

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 16**  
**314 West First Street**  
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**James McGown, Administrator**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 19, 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) Consent Agenda:
  - 3)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

- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Recognition of Visitors
- 6) Action Items
  - 6)a Consider Approval of ESU 16 Education Association's Request to Negotiate
  - 6)b Consider Contracts with Individuals/UNL for "Rooted in Relationships" Program
  - 6)c Memorandum of Understanding with ESU 15
  - 6)d Consider approval of MSA
  - 6)e Consider Approval of the ESU 16 2026-27 Service Plan
  - 6)f Consider approval of the 2026-27 Mid-Plains Community College Lease Agreement
  - 6)g Consider approval of yearly Annual Director Evaluations
  - 6)h Consider Approval of Extra Duty Payments
  - 6)i Consider Amendment to Nicole Hoffmann's Contract
  - 6)j Consider Amendment to Shelby Mauler's Contract
- 7) Discussion Items
  - 7)a Administrator's Proposed Initiatives for 2026-2027
  - 7)b Discuss Ogallala Construction project
- 8) Director Reports
  - 8)a Special Services: Jennifer Pohlson
  - 8)b Teaching & Learning: Alison Smith
  - 8)c Network Operations: Chad DeWester
- 9) Administrative Reports
  - 9)a Board Reports
  - 9)b Administrator's Report
  - 9)c Out of Unit Travel and Mileage Reports
- 10) Adjourn