

**Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission Meeting
July 22, 2026 – 2:30 PM (Central Time)**

The Meeting was conducted in person

The public was invited to attend in person at:
Nebraska State Capitol building, Hearing Room 1507
1445 K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order, Welcome

Chair Dr. Sara Crook called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Roll Call and Commission Member Introductions – Quorum confirmed.

ATTENDING IN PERSON:

- Daryl Bohac – Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
- Dr. Sara Crook – Retired History & Political Science Professor, Peru State College
- Tim Heller – Commission Member
- Jim McKee – Nebraska Historian, bookstore owner and publisher
- Johnny Rodgers – Former Nebraska and professional football player
- Jim Rose – Broadcaster, iHeart Radio Commentator, former Voice of the Huskers and member of Nebraska football broadcast program
- Lisa Roskens – Commission Member (arrived at 2:32 pm)
- Governor Jim Pillen – Ex-officio member and former Nebraska football player

Certification of Publication - Notification of Open Meetings Act

- The legal notice required by state statute was published in the *Lincoln Journal Star* on July 17, 2026.
- The meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act.
- A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the table.

Review of Minutes of the June 26, 2026 Commission Meeting

Motion to approve the June 26, 2026 Meeting Minutes as is.

Motion by: HELLER

Second by: MCKEE

Yeas: BOHAC, CROOK, HELLER, MCKEE, RODGERS, ROSE, ROSKENS

Nays: NONE

Abstain: NONE

Motion approved

Nominations from the Floor for a Living Person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame (N.R.S. 72-728(3))

The Commission considered nominations for induction into the Nebraska Hall of Fame under the updated statute allowing living honorees.

Nomination Presented: Dr. Thomas William Osborne of Hastings, Nebraska

The nomination and supporting remarks made by Jim Rose highlighted Osborne's contributions to collegiate athletics, youth mentoring programs, federal public service and statewide impact.

Governor Jim Pillen addressed the Commission, emphasizing the importance of recognizing exceptional Nebraskans and praising the lifelong service of Dr. Tom Osborne. He highlighted Osborne's achievements in athletics, educational leadership, congressional service and the Teammates Mentoring Program.

Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission Selection

Motion to approve the nomination.

Motion by: ROGERS

Second by: ROSKENS

Yeas: HELLER, MCKEE, RODGERS, ROSE, ROSKENS, BOHAC, CROOK

Nays: NONE

Abstain: NONE

Motion approved

Changes to N.R.S. 72-728(1) Regarding Naming a Finalist to the Hall of Fame

Changes to the statute were noted that deleted the section "no individual shall be named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame until at least 35 years after such person's demise".

Chair Crook called for public comment on the change. None was offered.

Opportunity for Public Questions and Comments

No public comments were offered.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: HELLER

Second by: BOHAC

Yeas: MCKEE, RODGERS, ROSE, ROSKENS, BOHAC, CROOK, HELLER

Nays: NONE

Abstain: NONE

The meeting was adjourned by President Crook at 2:47 pm

Minutes submitted by:
Daryl Bohac, Secretary

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Minutes remain in Draft status until formally approved at the next commission meeting.