

Lincoln, Nebraska
June 25, 2021

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on June 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, 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 109).

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 June 18, 2021.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Chair
Elizabeth O'Connor
Bob Phares, Vice Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Noah Limbach, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Batool Ibrahim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Taylor Kratochvil, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Maeve Hemmer, 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
Joanne Li, Chancellor-Elect, 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. 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 Clare and seconded by Stark to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on May 1, 2021.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Kenney announced the location of the Notice of Meeting and Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Kenney welcomed newly-elected student regents Noah Limbach, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Batool Ibrahim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Taylor Kratochvil, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Maeve Hemmer, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

President Carter welcomed newly-elected Faculty Senate Presidents Ben Malczyk, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Steve Kolbe, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Aaron Mohs, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Elizabeth Wessling, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Governor Ricketts addressed the Board, commending the University for its strong leadership and success despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and highlighting the strong partnership between the University and the State of Nebraska.

V. KUDOS

Regent Pillen presented a KUDOS award to Michael Christen, Director of Business Services and Executive Director of University Village at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Hemmer presented a KUDOS award to Scott Kurz, Physiology Laboratory Manager at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Stark presented a KUDOS award to Juli Bohnenkamp, Online Testing Resource Coordinator for the UNMC College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Kratochvil presented a KUDOS award to Sarah Weil, Title IX Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Weitz presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan Fritz served as a Professor in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication with an

appointment in Women's and Gender Studies since 1994 where she excelled in teaching, research and service.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz's professional expertise led to her service as a two-time U. S. Department of Commerce Baldrige Evaluator, a North Central Higher Learning Commission Evaluator, a W K Kellogg/APLU Food Systems Leadership Institute Commissioner and a Fulbright Senior Specialist with an assignment in Croatia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz honorably served the University of Nebraska as the Executive Vice President and Provost and Dean of the Graduate College from 2012 to 2021.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz has been a role model for aspiring women, students, staff, faculty and administrators as the first woman to serve as head of a peer department nationally; the first woman to serve as Associate Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Interim Dean of the Agricultural Research Division and Director of the Nebraska Experiment Station at UNL; and the first woman to serve as NU Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Interim University of Nebraska President.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz, during her service as Interim NU President, led the partnership of the University of Nebraska, Nebraska State College System, and Nebraska community colleges to garner a potential \$32 million annual commitment from the State of Nebraska to fund scholarships for resident students majoring in programs leading to careers with high skill, high need, and high wages.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz led the development and implementation of the systemwide shared application allowing resident students to apply to multiple NU campuses at one time, and spearheaded the development of a systemwide Student Code of Conduct which reflects the paths of students enrolled in more than one NU campus at a time.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz led the effort to establish and fund the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Educational Research System in partnership with the Nebraska State College System, Nebraska community colleges, Nebraska Department of Education, the Nebraska Department of Labor and the University of Nebraska creating an opportunity to use "good data for great decisions" for Nebraska's students and workforce.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz served as the NU point of contact with the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation whose generosity to Thompson Scholars has impacted the lives of thousands of "at promise" NU students.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz led the Budget Response Team process charged with identifying budget cuts and process improvements to yield \$22 million in permanent cuts.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz partnered with the NU Foundation to launch the 'Big Ideas' process as an initial step in the Foundation's Campaign to identify multi-campus, faculty-driven proposals for funding which build on campus strengths and position the NU system for increased national and international prominence.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz championed initiatives to increase the inclusivity of NU and its campuses through efforts such as establishing and supporting the work of the Non-binary Gender Values Committee.

WHEREAS, Dr. Fritz mentored many students, staff, faculty and administrators across the NU system and the United States, inclusive of gender, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska extends its thanks and congratulations to Dr. Susan Fritz for her leadership, vision, service and passion for the academic community and her unwavering commitment to people and place.

Resolution Adopted There being no objection, the above resolution was approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

VII. HEARINGS

None

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Carter addressed the Board, providing detail on the FY 2021-22 operating budget and the impressive growth trajectory of the University over the last year in enrollment, research, technology and facilities.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve items X-A-1, X-A-2, X-A-3, X-A-4, X-A-5, X-B-1, X-B-2, and X-B-3

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations

X-A-2 Approve the academic program reviews report required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE) and approve forwarding of the program review reports to the NCCPE

University of Nebraska at Kearney

X-A-3 Approve the monitoring report on the August 3, 2018 Action Plan for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Philosophy at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and forward the report to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE)

X-A-4 Approve the monitoring report on the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Interior Design Comprehensive at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and forward the report to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE)

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- X-A-5 Approval is requested to continue the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Black Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and to forward the associated review report and monitoring plan to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE)

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska

- X-B-1 Authorize the Vice President for Business and Finance to approve the amended University of Nebraska Group Health, General Risk-Loss, and Reimbursement Trust Fund Agreements between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Wells Fargo Bank

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- X-B-2 Approve the NEXt pilot project, subject to Board of Regents policies, federal state, and local government approvals needed to complete the project and subject to obtaining the funding, financing, and donations needed for the project, and approve the submission of an application by the University of Nebraska for matching funds from the State of Nebraska under the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- X-B-3 Extend the Scott Campus at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) to include all UNO's property south of Pacific Street
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-1
- XI-A-1 Approve the establishment of RP-3.3.15 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to the University-wide Consensual Relationships Policy
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-A-2
- XI-A-2 Approval to amend the University of Nebraska Four-Year Graduation Guarantee

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-3
- XI-A-3 Approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve items XI-A-4, XI-A-5, and XI-A-6
- XI-A-4 Approval to eliminate the Leadership Undergraduate 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-A-5 Approval to eliminate the Legal Studies Undergraduate Certificate in the Department of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- XI-A-6 Approval to eliminate the Nebraska Beef Industry Scholars Undergraduate Certificate in the Department of Animal Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-7
- XI-A-7 Approval to create a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting in the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Phares to approve item XI-A-8
- XI-A-8 Approval to create a Master of Arts (MA) in History and Government in the Department of History and Department of Political Science in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska

- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by O'Connor to approve items XI-B-1, XI-B-2, XI-B-3, and IX-B-4
- XI-B-1 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2021-22 Allocation for the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- XI-B-2 Approve the Fund B University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2021-22 Allocation for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- XI-B-3 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2021-22 Allocation for the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-B-4 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fees (UPFF) 2021-22 Allocation for the University of Nebraska Omaha
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by O'Connor and seconded by Phares to approve items XI-B-5 and XI-B-6
- XI-B-5 Approve the FY 2021-22 Operating Budget and 2021-22 and 2021-22 tuition rates for the University of Nebraska
- IX-B-6 Approve the FY 2021-22 Operating Budget and 2021-22 and 2021-22 tuition rates for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Stark to approve items XI-B-7 and XI-B-8
- XI-B-7 Approve and authorize execution of standard form Guaranteed Maximum Price contract amendments for New Fraternity and Sorority Life Housing at UNK

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- XI-B-8 Approve and authorize execution of standard form Guaranteed Maximum Price contract amendments for Kiewit Hall at UNL
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve items XI-B-9, XI-B-10, and XI-B-11

- XI-B-9 Approve the acquisition of the property known as American National Bank, Saddle Creek Lots OLA Block 0, Outlots A&B for the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-B-10 Approve the acquisition of the properties located at 4616, 4625, 4627, and 4631 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-B-11 Approve the acquisition of the properties located at 4308, 4314, 4338, and 4342 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska for the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Ibrahim to approve item XI-B-12
- XI-B-12 Approve the Program Statement for Kayser Hall Renovation for the Samuel Bak Museum and Academic Learning Center at UNO
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-13
- XI-B-13 Approve the University of Nebraska at Omaha Department of Public Safety (UNODPS) joining the Interlocal Agreement allowing cooperating law enforcement agencies within Douglas and Sarpy counties in Nebraska to provide assistance in time of emergency or other time of need
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Abstain: O'Connor. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- XI-C-1 Amendment of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

D. REPORTS

- XI-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Report for the period January through March 2021
- XI-D-2 Spring 2021 Enrollment Report
- XI-D-3 Expedited Approval of the Mathematics Education Graduate Certificate to be administered by the Department of Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education in the College of Education and Human Sciences in consultation with the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- XI-D-4 Laboratory, Student, and Miscellaneous Fees for 2021-2022

- XI-D-5 Annual Program Monitoring Reports to the Board of Regents
- XI-D-6 Quarterly report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests
- XI-D-7 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects
- XI-D-8 Bids and Contracts
- XI-D-9 Intermediate Design Report for the Schmid Law Library Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- XI-D-10 Naming of an exhibit in the Wigton Heritage Center “In Recognition of Bernice M. Hetzner, Director, McGoogan Library, (1948-1973) a Pioneer” pursuant to the *Board of Regents Policy RP-2.7.3.b*
- XI-D-11 Naming of an exhibit in the Wigton Heritage Center “The History of Teaching Tools Exhibit” pursuant to the *Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7.3.b*
- XI-D-12 Approve the naming of selected spaces within the Rod Rhoden Business Innovation Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, pursuant to *Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7.3.b*
- XI-D-13 Renewal of Student Health Insurance Policies

Chairman Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by O’Connor and seconded by Weitz 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:

- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Chair Kenney 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: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 10:52 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:37 a.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kenney at 11:37 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Stacia L. Palser
Interim Corporation Secretary

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, June 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

An agenda of subjects to be considered at said meeting, kept on a continually current basis, is available for inspection in the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

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: June 18, 2021

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