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Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
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[CONFIRMATION]

The Committee on Transportation and Telecommunications met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015, in Room 1113 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on gubernatorial appointments. Senators present: Lydia Brasch, Vice Chairperson; Al Davis; Curt Friesen; John Murante; and Les Seiler. Senators absent: Jim Smith, Chairperson; Tommy Garrett; and Beau McCoy.

SENATOR BRASCH: Good morning and welcome to the confirmation meeting this morning in the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. I am Lydia Brasch of Bancroft and I am the Vice Chair of this committee presiding for Senator Jim Smith who is on the floor. To my...let's see who's here. Okay. Senator Friesen from Henderson, Senator Al Davis from Hyannis, Senator John Murante from Gretna, and on my immediate left is Mike Hybl, legal counsel to the committee and following him is Paul Henderson, the committee clerk. And seated there is J.T. Beck from Centreville, Virginia, a recent graduate. He's been with us for a while--congratulations--from UNL. And we will be conducting this hearing here. Anyone wishing to testify should come to the front of the room and be ready to testify to keep this hearing moving. If you are testifying, please, complete the sign-in sheet so it is ready to hand to one of our pages, to J.T. there. As you approach the table, for the record at the beginning of your testimony, please, state and spell your name. Please keep your testimony concise and try not to repeat what has already been said. And if you do not wish to testify but you want to voice your support or opposition to one of these appointees, you can indicate so at the table by the entrance on the sheet provided. This will be a part of the official record of the hearing. If you do not choose to testify, you may submit comments in writing and have them read into the official record. The first confirmation on our agenda is by call-in this morning and it is for Ricky Pearson for reappointment with the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board. Good morning, Ricky.

[CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Good morning. Ricky Pearson, R-i-c-k-y P-e-a-r-s-o-n.

[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Could you, please, repeat that? We have a little bit of a sound difficulty here hearing. [CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Sure. It's...good morning. This is Ricky Pearson, R-i-c-k-y P-e-a-r-s-o-n.

[CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Very good. And thank you for your willingness for this reappointment. And for the next few minutes, if you could briefly tell us your reason, willingness, ability for this

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reappointment. And we're all listening here. The room is not full, so don't be nervous.
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RICKY PEARSON: (Exhibit 1) Okay. I've been the owner of Pearson Motor Company for over 20 years in Hartington, Nebraska, northeast Nebraska. So I border two other states, South Dakota and Iowa. And serving on the Motor Vehicle Licensing Board has been a privilege. I think it does a very important job in protecting the consumer. It's done a lot in overseeing advertising, other issues that come up, and dealers or licensed vehicle dealers need to be aware of. To be on that board, it's like a...it's been a privilege. And I look forward to serving another three years. Anybody have any questions for me? [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Pearson. And are there any questions from the committee? There aren't any questions in the committee. Is there anyone wanting to come forward and testify? Yes, there is. Thank you. Please... [CONFIRMATION]

WILLIAM JACKSON: Good morning, members of the Transportation Committee. My name is William Jackson. I'm the executive director with the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board. Good morning, Mr. Pearson. [CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Good morning, Mr. Jackson. [CONFIRMATION]

WILLIAM JACKSON: How are you? [CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Very good. [CONFIRMATION]

WILLIAM JACKSON: Mr. Pearson has served on the board for three years. He's an outstanding member of the board and he's got all the credentials and the experience to be there. We rely on his counsel and his expertise at different hearings and meetings. I strongly support his nomination for a second term. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Thank you. Mr. Jackson, correct? [CONFIRMATION]

WILLIAM JACKSON: Yeah. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: And are there any questions from the committee here this morning? I see none. Thank you very much. [CONFIRMATION]

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WILLIAM JACKSON: All right. Thank you. Thank you. Good luck, Rick. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Is there anyone else wanting to come and testify? I see none. Thank you very much, Mr. Pearson. With that, we will now let you go about business for the rest of the day. Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

RICKY PEARSON: Thank you, appreciate it. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Very good. The next individual for confirmation is Lisa Kramer. Would you, please, come forward, Lisa, and say and spell your name? [CONFIRMATION]

LISA KRAMER: (Exhibit 1) Good morning. My name is Lisa Kramer, L-i-s-a, Kramer, K-r-a-m-e-r. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Very good. Would you take a few minutes and explain to us why you would like to be considered for this confirmation? [CONFIRMATION]

LISA KRAMER: I'm here today to request confirmation for my appointment by the Governor to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. This appointment is for a vacated position with a term ending this November. I'm a newly elected supervisor to the Washington County Board and I also sit on the roads committee in that capacity. Professionally, I am a licensed physical therapist in Nebraska with an outpatient clinic that I own and operate in Bennington. I've been a small business owner for ten years, weathering significant changes in the healthcare industry. Additionally, I was a certified reserve law enforcement officer with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Bennington Police for six years collectively. I will be a dedicated public servant on the Board of Classifications and Standards, bringing versatility, commitment, fairness, and professionalism to the position. And I humbly request your confirmation of my appointment today. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Very good. Thank you, Ms. Kramer. Are there any questions from the committee? As Vice Chair, I would like to also commend Ms. Kramer. She is a constituent of mine from Washington County. And I will give you a very high recommendation and welcome you, and your appointment should be moving forward. I am in hope of that. You have been an outstanding citizen of the community, spent a lot of time wearing many different hats and a

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tireless worker in all you do and all that I've talked with, many individuals, they all highly sing your praises. So thank you for your willingness to serve. And is there anyone else who would like to come forward and testify? [CONFIRMATION]

LISA KRAMER: Thank you, Senator. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: Thank you. I see none. So you may resume your seat.
[CONFIRMATION]

LISA KRAMER: Thank you. [CONFIRMATION]

SENATOR BRASCH: And thank you. All right. And there are no other testifiers here today, correct? With that, we will conclude this confirmation. Thank you for your attendance and willingness to be here today. Thank you, colleagues. [CONFIRMATION]