



## NEW BOARD MEETING REQUIREMENT: ARE YOUR AGENDAS & MINUTES COMPLIANT?

*Did you know .... Beginning July 31, 2022, school boards, among others shall make available on such entity's public web site the agenda AND minutes of any meeting of the governing body.*

That's right, Nebraska school boards must make sure meeting agendas and minutes are posted, in detail per the passing of LB 83 – "Change public meeting provisions and provide for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act," approved by the Governor on April 21, 2021.

Here are the specifics the board/district must adhere to as stated in the bill:

- "Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings, showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed. Minutes shall be written and available electronically for inspection within 10 working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier. Minutes and agendas must be available on the public website for at least 6 months."

Notes to take on this law.

- Minutes must be placed on the website within 10 working days prior to the next convened meeting.
  - It is acceptable to publish "draft" minutes prior to formal approval by the board.
  - To read the complete language of the bill, please visit: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/107/PDF/Slip/LB83.pdf>
- Note: Relevant sections are on located on pages 7 & 8.

The intent of the legislation is to enhance the public's ability to follow action and decisions carried out during the board meeting.

Like everything you do as a board, the meetings must be conducted in open session, and the board agenda must provide descriptive language to inform patrons of the items to be addressed during the meeting. Compliance with this legislation ensures district patrons have the access to the full scope of decisions by the district.

It is very important for your district to be in compliance with this new law, which may prevent your district from being the topic of discussion on the floor of the legislature, or by other interested parties.

We understand many districts across Nebraska already post the board agendas and minutes on the district website for access by the general public, in a timely fashion, and provide the appropriate detail, but there are districts that will need to comply. This is a heads up to not only make sure your process and procedures are up to date to satisfy the needs of LB 83, but to also let you know where you can get some help or feedback if you think your agendas and minutes not quite be up to the new standards which take effect July 31.

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To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'.  
If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 800-422-4572 for assistance.



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## JUNE

ALICAP SUMMER WORKSHOP - JUNE 7 - GERING

ALICAP SUMMER WORKSHOP - JUNE 8 - KEARNEY

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NASB MEMBER GOLF OUTING OR ARCHWAY MUSEUM - JUNE 22 - KEARNEY

SCHOOL LEADERS & LAW CONFERENCE - JUNE 22-23 - KEARNEY

## JULY

NASB VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUM - JULY 13 - 7:00 TO 8:30 PM CT

NASB'S NEW SUPERINTENDENT ORIENTATION - JULY 20 - LINCOLN

## OTHER KEY DATES

AREA MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER

NASB VIRTUAL CANDIDATE FORUM - SEPTEMBER 14 & OCTOBER 5

ANNUAL SPARQ DATA SOLUTIONS TAILGATE PARTY - SEPTEMBER 17 - LINCOLN

LABOR RELATIONS - FALL 2022

FACILITIES & CONSTRUCTION - SEPTEMBER 22 - KEARNEY

STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 8

STATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 16-18 - OMAHA

NEW BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOPS - DECEMBER - GERING, NORTH PLATTE, KEARNEY, YORK, LA VISTA, NORFOLK

# ARE YOUR AGENDAS & MINUTES COMPLIANT?

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Good news! Here are some tips to guarantee your detailed agendas and minutes are published as needed:

- SPARQ subscribers can automatically generate a Minutes Report with a click of a button to publish Minutes online to your public page. The \$500 set up fee for Sparq is waived for non-subscribers, and as always there is a discounted rate for all NASB members.
  - Contact Nicole Kobus with any questions or to demo Sparq Meetings at [nkobus@NASBonline.org](mailto:nkobus@NASBonline.org) or 402-817-0229.
  - Good examples of detailed minutes are linked here from Schuyler Community Schools & Fremont Public Schools
  - <https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Minutes/68?meeting=515122>
  - <https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Documents/CustomMinutesForMeeting/199?meeting=523300>
- NASB can also provide a variety of resources to support the board secretary and superintendent responsible for meeting minutes. Contact the Board Leadership Team to learn more.
- Filament Essential Services can help ensure your SOCS website is compliant with obvious, easy-to-find links for your agendas and meetings. There are 90 K-12 schools with SOCS website in Nebraska already. Contact them for assistance at 402-479-6991 or at [lisal@filamentservices.org](mailto:lisal@filamentservices.org)

*Please reach out with any questions regarding these changes, to ensure you are compliant!*

## May 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM - Board of Education Regular Meeting

### Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

Rationale: STRIVE - COMMIT - SUCCEED - District Mission Statement

Schuyler Community Schools in partnership with parents, students, and the community is committed to educate students to become skilled, knowledgeable and responsible citizens in a global society - District Vision Statement

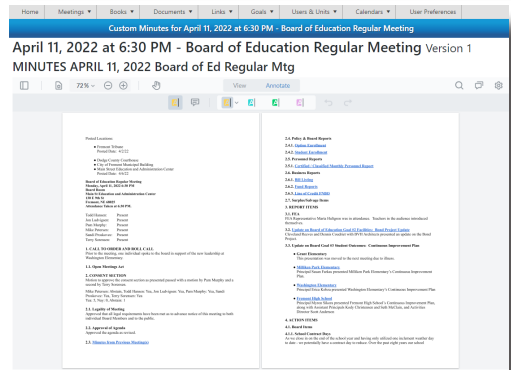
Notice of this meeting was given in advance according to State Law 84-1411, by giving notice of the meeting to the public. Notice of this meeting was also given in advance to all members of the Board of Education

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

I.B. Declaration of Open Meeting

Rationale:

This meeting has been preceded by advance notice and is hereby declared to be in open session. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the front of the meeting room.



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## WHAT MESSAGE IS THE BOARD CONVEYING TO THE PUBLIC AT THE BOARD TABLE?

For those of you that know me well, my cup is always half full. Therefore, I believe that in every school district across the state non-incumbent candidates are currently attending board meetings, engaging with board members and the superintendent, and he/she aspires to serve to improve and grow education for the students in the school district.

If this vision of mine is real and he/she/they are attending board meetings, what observations do they take away from the meeting?

How much time is the board devoting during the regular board meeting discussing and addressing the improvement and growth of student learning?

Do the board and administration celebrate success? If so, how is that message relayed to the public?

What do non-incumbents perceive their role to be as a board member?

Boards and superintendents that model this form of effective board governance and purposeful leadership are actively engaged in growing in their respective roles. This does not happen by chance, it does mean taking the time to participate in professional development, NASB workshops, conferences, etc. However, when attendance is a challenge for the board, there is a way to bring board development to the board.

A starting point may be a board retreat.

The purpose could be to review, discuss, and consider the proper role and responsibilities of the board and the working relationship with the superintendent.

Besides a board retreat focused on the board-superintendent working relationship, board self-assessment provides a starting point for purposeful conversations for addressing effective board governance. Through a board self-assessment you enable each board member to self-reflect on their contributions and role among their peers on the board. The self-assessment also allows the board to evaluate the cohesive and collective impact as a board working in lockstep with your superintendent to improve student learning in your school district. The outcome of a board self-assessment enables

the board to isolate areas of growth, set goals, and prioritize action steps to support the goals.

Next step, integrate the review and discussion of the board self-assessment into your regular board meeting agenda.

Each month the board will set aside time to discuss one Standard within the assessment. The brief discussion can be utilized to better inform the public of the board's role and responsibilities, provides authentic data on how well the board measures up to the NASB Board Governance Standards, and most important the opportunity to discuss what the board is actively doing to address the improvement of a Standard when identified as an area of growth. The NASB Board Leadership team will work with the board president/superintendent to provide resources to support the board meeting agenda item.

There is so much more to serving on the board of education than showing up for a monthly board meeting, but unfortunately, from the public's view it may appear that it is this simple. When the message portrayed at the board table is focused on trivial matters, personal agendas, and random topics that fail to address the true purpose of improving and growing instruction and learning, we are sending the message to the public and quite possibly the non-incumbent that change is needed.

Pause and reflect, what message is the board conveying to the public? If there is a need for change, or if the focus and work of the board is in lockstep with administration and board meetings are purposefully focused, take the next step and measure the board's success through a board self-assessment, I promise the results will fill your cup. "You only get out what you put in. Do not expect more until you do more."  
~Anonymous

*To learn more about the NASB Board Self-Assessment, call 800-422-4572 or email Katie at [kcoble@NASBOnline.org](mailto:kcoble@NASBOnline.org) or Marcia [mherring@NASBOnline.org](mailto:mherring@NASBOnline.org) to request a workbook that includes the assessment, online survey process, and an overview of the support the Association will provide the board through the process.*



# AT THE BOARD TABLE

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## BOARD CALENDAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR YOUR JUNE MEETINGS

View the full, detailed calendar at: <http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/resources>

### MISSION, VISION & GOALS

Board Self-Assessment and Goal Planning; Strategic Plan Progress Report/Update; District Goals Update

### POLICY GOVERNANCE

Bully Prevention Policy Review on or before July 1. Policy regarding appropriate relationships with students; contents on or before June 30. Annual Review Parental and Family Engagement Policy on or before July 1

### ACCOUNTABILITY & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Reports; filing requirements; contents on or before July 20. Year End Assessment & Curriculum Review. Review School Improvement Plan

### ADVOCACY

Submit Legislative Resolution or Standing Position to NASB Legislation Committee

### DISTRICT/ESU RESOURCES (BUDGET)

Board/Administrators Budget Work Session. Review certificated staff & report: staff demographics, positions needed by building, # of tenured, # of non-tenured, teaching assignments, etc. Review all Maintenance and Upkeep Contracts. Review the Food Service Program. Review TeamMates Program. Review Backpack Program. Review Transportation Program. Review classified staff.

### REPORTS

Board Committees; Superintendent; Administrators. Remind board members to review their NASB Awards of Achievement points report.

### BOARD LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Review and discuss Board Governance Standard IV. Accountability and Student Achievement. New Board Member Follow-Up. NASB Golf Outing & Archway Museum Tour. NASB School Leaders and Law Conference.

## NASB COLLABORATING WITH OUR MEMBERS

It is important that a newly elected board member embarks upon their board service equipped to serve as a member of the board. NASB provides extensive learning opportunities. The design of this learning workshop is focused upon effective board governance and best practice through both learning and networking.

#### 2022 NASB Board Candidate Webinars

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*Prior to her election to the State Board of Education in November 2020, Patti Gubbels served on the Norfolk Board of Education, and was a member of the NASB Board of Directors, and the NASB Legislation Committee since 2016.*

Nebraska State Law requires that content area standards in core subjects (reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies) be reviewed and updated by the Nebraska State Board of Education every seven years.

Content area standards are statements that identify what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level. The content area standards reviewed and revised this year are the College and Career Ready Mathematics Standards.

To review and revise the standards, the Nebraska Department of Education uses a consistent process that relies on the expertise of Nebraska educators.



The Nebraska Department of Education, in selecting members of the writing team, tries to assure that the standards writers represent all sizes of schools from all parts of Nebraska. Members of the writing team include Nebraska educators from all levels of the educational system. Early childhood educators, K-12 teachers, and postsecondary mathematics experts work collaboratively to write and revise standards.

The standards development process includes opportunities for feedback from individuals who are not part of the writing team. For example, the last week in April, the Nebraska Department of Education released the first draft of the College and Career Ready Mathematics Standards to school superintendents for their review and feedback. This past week, the draft standards NDE released the standards so interested parents, community members, teachers, business leaders, and others can provide feedback about the proposed standards through the Public Input Survey found on the NDE website. Constituent feedback guides editing and revision of standards drafts. Each time the editing team revises a draft, the public is given the opportunity to provide input. Sometimes more than one draft is necessary before NDE develops the final draft.

The State Board of Education receives updates from the Nebraska Department of Education staff throughout the development process. Once a final or approval draft is ready, the State Board of Education reviews and votes on the proposed standards. NDE anticipates that the College and Career Ready Mathematics Standards 2022 approval draft will be ready for board review and approval in the fall of 2022. Upon approval by the Nebraska State Board of Education, school districts have one year to adopt the state-approved content standards or adopt standards deemed as equal to or more rigorous than those approved by the State Board of Education.

The goals of the mathematics standards revision are to have standards that (1) allow a student to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing postsecondary coursework without the need for remediation, (2) include learning concepts and computations of numbers, geometry, algebra, and data and (3) establish essential mathematical habits of mind such as persevering in problem solving, using representations to organize, record, and communicate mathematical ideas, justifying mathematical ideas using precise mathematical terms, using reasoning to solve problems and analyzing mathematical relationships.

The proposed revisions to the 2015 Mathematics Standards establish grade-level learning expectations and provide school districts with the information they need to make instructional decisions, select learning materials, and develop assessments to measure student understanding and mathematics achievement.

The ability to function effectively in the workplace and to make sound decisions as an individual and a member of society depend on mathematical skills and problem solving. While it is imperative that students learn mathematical facts and computations, it is also imperative that they learn how to use reasoning, identify mathematical relationships, analyze data, and think as they are learning. The proposed College and Career Ready Mathematics Standards 2022 establish expectations that all students will be able to “do” math and to think as they form and solve problems.

*Disclaimer: The opinions from Dr. Patti S. Gubbels are hers and do not represent the Nebraska State Board of Education.*

# PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

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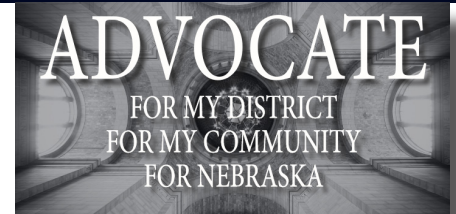
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With the May 10th Primary behind us, we now have a clearer picture of what the November ballot will look like. Advocacy and relationships start now! Don't wait until the final election in November to engage with the candidates who will represent you in the Legislature. As a community leader and fellow elected official, you are in a unique position to engage. It's likely you already know one or both of the candidates. Some things you can do:



- Reach out; INVITE them to a coffee. Advocacy starts with relationships. Learn where they stand on different facets of education.
- Use the opportunity to ADVOCATE for local control; Explain to them the decisions you make in the board room and how they relate to decisions made at the Capital.
- INVITE them to a school board meeting. Let them see it firsthand, the kind of decisions being made for your district.
- FOCUS on the students; we all want the best for them.
- MAKE yourself a resource to them. If elected, we want YOU to be first person they call with questions about education policy.
- TALK about partnerships; Discuss the issues where school boards and legislators can collaborate on policies that impact your shared communities. There is always common ground.
- CALL your advocacy team; We'll help you sort through the candidates and how to contact them. Keep up, stay informed.

Look for more opportunities to engage this summer ...

## LEGISLATURE 2021-22

District 2	Clements
District 4	Hilkemann
District 6	Cavanaugh
District 8	Hunt
District 10	DeBohr
District 12	Lathrop
District 14	Arch
District 16	Hansen
District 18	Lindstrom
District 20	McCollister
District 22	Moser
District 24	Kolterman
District 26	Hansen
District 28	Pansing Brooks
District 30	Dorn
District 32	Brandt
District 34	Friesen
District 36	Williams
District 38	Murman
District 40	Gragert
District 42	Jacobson
District 44	Hughes
District 46	Morfeld
District 48	Stinner

## CANDIDATES

Robert Clements (54%)
Brad von Gillern (52%)
Machaela Cavanaugh (47%)
Megan Hunt (65%)
Wendy DeBoer (53%)
Merv Riepe (45%)
John Arch (58%)
Ben Hansen (74%)
Michael Young (34%)
Stu Dornan (43%)
Mike Moser (76%)
Patrick Hotovy (50%)
Russ Barger (41%)
Jane Raybould (64%)
Myron Dorn
Tom Brandt
Loren Lippincott (70%)
Rick Holdcroft (52%)
Dave Murman (66%)
Barry DeKay (36%)
Chris Bruns (45%)
Teresa J. Ibach (76%)
Danielle Conrad (43%)
Brian Hardin (45%)

Sarah Slattery (23%)
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek (48%)
Christian Mirch (38%)
Marilyn Arant Asher (24%)
Lou Ann Goding (47%)
Robin Richards (20%)
Cori Villegas (25%)
Connie L. Petersen (26%)
Christy Armendariz (33%)
John Fredrickson (34%)
Roy M. Zach (11%)
Jana Hughes (50%)
George Dungan (36%)
Roy A. Christensen (36%)

Michael Reimers (30%)
Angie Lauritsen (48%)
Tyler Cappel (34%)
Keith F. Kube (26%)
Mike Jacobson (44%)
Edward Dunn (24%)
James Michael Bowers (39%)
Don L. Lease II (23%)

## STATE BOARD OF ED CANDIDATES

### District 5

Kirk Penner (61%)
Helen Raikes (39%)

### District 6

Sherry Jones (69%)
Danielle Helzer (31%)

### District 7

Elizabeth Tegtmeier (62%)
Robin Stevens (20%)

### District 8

Deborah Neary (48%)
Marni Hodgen (27%)





# NASB SCHOOL LEADERS & LAW, GOLF & THE ARCHWAY

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Registration is now open for the 2022 School Leaders and Law Conference in Kearney, June 22-23. This event will provide general sessions and breakouts on topics of Nebraska Legislation, SPED Case Law, How to Engage Parents & Patrons, Open Meetings Law, Cyber-Security in Schools, Negotiations, and the Impact of Tax Policy on School Funding and more! Click here to see the agenda and register!

<http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/school-leaders-law-conference>

Prior to the Conference, the annual NASB Golf outing will be held at the Kearney Country Club on June 22.

The golf outing gets a great turnout every year, so email Sharon Endorf right away at [sendorf@NASBOnline.org](mailto:sendorf@NASBOnline.org) to get signed up. The outing will be a 4-person scramble. You can sign up a full team, or on your own and we will place you on a team. Lunch will be provided by ALICAP, and golf will begin at 12:30 PM.

Not a golfer? No worries, we are adding an additional networking activity on Wednesday, June 22. You can enjoy a tour of the Archway Museum and learn more about the history of Nebraska and Western Expansion. The tour will be followed by networking and snacks with your peers. The tour begins at 2:30 PM. Sign up for the tour as you register for the School Leaders & Law event at [nasbonline.org](http://nasbonline.org). Registration deadline is June 16.

For those arriving in Kearney on Wednesday, plan to attend the reception and hospitality suite at the Holiday Inn from 6:30-11:00 PM. We hope to see you in Kearney in June!



# 2022



## ANNUAL NASB MEMBER GOLF OUTING

JUNE 22 - KEARNEY COUNTRY CLUB



EMAIL [SENDORF@NASBONLINE.ORG](mailto:SENDORF@NASBONLINE.ORG) TO PARTICIPATE



# UPCOMING EVENTS & NETWORKING



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**SUMMER  
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Registration is now open for the 2022 ALICAP Summer Workshops. These FREE\* workshops are a great opportunity for school administrators and IT directors to brush up on their insurance knowledge and loss control strategies. Representatives from Homeland Security will give an update on cyber security. You will also hear from the Director of ALICAP, Megan Boldt and Broker at Public Risk Management, Sheri Shonka. These workshops will take place at 3 locations from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and include lunch.

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\*ALICAP member districts each receive 3 complimentary registrations.  
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JUNE 22-23 - KEARNEY

NASB CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS - DUE JULY 1

<http://www.nasbonline.org/registrations/ProposedResolution.aspx>

## ... ALICAP & INSURANCE

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*Thanks, Megan!*

## ... DATA ANALYTICS

We are at that point in the school year where boards sometimes look several years ahead and consider the possibility of consolidation with neighboring districts. If your board is interested in gathering data to explore the consequences of a merger, NASB can provide a great deal of useful analysis relating to demographic trends, prospective levies, facilities, student achievement, and other factors worth considering. We make no recommendations since that is the responsibility of the boards involved, but we can provide the basis for constructive deliberations about your district's many options.

*Contact Jim to learn more!*

## ... POLICY

For the upcoming school year, each school must have at least one employee who has met the training requirements to administer or assist with the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms. The training will include instruction in administering seizure medications, recognizing the signs and symptoms of seizures, and responding to their signs and symptoms with appropriate steps. You may have also heard that the Legislature has tasked NDE with creating academic standards for the teaching of financial literacy and the history of the Holocaust and other acts of genocide. It requires a fair amount of time to create new curriculum recommendations, so it is very unlikely these will be ready for the 2022-23 school year.

*Contact Jim to learn more!*

## ... ENERGY PURCHASING

Natural Gas continues to trend higher, recently hitting a 12-year high for next winter's heating season near \$8 on the New York Mercantile. However, prices for the following winter are nearly \$3 lower, and are even a bit lower for the winter after that. Uncertainty about the economy, the war in Ukraine, and lower than normal volumes in storage are driving most of the speculation. As these issues sort themselves out going into summer, we will have a much better picture of what gas prices will be for next winter.

*Contact Jim to learn more!*

## ... BOARD LEADERSHIP

Check out "At the Board Table" on pages 4-5.

*Marcia, Tori, Kari & Katie*

## ... ADVOCACY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The 107<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2nd Session has adjourned Sine Die.

The Primary Elections have passed and we know who will be vying for various roles come November.

Stay engaged with NASB's Legislative efforts in the "off-season" at: <http://members.nasbonline.org/index.php/government-relations>

Check out the latest edition of NASB's *Legislative Notes* as well!

CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS  
Due July 1  
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Call Colby & Matt with any questions!  
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## ... SEARCH, STRENGTHS & AWARDS

### GALLUP STRENGTHSFINDER

This month we are featuring the strength of Relator. Relator describes your attitude toward relationships. This theme pulls you toward people you already know. Those with Relator as a dominant theme are genuine and authentic. They need time and opportunities to have one-on-one interactions.

### EDUCATION LEADERSHIP SEARCH SERVICE

Contact us with questions on best practice for superintendent searches or a proposal to fill your superintendent vacancy. It is not too early to do a proposal if you have a superintendent retiring in June of 2023.

### AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

An email reminder will be coming soon to check points.

Contact [sbecker@NASBonline.org](mailto:sbecker@NASBonline.org) for these programs/services.

- Shari -

## ... TECHNOLOGY

SAVE THE DATE!  
SPARQ TAILGATE  
Saturday, September 17  
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[www.sparqdata.com](http://www.sparqdata.com)

## ... MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

A busy June is in store ... come join us for all we have planned!

ALICAP Summer Workshops will be in Gering on June 7, Kearney on June 8, & Lincoln on June 9

Virtual Candidate Forums begin June 7th

The NASB Annual Member Golf Outing is June 22 in Kearney

Not a golfer, join us on the Archway Museum Tour, June 22 in Kearney

The School Leaders & Law Conference is June 23 in Kearney

Sharon



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