

Teammates,

Last week, the Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs held their historic inaugural meeting in the 1526 K Street Building. This Commission was created through the enactment of legislative bill LB 918, introduced by Senator Justin Wayne. LB 918 was passed by the Nebraska Legislature on August 11, 2020, and Governor Ricketts signed it into law on August 25, 2020. Governor Ricketts then [appointed fourteen Nebraskans](#) to the Commission on June 5, 2021.

During the first meeting, the Commission also discussed a wide variety of areas ranging from community housing, education, welfare, healthcare, employment, economic development, and law and order among others. I was [honored to join Governor Ricketts](#) at the meeting to share how the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services can support them in our shared mission to grow Nebraska in all communities.

DAS has worked hard to create [opportunities for all Nebraskans](#). We've taken steps to attract teammates of all backgrounds into public service, and through our Procurement Concierge Program, we are providing more opportunity for small, minority-owned and underutilized businesses to work with the State.

I look forward to partnering with the Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs to see how DAS can help provide more opportunities for all.

Regards,

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