

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 8, 2022

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom 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 (page 157).

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 April 1, 2022.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Vice Chairman  
Paul Kenney  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Bob Phares, Chairman  
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  
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost; and  
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary  
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Christopher J. Kabourek, Senior Vice President and CFO  
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations  
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS**

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Stark to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2022.

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

Regent Schafer asked that the minutes reflect the following statement, "In accordance with paragraph 27 of the *Audit, Risk, and Compliance Charter*, I am required to conform that all responsibilities outlined in the Committee Charter have been carried out for calendar year 2021. I wish to so confirm this to the Board."

Chair Phares announced the location of the Open Meeting act in the Boardroom.

#### IV. PRESENTATIONS

Peggy Abels, Director, Health Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney presented on the Kearney Health Opportunities Program (KHOP).

#### V. KUDOS

**Regent Limbach presented a KUDOS award to Jodi Holt**, Director, Admissions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Ibrahim presented a KUDOS award to Alex Fernando**, Assistant Director of Recruitment, College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Stark presented a KUDOS award to Stephen Smith**, Instructional Technologist, College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Kenney presented a KUDOS award to Lorraine Street**, Office Associate, Office of Field Experiences, College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

#### VI. RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION

Regent O'Connor presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Noah Limbach has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Limbach has interacted with members of the Board of Regents and University administration with maturity and professionalism, and has fostered an especially collegial and collaborative relationship among the Student Regents that included a visit-UNK weekend; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Limbach's communication of student views to the administration, his commitment to teamwork, and his thoughtful and innovative leadership have earned him the trust and respect of UNK students, faculty, and administration; and

**WHEREAS**, in tireless support of UNK students, Regent Limbach has been instrumental in introducing and accomplishing an impressive array of important initiatives – from sustainability awareness to meal plan options that provide greater flexibility; from

bookstore options that offer lower textbook costs and greater academic resource access to moving the class drop date to later in the semester; from study of a new campus merchandise model to advocating for and working with UNK counselors; and from ensuring that planned library renovations encompass the student vision to advocating for increased recreational space and student parking; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Limbach has enthusiastically and expertly engaged with the greater Kearney community as well as the campus community in effectively promoting UNK priorities such as Rural Health and University Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Limbach has made a profound impact on the University of Nebraska at Kearney as a student, a leader, and a role model.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses most sincere appreciation for the outstanding and impactful contributions of Regent Noah Limbach during his term of office and wishes him well in the promising future that awaits him.

Regent Schafer presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Batool Ibrahim has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) for the 2021-2022 term; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ibrahim worked with administrators and important campus stakeholders to ensure a safe campus and in-person instruction through leadership on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) COVID-19 Task Force by advocating for flexible student accommodations and improved academic policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ibrahim's administration has created a Sexual Misconduct Presidential Committee which is tasked with understanding the history of sexual assault on-campus while engaging in past and current efforts that are being made to change the campus culture; and

**WHEREAS**, under Regent Ibrahim's leadership, ASUN passed resolutions and submitted testimony in support of numerous bills in the Nebraska Legislature that directly benefit the University of Nebraska, including a letter writing campaign for LB519, providing immunity for arrest and prosecution for certain offenses for witnesses and victims of sexual assault; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ibrahim has prioritized diversity, inclusion, and equity related projects within ASUN Government and across the University system such as an official Land Acknowledgement, an Equity Grant Program, and worked closely with communities and organizations who have been historically excluded from student government, and used her identity and experiences to further the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's goals towards equity and inclusion so that every Husker feels welcome; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ibrahim has focused on increased transparency and improved communication efforts with UNL leaders through town halls, listening sessions, and other feedback-centered events, especially elated to key student concerns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Regent Ibrahim's exemplary service and effective leadership as a member of the Board and wishes her well in all future endeavors.

Regent Weitz presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Taylor Kratochvil has served as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Senate during the 2021-2022 term; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kratochvil represented himself, his institution and his fellow students with dignity and integrity during board meetings and events, and has served as a vocal and unwavering advocate for students throughout UNMC and the NU system; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at UNMC, Regent Kratochvil and his fellow students, regents, family, faculty, staff, mentors, and university leaders dealt with unprecedented challenges during a pandemic that brought economic and health anxiety, changed the way we learn and teach, and often disrupted everyday life in ways large and small; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kratochvil not only faced these challenges as an individual, but also took on leadership and support roles to ensure that we, and all the individuals and communities that make up our university, make it through while continuing the momentum that is so crucial to our individual and shared success; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at UNMC, Regent Kratochvil has carried out these leadership positions and responsibilities while balancing the demands of his medical education; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kratochvil, with the UNMC Student Senate, helped lead UNMC's students in efforts related to health and wellness, community building, transparency, resource distribution and student advocacy and representation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for Regent Taylor Kratochvil's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the board and wishes him success in all his future endeavors.

Regent Clare presented the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Maeve Hemmer has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Government for the 2021-22 term; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time as a student at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Maeve Hemmer has held multiple campus leadership positions beyond President/Regent while balancing the demands of a student and community leader; and

**WHEREAS**, in all her leadership roles, especially as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, Maeve Hemmer has been an ally and a fierce advocate for her fellow students; and

**WHEREAS**, Maeve Hemmer, as president, has worked diligently to open lines of communication where they were needed and graciously challenged others to improve themselves and the entire student experience at UNO; and

**WHEREAS**, during her term as President, Maeve Hemmer led UNO's Student Government with integrity, criticality, and community even against the backdrop of a deadly global pandemic and social unrest; and

**WHEREAS**, through a commitment to inclusion, a desire to better the world around her, and a thirst for justice, Regent Maeve Hemmer has gained the admiration and respect of UNO administration, faculty, staff, and students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents commend Regent Maeve Hemmer for her outstanding service and her dedication to the University of Nebraska and wish her success in all her future undertakings.

Resolutions  
Adopted

There being no objection, the above resolutions were approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

Chair Phares recognized the outgoing Faculty Senate Presidents: Steve Kolbe, Associate Professor, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Aaron Mohs, Associate Professor, Pharmaceutical Science, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Liz Wessling, Lecturer, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**VII. HEARINGS**

None

**VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Carter reported to the Board on the mid-biennium budget package, which includes investments in key University priorities such as the agricultural innovation facility at UNL and pancreatic cancer research center at UNMC; the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriations bill, which includes the UNK-UNMC rural health complex; and recent partnerships such as the statewide attainment goal.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ryan Martz spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Madison Zucco spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Aila Ganic spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Abigail Ridder spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Nora Lucas spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

William Barnes spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Helen Greer spoke on the topic of fossil fuel divestment.

Nathan Arentsen spoke on the topic of Title IX and sexual discrimination.

Felicia Hilton spoke on the Architecture Complex and Mabel Lee Hall Replacement Building projects.

Jacob Drake and Anne Kluthe submitted written testimony on fossil fuel divestment.

Chair Phares declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve items X-A-1, X-B-1, and X-B-2.

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska System  
X-A-1 Approval of President's Personnel Recommendations.

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska System  
X-B-1 Approval to amend Regents' Policy 3.2.7 related to self-insurance coverage.

X-B-2 Approval of selection of the four-year architectural and engineering firms for term contracts from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2026.

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 System  
Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Approval to amend and restate the Charter of the Peter Kiewit Institute of Information Science, Technology, and Engineering.

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-Lincoln  
Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Limbach to approve items XI-A-2 and XI-A-3.

XI-A-2 Approval to create the Master of Science (MS) in Athletic Training in the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.

- XI-A-3 Approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Athletic Training in the Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XI-A-4.
- XI-A-4 Approval to create a Special Education K-6 Major within the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Education and Human Sciences to be administered by the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.
- 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 Weitz and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-5.
- XI-A-5 Approval to create a Graduate Certificate in Urban Design to be administered by the Community and Regional Planning Program in the College of Architecture at 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 University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-6.
- XI-A-6 Approval to establish the Nebraska Center for Women's Health Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.

## **B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- Motion University of Nebraska System  
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-1.
- XI-B-1 Approval to authorize the President or his designee(s) to finalize negotiations and to execute recordkeeping and investment fund agreements to administer the University of Nebraska retirement plan.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- Motion University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Moved by Clare and seconded by Limbach to approve item XI-B-2.
- XI-B-2 Approval to authorize the President to approve terms and conditions to complete the purchase of real property at 803 W 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Kearney.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Ibrahim to approve item XI-B-3.
- XI-B-3 Approval of Program Statement and Budget for Architecture Complex at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Ibrahim to approve item XI-B-4.
- XI-B-4 Approval to name the Mabel Lee Hall Replacement Building "Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall" at UNL, pursuant to Board of Regents' Policy 6.2.7(3)(c).
- 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 Clare and seconded by Hemmer.
- XI-B-5 Approval to designate an unrestricted bequest from Dale E. Adams' estate to create the "Dale E. Adams Lied Center Fund" at UNL as a quasi-endowment.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

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

- XI-C-1 Proposed amendments to Regents' Policy 4.4.8 relating to Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointments are presented at this meeting for informational purposes only as required by the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*. These proposed amendments will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Regents meeting scheduled for June 23, 2022, for public hearing and consideration by the Board.

#### **D. REPORTS**

- XI-D-1 Report on changes to the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.
- XI-D-2 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Strategic Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Department of Management in the College of Business at UNL.
- XI-D-3 Notification of Dual Degree Program for concurrent completion of the Master of Community and Regional Planning at UNL and Master of Public Health at UNMC.
- XI-D-4 Report on Spring 2022 Enrollment.
- XI-D-5 Quarterly Personnel Report.



- XI-D-6 Report on naming the south entrance and foyer of Howard L. Hawks Hall at UNL, the “Paul H. and Mary Ann Koehler Lobby,” pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 6.2.7(3)(b).
- XI-D-7 Report on naming the flag plaza within the Veterans’ Tribute at UNL the “Veterans’ Tribute Flag Plaza made possible by the Fred and Sally Bekins Foundation,” pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 6.2.7(3)(b).
- XI-D-8 Report on naming a gallery at the Sheldon Museum of Art at UNL the “Dodie Acklie Nakajima Gallery,” pursuant to Board of Regents Policy 6.2.7(3)(b).
- XI-D-9 Report on Gifts, Grants, and Contracts.
- XI-D-10 Report on Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects.
- XI-D-11 Report on Bids and Contracts.

Chair Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Phares at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken  
Corporation Secretary

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Robert A. Phares  
Chair of the Board



## 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, April 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at 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 at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agenda-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 System.

Dated: April 1, 2022

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska