COUNCIL PROCEDURES

The manner in which meetings are to be conducted shall be at the discretion of the Council.

The Council Chair works with the SIO to plan the meeting agenda and conducts the meeting in the manner agreed to by the Council. The Chair may appoint Council members and others to committees or task forces with Council consent.

Individual Council members have no legal authority to act for the Council. Individual Council members can exercise authority only by making decisions together.

The Council meeting will run according to an agenda plan prepared by the Council Chair and the SIO. All Council members can request that issues be placed on the agenda by bringing those issues to the attention of the SIO or Council chair in writing no later than 14 days prior to the date the meeting is scheduled. The agenda and related materials for Council meetings will generally be distributed to Council members at least seven calendar days in advance of the meeting. The Council may modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at its scheduled meeting.

The Council may designate specific person(s) to speak on its behalf on a particular issue. When this designation is made, Council members shall refer the media and other parties to the Council’s designee(s).

Council meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1407 to 84-1414. Public notice and other information required under the Act will appear on the Council's website."

The Council may hold an executive (closed) session as provided by state law. Deliberations during executive session shall be confidential and any person attending an executive session shall refrain from disclosing outside of executive session any information discussed therein, except information that was already in the public domain or required to be disclosed by law or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The Council shall be empowered to review any alleged disclosure of confidential information, and any person deemed by the Council to have violated this confidentiality requirement shall be subject to such censure as may be imposed by the Council, including but not limited to public censure.

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