

Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 12, 2021

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided for in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 21-02, which extended the previous Executive Order No. 20-36, in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (pages 62).

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 on the front of the first floor entrance 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 February 5, 2021.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Paul Kenney, Chair  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Bob Phares, Vice Chair  
Jim Pillen  
Robert Schafer  
Jack Stark  
Barbara Weitz  
Max Beal, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Veronica Miller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Thomas Schroeder, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Jabin Moore, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, President  
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Stacia L. Palser, Interim 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  
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Christopher J. Kabourek, Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO  
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations  
James P. Pottorff, Vice President and General Counsel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided by in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 21-02. Attendance is indicated above.

Regent Pillen introduced and welcomed Jack Stark as the new member of the Board of Regents.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on December 4, 2020.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Pillen announced the location of the Notice of Meeting and Open Meetings Act posted on the front entry of Varner Hall.

### IV. PRESENTATIONS

Gina Ligon, Director of National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE)

### V. KUDOS

**Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to Megan Fryda**, Director of Academic Resources and Institutional Resources at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to the Campus Operations Safety and Preparedness Team** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Cindy Norton**, Administrative Manager in the Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Moore presented a KUDOS award to Harnoor Singh**, Director of Student Development for the Walter Scott, Jr. Scholarship Program within the Division of Student Success at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

### VI. SUCCESSION OF CHAIR; ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Regent Schafer to nominate Regent Phares for the position of Vice Chair of the Board. There being no further nominations, Chairman Kenney declared the nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

Regent Pillen thanked his Board and University colleagues for their support during his term as chair in 2020, and commending the faculty, Chancellors, Varner Hall team, and President Carter. Regent Kenney succeeded to Chair of the Board as defined in Section 1.2 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*.

### VII. HEARINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

**VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Carter reported to the Board on the successes of 2020 and goals for 2021, including student affordability, faculty support, facilities maintenance and workforce development.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion Regent Weitz moved that the portion of the Standing Rules which limit speakers to 5 minutes per person and the total time for public comment to thirty minutes for all speakers, as well as those portions that provide for the public’s physical presence at a meeting be waived and further moved that the Chair of the Board be authorized to preside over the public comment portion of this meeting and that the processes for public comment at this meeting conform to the meeting notice provided to the public one week ago. Seconded by Schroeder.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Nye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O’Connor. Motion carried.

Martonia Gaskill spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Nicole Buan spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Regina Werum spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

William Aviles spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Melody Vaccaro spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Beth Lewis spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Sarah Purcell spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Eric Rodene spoke on the topic of changes to Bylaws.

Amy Southwick spoke on the topic of concerns about changes to in-person classes and the Cornhusker COVID commitment.

Josilyn Dostal spoke on the topic of the oil and gas industry.

Nathan Kreutzer spoke on the topic of oil and gas industry.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Pillen to approve items X-B-1, X-B-2, X-B-3, and X-B-4

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska

- X-B-1 Accept the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities
- X-B-2 Approve the reappointment of Chris J. Kabourek to serve on the AkSarBen Future Trust Board of Directors as the University of Nebraska appointee for a term of two years commencing January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- X-B-3 Approve execution of a standard form Guaranteed Maximum Price contract amendment for Barkley Memorial Center Expansion and Renovation at UNL

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- X-B-4 Approve the naming of the Munroe-Meyer Institute's Level 2 East Wing the Holland Foundation Early Intervention Wing
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska

- XI-A-1 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards, was deferred until after the opportunity for a closed session.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-2
- XI-A-2 Approval to establish the Center for Agricultural Profitability in the Department of Agricultural Economics in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Miller to approve item XI-A-3
- XI-A-3 Approval to create a Master of Healthcare Delivery Science in the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC)

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-1

XI-B-1 Approve amendments to the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Stark to approve items XI-B-2 and XI-B-3

XI-B-2 Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association (UNKEA) for the 2021-2023 biennium

XI-B-3 Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Omaha American Association of University Professors (UNO/AAUP) for the 2021-2023 biennium

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XI-B-4

XI-B-4 Approve the Program Statement for the New Fraternity and Sorority Life Housing at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, and Beal. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-5

XI-B-5 Approve the acquisition of real property located at 4402-4412 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare and Kenney. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-6

XI-B-6 Approve the sale of the vacant lot located at 6465 Center Street, Omaha, Nebraska via Request for Proposal

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-B-7

XI-B-7 Accept a gift from the Nebraska Philanthropic Trust of the Omaha Baseball/Softball Complex. Approve the naming of the two fields within the Omaha Baseball/Softball Complex as the Tal Anderson Baseball Field and Connie Claussen Softball Field

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

### **C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

XI-C-1 Amendments to Section 3.4.4 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, relating to assignment of duties, Sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.5 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* related to Extension Personnel, and Chapter IV of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, relating to rights and responsibilities of professional staff. The proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents are presented for information only in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*. Approval of these amendments will be considered at the Board of Regents' meeting on April 9, 2021

### **D. REPORTS**

XI-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Reports for the period July through September 2020

XI-D-2 Tenure Density Report

XI-D-3 Programs with Tuition Variances

XI-D-4 Fall 2020 Enrollment Report

XI-D-5 Expedited Approval of the Marketing Analytics Graduate Certificate in the Department of Marketing in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

XI-D-6 Expedited Approval of the Personal Leadership Graduate Certificate in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

XI-D-7 Expedited Approval of the Strategic Marketing Graduate Certificate in the Department of Marketing in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

XI-D-8 Renaming the Supply Chain Management Systems Graduate Certificate to the Supply Chain Management Graduate Certificate in the Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)

- XI-D-9 Expedited Approval of the Data Management Graduate Certificate in the Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis in the College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)
- XI-D-10 Expedited Approval of the Spanish Graduate Certificate in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)
- XI-D-11 Renaming the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Exercise Science to the PhD in Biomechanics and Kinesiology in the Department of Biomechanics in the School of Health and Kinesiology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)
- XI-D-12 Bids and Contracts
- XI-D-13 Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests
- XI-D-14 Naming of the Donna Bamford Locker Room at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- XI-D-15 Naming of Room S-111 in the College of Law’s Marvin and Virginia Schmid Clinic Building “The Koley Jessen Interview Room” at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- XI-D-16 Naming of selected spaces within the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Genetics and Rehabilitation Facility Replacement at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-D-17 Naming of the Rare Book Gallery the ‘American College of Surgeons Rare Book Gallery’ within the Wigton Heritage Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-D-18 Campus Room and Board Rates
- XI-D-19 University report on Financial Strength and Borrowing Capacity per RP-6.8.3

Chairman Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

Regent O’Connor stated that she, as chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, confirms all responsibilities outlined in paragraph 26 of the Committee Charter have been carried out.

**XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Stark that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska 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:

- Honorary Degrees and Awards

Chair Kenney declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, and Beal. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:42 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XI-A-1

XI-A-1 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kenney at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacia L. Palser  
Interim Corporation Secretary

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Paul R. Kenney, Chair



## ATTACHMENT 1



## NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska will meet in a publicly convened session on Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided for in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-36, extended by Executive Order No. 21-02. Internet stream is available at <https://nebraska.edu>.

The full agenda for the meeting is available by contacting the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, at [corpsec@nebraska.edu](mailto:corpsec@nebraska.edu) or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

Any member of the public wishing to speak in the Public Comment portion of the meeting must contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. The public may so contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary by leaving a voice mail message with his/her name and phone number at which he/she can be reached at 402-472-7146 or by e-mailing the same information to [adibbert@nebraska.edu](mailto:adibbert@nebraska.edu). Upon receipt of such notice, the Office of the Corporation Secretary will provide instruction on remote participation in this public meeting.

A copy of this notice will be delivered to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World-Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, the Lincoln office of the Associated Press, members of the Board of Regents, and the President's Council of the University of Nebraska.

Dated: February 5, 2021

Stacia L. Palser  
Interim Corporation Secretary  
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