

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 16
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James McGown, Administrator
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Central Office

12:30 PM MT
Ogallala, Nebraska

AGENDA

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- 2) Call to Order
 - 2)a Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2)b Roll Call
 - 2)c Board Meeting Attendance
 - 2)d Notification of Open Meetings Law Posting and Recognition of Recordings
 - 2)e Legal Notice of Regular Board Meeting
- 3) Election of Officers
 - 3)a 2026 ESU 16 Board President
 - 3)b 2026 ESU 16 Board Vice-President
 - 3)c 2026 ESU 16 Board Secretary
- 4) Committees, Positions and Designations
 - 4)a Select Treasurer

- 4)b Select Recording Secretary
- 4)c 2026 Committee Appointments
- 4)d Name Depositories for ESU 16 Funds for 2026
- 4)e Designate Newspaper(s) of Record
- 5) Disseminate Conflict of Interest Statutes and Code of Ethics
- 6) Consent Agenda:
 - 6)a Approval of Agenda (*Motion and second, Board President reads Conflict of Interest Statement*)
 - Approval of Minutes of the prior month Board Meeting
 - Approval of Excess Federal Rates Report
 - Approval of Claims and Financial Report
 - Authorize Payment of Claims per Article III, Section 5A
- 7) Treasurer's Report
- 8) Recognition of Visitors
- 9) Action Items
 - 9)a Authorize Signatures for Bank Transactions
 - 9)b Audit Report for FY 2024-25
 - 9)c Selection of Bids for the Unit Car
 - 9)d Consider Approval of Contract Amendment for Smith
 - 9)e Contract for an Instructional Coach
 - 9)f USDA's Online Application Intake System for Telecommunications Programs
- 10) Discussion Items
 - 10)a 2026-2027 School Year Calendar
 - 10)b Discuss Supervisory, Exempt and Classified/Non Exempt Salaries for 2026-27
- 11) Director Reports
 - 11)a Special Services: Jennifer Pohlson
 - 11)b Teaching & Learning: Alison Smith
 - 11)c Network Operations: Chad DeWester
- 12) Administrative Reports
 - 12)a Board Reports
 - 12)b Administrator's Report
 - 12)c Out of Unit Travel and Mileage Reports
- 13) Adjourn