

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 2, 2022

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 2, 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 188).

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 23, 2022.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Vice Chair  
Paul Kenney  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Bob Phares, Chair  
Jim Pillen  
Rob Schafer  
Jack Stark  
Barbara Weitz – arrived at 9:07 a.m.  
Emily Saadi, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Jacob Drake, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Nicole Kent, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Tori Sims, 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  
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
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 9:01 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on September 30, 2022.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Clare. Motion carried.

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

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**V. KUDOS**

**Regent Saadi presented a KUDOS award to Olivia Whittaker**, Assistant Registrar for Academic Support Services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Drake presented a KUDOS award to Dean Young**, Operations Manager at the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Kent presented a KUDOS award to Teresa Pisasale**, Senior Software Engineer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Sims presented a KUDOS award to Andrew Sage and Rebecca Renz** from the Department of Public Safety at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

**VII. HEARINGS**

**VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Carter provided a retrospective on calendar year 2022.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Aviles spoke on the topic of UNK faculty salaries.

Julie Stone spoke on the topic of item XI-A-5.

Rebecca Cahoon spoke on the topic of item XI-A-5.

Sadah Khan, Scott Kindle, Tim Husen, Rebecca Cahoon, Amanda Easterly, Jeanine Van Nostrand, and Rebecca Roston submitted written testimony on the topic of item XI-A-5.

Chair Phares declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve all Consent items.

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska System

X-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Saadi to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Award of Regent Emeritus title to Bob Phares.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Abstention: Phares. Motion carried.

Regent Clare presented Regent Phares with a ceremonial gavel in recognition of his service as Chair in 2022.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Drake and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-2.

XI-A-2 Approve transition of the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Administration within the Department of Political Science into the existing Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science at UNK.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Saadi and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-3.

XI-A-3 Approve creation of the Master of Arts (MA) in Public History within the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Drake and seconded by Kent to approve item XI-A-4.

XI-A-4 Approve transition of the Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Latin American Studies into the existing BS and BA in Ethnic Studies at UNL.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Kent and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-A-6.
- XI-A-6 Approve transition of the Master of Science (MS) in Emergency Preparedness into the existing Master of Public Health (MPH) administered by the College of Public Health at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Pillen to approve item XI-A-7.
- XI-A-7 Approve naming of the Special Collections and Archives Department in the McGoogan Health Sciences Library the "Robert S. Wigton Department of Special Collections and Archives" at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

## **B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- Residence Hall Room and Board Rates
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Stark to approve items XI-B-1, XI-B-2, XI-B-3, and XI-B-4.
- XI-B-1 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNK.
- XI-B-2 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNL.
- XI-B-3 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNO.
- XI-B-4 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at NCTA.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska System
- Motion Moved by Saadi and seconded by Drake to approve item XI-B-5.
- XI-B-5 Approve revisions to Regents' Policy 5.6.1 related to sponsorship of speakers with student fees.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Drake and seconded by Kent to approve item XI-B-6.
- XI-B-6 Approve agreement with the City of Lincoln to continue providing StarTran bus service on routes connecting City Campus, East Campus, and Nebraska Innovation Campus.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schafer to approve item XI-B-7.
- XI-B-7 Approve Andrews Hall Air Handling Unit Replacement Project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Pillen to approve item XI-B-8.
- XI-B-8 Approve change orders for Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall Project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Drake to approve items XI-B-9 and XI-B-10.
- XI-B-9 Approve and authorize execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for Architecture Complex Renovation Project at UNL.
- XI-B-10 Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract amendment for Westbrook Music Building Replacement Project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-11.
- XI-B-11 Authorize amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to support Medicaid Graduate Medical Education (GME) Supplemental Payment Program for UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Sims and seconded by Drake to approve item XI-B-12.
- XI-B-12 Approve contract with Sodexo to provide food service operations for UNO.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- Motion University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Sims to approve item XI-B-13.
- XI-B-13 Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Douglas County related to public safety.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Abstention: O'Connor. Motion carried.

### C. REPORTS

- XI-C-1 Report on renaming the Master of Science in Education (MS Ed) in Community Counseling to the MS Ed in Clinical Mental Health Counseling within the Department of Counseling, School Psychology, and Family Science, in the College of Education at UNK.
- XI-C-2 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Arts in Education (BA Ed) in Early Childhood Unified to the BA Ed in Early Childhood Inclusive within the Department of Teacher Education in the College of Education at UNK.
- XI-C-3 Report on renaming the Master of Arts in Education (MA Ed) in K-6 School Principalship to the MA Ed in School Principalship PreK-8 within the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education at UNK.
- XI-C-4 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sports Administration/Sports Administrative Comprehensive to the BS in Sports Management/Sports Management Comprehensive in the College of Education at UNK.
- XI-C-5 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Networking and Telecommunications Comprehensive to the BS in Information Technology and Networking Comprehensive within the Department of Cyber Systems in the College of Business and Technology at UNK.
- XI-C-6 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Aviation Systems Management Comprehensive to the BS in Aviation Comprehensive within the Department of Industrial Technology in the College of Business and Technology at UNK.
- XI-C-7 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for self-government organizations: University of Nebraska Graduate College.
- XI-C-8 Report on Five-Year Strategy Accountability Measures.
- XI-C-9 Report on Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund for year ended June 30, 2022.
- XI-C-10 Report on Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.
- XI-C-11 Report on Bids and Contracts.
- XI-C-12 Report on Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects.

Chair Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

Motion Moved by Stark 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.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

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

- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

The Board went into closed session at 10:28 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Chair Phares stated that item XI-A-5 involves the Board's review of the evidence submitted to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and the Committee's report, including its findings, conclusions, and recommended action. Chair Phares further stated that following the Board's review of the evidence and report, the Board must decide whether to adopt the Committee's recommendation to terminate the faculty member's continuous appointment. Having given the Committee's findings and conclusions due consideration, Chair Phares indicated that the Board was prepared to render a decision on the matter.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-5 and adopt the Committee's recommendation to terminate the faculty member's continuous appointment.

XI-A-5 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee Report Recommending Termination of a Faculty Member's Continuous Appointment.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Phares at 11:05 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, December 2, 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>.

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Dated: November 23, 2022

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



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