Compensation for the Task Force for Building Renewal members is "established by the Governor on a per diem basis. . . ."
3. Claims Board members are the Director of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, and the Director of Administrative Services, who shall "receive no compensation for their services except that provided by law for the offices they hold. . . ."
4. LB 1161 states, "Each member of the board shall receive as compensation the same per diem and travel expenses as other state employees for each day actually spent in traveling to and from and while attending sessions of the board and its committees or authorized meetings of the National Association of State Boards of Geology, or their subdivisions or committees, and all necessary expenses incident to the performance of his or her duties under the Geologists Regulation Act as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177."
5. The Liquor Control Commission members are salaried. Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 53-112 states this annual salary is "not to exceed" \$12,500.
6. The Livestock Auction Board is a three-person board with one appointed member, who receives expenses.
7. There are six; one for each mental health service region in the state.
8. Each regional mental health governing board can appoint one advisory committee.
9. Four of the 11 members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.
10. The Board of Nursing statute authorizes up to a \$100 per diem.
11. The Parole Board chair receives an annual salary of \$55,900; the other four members receive an annual salary of \$45,900.
12. PSC members receive an annual salary of \$42,000.

13. The chairman of the Real Estate Commission is the Secretary of State and does not receive a per diem.
14. Four of the seven members of the panel are chosen by the Legislature.
15. In 1995, the Legislature passed LB 434, which essentially laid the groundwork for transferring the duties of the Soybean Board to a private nonprofit corporation as allowed under the federal Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) See Neb. Rev. Stat. secs. 2-3325 and 2-3326 for further information.
16. The Executive Board of the Legislature appoints nine of 12 members.
17. By statute, the members of the Tax Equalization and Review Commission are considered employees of the state.
18. Membership is comprised of the State Board of Education.

