

NAPE/AFSCME Local 61
2025-2027 Board of Directors Election
Candidate Statements - Run Off Election
Listed in Ballot Order (Order of Nomination)

Candidates for Statewide DHHS Representatives (Vote for no more than 1)

Kerrin Packard (DHHS, Sarpy County)

Kerrin is a Program Specialist and has been a member of NAPE since her very first day working for the State. She immediately became a steward and she is a Volunteer Member Organizer. Kerrin served as a delegate to the 2023 delegate assembly and does all she can to promote solidarity in her office.

Michael Henry (DHHS, Lincoln)

Michael is a Medical Claims Investigator, and is approaching his five-year service anniversary at the State of Nebraska. As a union steward who has attended state legislative conferences and the NAPE biennial Delegate Assembly, Michael wants to bring a "fresh eyes" approach to growing membership and solidifying our collective power. There are many ways NAPE can stand fast in a changing landscape, and Michael hopes to be a guiding hand as we move forward. Thank you for your consideration!

Candidates for Statewide Agency Representatives (Vote for no more than 1)

Mary Schmidt-Rodriguez (Military, Lincoln)

Mary is a graphic artist for the Nebraska Military Department and has worked for the state for nearly 20 years. Mary currently serves on the Board of Directors and has helped grow our union by serving as a Volunteer Member Organizer and steward. Mary is passionate about talking to state employees about the importance of union membership. Mary believes strongly in the power of our union and she would be honored to continue to be your voice on the Board of Directors.

Dawn Archuleta (Corrections, Lincoln)

Dawn Archuleta has been an LPN with the state of Nebraska for almost 10 years and now works at the NDCS central office in Lincoln. She would like to be on the Board of Directors to help fight the injustices facing her fellow state employees and find ways to improve the current practices for all to benefit.

Candidates for Supervisory Representative (Vote for no more than 1)

Bryce Holmes (Transportation, Omaha)

Bryce is a Highway Project Manager for NDOT District 2 in Omaha. While in the bargaining unit, he has served as a steward, and he frequently attends meetings to learn and communicate information to his fellow union members. Bryce would be honored to be the voice of his fellow rules and regulations covered union members.

Teresa Menking (DHHS, Fremont)

Teresa is a Social Services Supervisor and is a 10 year employee and a long time member of NAPE. She has actively advocated for NAPE Union membership, participation, and knowledge among workers. Teresa completed steward training, participated in leadership training sessions, was a bargaining conference delegate, actively participated in the Labor Management Committee at her work location and effectively communicated site concerns between staff and management. As a Supervisor, Teresa still actively encourages union membership and will work for better communication and action between leadership, union and staff to promote a fair and effective workplace environment.