

Semiquincentennial Commission with Subcommittees 7/21/2026

Daryl L. Bohac (*Lincoln*)

- Nebraska State Historical Society, Director

Jeff Barnes (*Omaha*)

- Professional Historian

Community Relations, Chair

Gabriel Bruguier (*Lincoln*)

- Commission on Indian Affairs

- UNL Professor, Teaching and Learning Librarian

New

Candace Cain (*Burwell*)

- District 3 Congressional Representative

- Teacher at Burwell Jr/Sr High School

- DAR, National Officer & Past State Regent

Community Relations, Educ Resources, Chair

Roy Christensen (*Lincoln*)

- District 1 Congressional Representative

- Owner, Christensen Hearing Analytics

Fundraising

Tim L. Clark (*Bennington*)

- Commission on African American Affairs

- Director of Community Impact, MCC

Fundraising

Heidi Cuca (*Lincoln*)

- At Large

- Playfly Senior Account Executive

Fundraising

Kate Ellingson (*Lincoln*)

- Nebraska Dept of Economic Development,

Director of Marketing and Public Relations

Fundraising, Finance, Chair, Website

Evelyn Haro (*Lincoln*)

- Latino American Commission

- NE Dept of Labor, UI Appeals Referee

New

Chris Kratochvil (*Omaha*)

- University of Nebraska, Interim Vice President for External Relations

Educational Resources

Ashley Olson (*Red Cloud*)

- Nebraska Tourism Commission

- Willa Cather Center Executive Director

Social Media, Website

Beth Smith (*Lincoln*)

- At Large

- Past State Fair Board Member

New

Chris Sommerich (*Lincoln*)

- Humanities Nebraska Executive Director

Community Relations, Social Media

Christine Vail (*Brule*)

- At Large

- Keep Keith County Beautiful, Executive Director

Social Media, Website, Event Submission

Bre Wilton (*Lincoln*)

- Nebraska Dept of Ed, Social Studies Specialist

Social Media, Chair, Educ Resources, Website, Event Submission

Open Positions:

- Second Congressional District Representative
- At Large – one member