

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 5, 2017, at 10:15 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1.

In compliance with the provisions of *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 84-1411, printed notice of this meeting was sent to each member of the Board and was posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall. In addition, copies of such notice were sent to the Lincoln Journal Star, Omaha World Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, and the Lincoln office of the Associated Press on November 28, 2017.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Hal Daub
Howard Hawks
Paul Kenney
Bob Phares
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer, Vice Chairman
Bob Whitehouse, Chairman
Austin Partridge, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Joe Zach, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Carissa Lueck, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Carlo Eby, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Hank M. Bounds, President
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
Jeffrey P. Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center and
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
David E. Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Matthew C. Hammons, Interim Vice President for University Affairs
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President of Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 10:15 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2017.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lueck, Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Whitehouse announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Pillen presented a KUDOS award to Annette Wetzel, Special Events Coordinator and Visitors Center Director at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Lueck presented a KUDOS award to Ann Kruger, Staff Physical Therapist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Munroe-Meyer Institute.

Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to Yuriko Doku, Project Coordinator in the Office of Latino and Latin American Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Gina Garden, Marketing Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and City of Kearney’s Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA).

V. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Daub presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Walter Weir arrived at the University of Nebraska in 1995, following an appointment at Fordham University, and prior to that, serving as an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and retiring from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Walter has served the University of Nebraska for over 22 years, initially as the institution’s first chief information officer and later as senior advisor to the president for strategy development; and

WHEREAS, Walter provided executive leadership to multiple projects of critical importance to the University, including the creation of a university-wide IT Security Council; development and deployment of the Nebraska Student Information System, development and deployment of SAP—the University’s enterprise resource planning system; and transition from Lotus Notes to Office365; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at the University, Walter has served our state as a whole, through 17 years as technical panel chair and four years as a commissioner representing higher education on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission; and

WHEREAS, Walter partnered with the State of Nebraska to build “Network Nebraska,” one of the largest and most affordable statewide education networks of its type in the country; serving over 400,000 end users daily and interconnecting all of the public school districts, educational service units, and public colleges and universities on a single network for the purpose of distance education and providing affordable Internet access; and

WHEREAS, Walter has demonstrated through his work the significance of information technology to the teaching, research, and outreach missions of the University; and

WHEREAS, Walter’s vast storytelling ability educated and entertained us through the years, and provided valuable lessons and built important relationships; and

WHEREAS, Walter’s lighthearted and caring nature has made him an approachable, collegial, and esteemed member of the University community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents extends its deep gratitude and appreciation to Walter Weir for his tireless service to the University of Nebraska; and wishes Walter much happiness and relaxation in his retirement.

Resolution Adopted

There being no objections, the resolution offered for the benefit of Walter G. Weir was approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

VI. HEARINGS

None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Zierke spoke on the topic of placing plaques at Memorial Stadium inscribed with the names of service men and women who lost their lives during wartime. [See the documents file for a copy of the handouts distributed by Mr. Zierke]

Dr. Julia Schleck, Graduate Chair in the Department of English, read the letter, “An Open Letter from the University of Nebraska Faculty on Recent Attacks on Our Institution.” [See the documents file for a copy of the letter signed by 315 current and former faculty]

David Moshman, Professor Emeritus, spoke on the topic of free speech.

Sarah Purcell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Faculty Senate President, spoke on the topic of shared governance.

President Bounds and Chancellor Green offered brief commentary on budgetary matters.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Hawks to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-B-1, VIII-B-2, and VIII-B-3

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

VIII-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-B-1 Approve designation of a bequest from the Estate of Eugene K. Kamprath as a quasi-endowment

VIII-B-2 Approve the waiver of the requirements of Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7 on the naming of facilities and name the second floor television control room in Andersen Hall the "Dr. Larry J. Walklin Television Control Room" at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-B-3 Approve the appointment of Michael Yanney as a member of the "Class C" Directors of the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation (NICDC) Board of Directors, effective December 5, 2017

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, Eby, and Lueck. Voting Aye: Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Lueck to approve item X-A-1

IX-A-1 Approval is requested to accept gifts and create the Clayton Yeutter Institute of International Trade and Finance in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zach, Eby, Lueck, and Partridge. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Zach to approve item IX-A-2

IX-A-2 Approval is requested to phase-out the Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training in the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eby, Lueck, Partridge, and Zach. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-1

University of Nebraska

IX-B-1 Approve the change in *Policies of the Board of Regents* RP-6.3.1 and RP-6.3.2 relating to approval of architects and engineers

RP-6.3.1 Administrative Approval of University Contracts:

4. President's Administrative Authority to Approve and Execute Contracts. Pursuant to Section 6.4 of the *Bylaws*, the President shall have authority to approve and to execute the following types of contracts.

q. Any contract for the procurement of the licensed professional services of an architect, engineer, landscape architect, or land surveyor, where the firm ~~selected~~ has been ~~approved~~ selected in accordance with RP-6.3.2.

RP-6.3.2 Qualification Based Selection of Professional Services of Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects

4. Four Year Selection Process

When licensed professional services are required where the estimated fee for such services is the statutory minimum fee provided by subsection (1) of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1712 of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, to ten (10) times the statutory minimum fee, the firm to provide the professional services may be selected from the University's four year list firms determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-1712 through 81-1715 of the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act and the University Four-Year Selection Procedure. The four year list will be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lueck, Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-2
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-B-2 Approve a one-time waiver to the Board's competitive bidding policy and grant advance authorization for the purchase of a used 40-inch 6-color offset printing press
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, Eby, and Lueck. Voting Aye: Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve items IX-B-3, IX-B-4, IX-B-5, and IX-B-11
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-B-3 Approve revised Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and the Returning Student Discount Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- IX-B-4 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the Academic Years 2018-21 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- IX-B-5 Approve an up to 3% annual average rate increase for student housing rates at Scott Court, Scott Village, Maverick Village and University Village for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- IX-B-11 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2018-19 Academic Year at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zach, Eby, Lueck, and Partridge. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Zach to approve item IX-B-6

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-6 Approve the attached Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1,658,000 from the Bond Surplus/Replacement Funds to make student housing, student facilities and parking facilities improvements

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eby, Lueck, Partridge, and Zach. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-B-7

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-7 Approve agreement to extend present laboratory services to Kearney Regional Medical Center

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lueck, Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-8

IX-B-8 Approve the sale of the property and improvements located at 518 South 38th Street, Omaha, Nebraska

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, Eby, and Lueck. Voting Aye: Hawks, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Lueck and seconded by Zach to approve item IX-B-9

IX-B-9 Approve naming the atrium located in the Dr. Edwin Davis and Dorothy Balbach Davis Global Center for Advanced Interprofessional Learning, the "Dr. Edward and Sally Malashock Atrium" at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zach, Eby, Lueck, and Partridge. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve item IX-B-10

IX-B-10 Approve the renaming of the Lied Transplant Center located on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus in Omaha to the Hixson-Lied Tower

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eby, Lueck, Partridge, and Zach. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IX-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

IX-C-2 University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures

IX-C-3 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures

IX-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

IX-C-5 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

IX-C-6 Amendments to Section 4.10 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, “Total Period of Service Prior to a ‘Continuous Appointment’.” This item is presented for information only and will be brought back to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1 Fall 2017 Enrollment report

IX-D-2 Strategic Framework Report on Enrollment [1-b-i], Top 25% [3-b-1] and Nonresident Undergraduate Enrollment [3-c-i]

IX-D-3 Strategic Framework Report on International Student Enrollment [3-d-ii]

IX-D-4 Debt Management Strategic Framework Report

IX-D-5 Fund N Endowment Strategic Framework Report

IX-D-6 Report on Debt Refinancing

IX-D-7 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects

IX-D-8 Report on the Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund

IX-D-9 Changes in Construction Projects by Budget or Use Categories

IX-D-10 Report of Bids and Contracts

IX-D-11 Intermediate Design Report – University of Nebraska at Kearney Nebraskan Student Union

IX-D-12 Intermediate Design Report – University of Nebraska at Kearney Early Childhood Education Center

Chairman Whitehouse accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

Regent Pillen stated that he and Regent Hawks, as co-chairs of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, confirm that all responsibilities outlined in paragraph 26 of the Committee Charter have been carried out.

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Eby that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 for the protection of the public interest, and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of persons who have not requested a public hearing, for the purpose of holding a discussion limited to the following subject:

- Personnel matters involving members of the university staff.

Chairman Whitehouse declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- Personnel matters involving members of the university staff.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lueck, Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Pillen Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, and Phares. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:53 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

Robert L. Whitehouse
Chairman of the Board

