

**Nebraska Tourism Commission Meeting**  
**May 26, 2016 – 2:30 pm (CST)**  
**State of Nebraska Executive Building - Lincoln, NE**

Commission Chair John Chapo called the meeting to order at 2:31 pm.

Commissioners present: John Chapo, Lincoln Children's Zoo; Roger Dixon, MECA of Omaha; Roger Jasnoch, Kearney Visitors Bureau; Lisa Burke, North Platte CVB; Carol Schlegel, Red Willow County Tourism; Roger Kuhn, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Jeff Boeka, Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites of North Platte; Tony Moody, John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts.

Commission staff present: Heather Hogue, Micheal Collins, Angela White, Jenn Gjerde

Public Comment signed-in: Dick Patterson, Frank Pratt, Halle LeMonde

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Roger Jasnoch motioned to approve the agenda. Lisa Burke seconded the motion. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed.

**Open Comment Period for Items on the Agenda**

John Chapo, Commission Chair opened the public comment period at 2:32 pm. Comments were presented by three members of the public. With no additional members of the public coming forward, John Chapo closed the Public Comment Period at 2:38 pm.

**Approval of May 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Roger Kuhn motioned to approve meeting minutes from May 13, 2016. Carol Schlegel seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed.

**Second Report of the Subcommittee formed to review the Attestation Findings of the Nebraska State Auditor**

Tony Moody motioned to go into closed Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of the Commission, particularly the position of Executive Director. The closed session is necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of individuals. Roger Dixon seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: Chapo. Motion passed and members of the public were excused at 2:40 pm. Assistant Attorney General Natalee Hart remained in the closed Executive Session. Roger Dixon motioned to exit the Executive Session at 3:28 pm. Roger Jasnoch seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Chapo, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: none. Motion passed.

Tony Moody motioned to terminate Executive Director, Kathy McKillip, effective immediately based on a determination that Ms. McKillip is a discretionary, at-will employee and is outside the state's personnel rules; and a determination that the Commission is not satisfied with the performance of Ms. McKillip in her job duties as Executive Director. Roger Kuhn seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Chapo, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: none. Motion passed.

Jeff Boeka motioned to appoint Heather Hogue to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Executive Director, until such time as an interim director can be named by the Commission. Tony Moody seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Chapo, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn,

Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: none. Motion passed. The Search Committee for interim director consists of Commissioners Burke, Dixon, Loseke and Schlegel.

John Chapo noted the Commission is committed to working closely with the Governor and the Legislature to address findings of the audit and move the Commission forward, and thanked the Commission staff for their continued dedicated hard work and the public for patience as the matters at hand are resolved.

Roger Dixon motioned to adjourn. Roger Kuhn seconded. Roll call vote - Commissioners in favor: Boeka, Burke, Chapo, Dixon, Jasnoch, Kuhn, Moody, Schlegel. Opposed: none. Abstained: none. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Hogue.