



**History Nebraska Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**January 29, 2024 - 9:00 AM**  
**History Nebraska, 1500 R Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508**

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**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Sean Flowerday, President of the History Nebraska Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**Roll Call**

PRESENT - Dee Adams, Jack Berg, Jessica Charlsen, Philip Clement, Sean Flowerday, David Levy, Jamesena Moore, Laura Muñoz, Nicholas Walter, Arlan Wine

ABSENT - Ben Gray, Rich Herink, Jacquelyn Morrison, Bob Wickersham

TARDY - Chandra Diaz (Arrived at 9:49 AM)

**Certification of Publication - Notification of Open Meetings Act**

The legal notice required by state statute was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on January 20, 2024. The meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is available on the table.

**Welcome, Remarks, and Introduction of Guests**

President Flowerday invited our guests to introduce themselves. In attendance were Cindy Drake, Leslie Fattig, Executive Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, Gail DeBuse Potter, Roger Lempke, President of the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, Sara Skinner from the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services, Ken Yoho from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, and Sondra Reiersen and Linda Endersby from the History Nebraska Collections Department.

**History Nebraska Mission**

The History Nebraska mission was read aloud by President Flowerday.

**Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments (regarding Agenda items only)**

Gail DeBuse Potter voiced her ongoing concerns about the deaccession process. See Appendix A.

## **Approval of the Minutes from the October 13, 2023, Board Meeting**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 13, 2023

Motion: MOORE

Second: LEVY

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

### **History Nebraska Foundation Report**

No one from the History Nebraska Foundation was present, and no report was provided.

### **Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Report**

Leslie Fattig, Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation Executive Director, handed out copies of their most recent financial statement, which lists all funds and balances held by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation (NSHSF). An invitation was extended to the History Nebraska Board Finance Committee to meet with the NSHSF Finance Committee to answer questions and review these fund documents sometime in February or March. The NSHSF has expressed interest in funding the following History Nebraska projects: Nebraska Historical Marker repairs, a planned comprehensive Nebraska History timeline exhibit, and the upcoming book authored by former Nebraska State Archeologist Rob Bozell. The NSHSF would like the History Nebraska Historic Sites to participate in their Wander Nebraska program in 2024.

### **History Nebraska Interim Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Jill Dolberg provided a quarterly update.

### **Governance Committee**

President Flowerday announced the new board committee assignments, which are as follows:

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### **Diaz, Chair**

Herink, Morrison, Walter, Wickersham, and Wine

#### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

##### **Flowerday, Chair**

Charlsen, Clement, Levy, and Moore

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

##### **Gray, Chair**

Adams, Berg, and Muñoz

## **Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws and Governance Documents**

After discussion, a motion was made.

Motion to accept the amendment to the Bylaws and Governance documents, subject to the Open Meetings Act

Motion: LEVY

Second: CLEMENT

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

## **Emeritus Trustee Requests**

Galen Hadley and Marilyn Moore have both requested to serve as Emeritus Trustees. After discussion, a motion was made.

Motion to accept Galen Hadley and Marilyn Moore as Emeritus Trustees

Motion: MOORE

Second: WALTER

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

## **Board Self-Evaluation**

President Flowerday shared the 2023 Board Self-Evaluation results.

## **BREAK**

Time Out: 9:51 AM Time In: 10:03 AM

- All trustees returned from break except Clement

## Finance Committee

Chandra Diaz, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Michelle Furby, CFO of History Nebraska, reviewed the Earned Revenue and Treasurer's Report data with the Board.

A member suggested that future January meetings be held during the third week of the month instead of the second week. This would allow sufficient time for the December 31 data to be calculated, the Finance Committee time to meet, and time for the legislature to introduce any bills that may affect our agency that can be discussed during the January Board meeting. After discussion, a motion was made.

### Motion to move future January Board Meetings to the third week in January

Motion: LEVY

Second: WALTER

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Absent: CLEMENT

Motion adopted

### Motion to approve the January Treasurer's Report

Motion: MOORE

Second: LEVY

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Absent: CLEMENT

Motion adopted

## Deaccessions

After discussion, a motion was made.

### Motion to approve the deaccession list

Motion: WALTER

Second: MOORE

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Absent: CLEMENT

Motion adopted

- Clement returns: 10:24 AM

### **Five-Year Plan**

Interim Director Dolberg presented the Five-Year Plan that was drafted by the History Nebraska Leadership team. After discussion, a motion was made.

#### Motion to approve the History Nebraska Five-Year Plan

Motion: MOORE  
Second: CHARLSEN

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE  
Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

### **Use Policy Proposed Changes**

Sondra Reiersen, Curator of Collections for History Nebraska, reviewed the proposed use policy changes with the Board. After answering questions and board discussion, a motion was made.

#### Motion to approve the Use Policy changes as proposed, adding that if a patron does not pay the \$75.00 missing reel fee, they will lose future access to the archives, adding that the Director or the Department Head of Collections can waive.

Motion: MOORE  
Second: CHARLSEN

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE  
Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

### **Board State Email Accounts**

President Flowerday announced the new state email accounts created for each Board of Trustee member. Because we are subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, using our personal email opens us up to a potential records search. Using state email lets us keep track of everything that is sent, transparent, and in good order.

### **President's Update**

#### President Flowerday shared his three primary goals for 2024.

- 1) To hire a permanent Director.
- 2) Rebuilding relationships with the Legislature, the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, past partners, and the community at large.

- 3) To understand History Nebraska’s financial situation, including the funds held by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, and to look at ways to create more revenue due to our decline in fundraising.

LB1169 - Proposes to Provide, Change, and Eliminate positions relating to the Nebraska State Historical Society.

After board discussion, a motion was made to oppose this legislation.

Motion to oppose LB1169

Motion: WALTER

Second: LEVY

Yeas: ADAMS, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: BERG

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: MOORE

Second: CHARLSEN

Yeas: ADAMS, BERG, CHARLSEN, CLEMENT, DIAZ, FLOWERDAY, LEVY, MOORE, MUÑOZ, WALTER, WINE

Nays: NONE

Motion adopted

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:35 AM**

Minutes submitted by:  
Jill Dolberg, Secretary  
History Nebraska

Minutes Approved  
Board of Trustees  
April 12, 2024

## ATTACHMENT A

Deaccessioning Concerns #5

January 29, 2024, HN Meeting

Yes, I am still concerned about the deaccessioning process and the lack of information that HN is willing to share. I have emailed requests for information as recently as September 2022 and I still do not have answers.

I requested the list of items sold from the Kennard House and the amount they were sold for. I was told there was only a "lump amount," and was not given that. I repeated that I was interested in the amount each item was sold for. If the Society is not getting that amount, they are doing a great disservice to the donor.

At the October 2023 board meeting I requested the status of the Charnley Gun Collection. The collection was willed to the Society about 1963, I have not received anything from the Society. I'm curious if it has gone through this "deaccessioning process" and would like to compare it to some of the other objects with definite Nebraska connections and history that have been deaccessioned; to objects with no Nebraska history other than being collected by a Nebraskan.

So, once again, I request the sale results of museum objects sold; not just the lump sum, but the individual prices. As well as the deaccessioning status of the Chamely Collection.