

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 11, 2017, at 10:12 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 August 3, 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 10:12 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 Hawks and seconded by Kenney to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on June 1, 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.

Chairman Whitehouse welcomed Ann Anderson Berry, Faculty Senate President at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Bill O'Neill, Director of the Department of Public Relations at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Pillen presented a KUDOS award to Jolene Berg, Manager of Student Accounts in the Finance Office at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Lueck presented a KUDOS award to Jeff Kaipust, Manager of the Biomechanics Research building at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to Gail Miller, Executive Assistant to the President in the University of Nebraska Central Administration office.

V.

RESOLUTIONS

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, as the University of Nebraska's director of governmental relations for the past 20 years, Ron Withem was the university's chief lobbyist and architect of legislative strategy, serving as the primary point of contact for members of the Legislature and leader of a university-wide legislative team that spoke to policymakers in one voice; and

WHEREAS, Ron has dedicated his professional life to public service, including as a teacher, state senator, Speaker of the Legislature and university lobbyist, using each role as an opportunity to impact the lives of students and make Nebraska a better place; and

WHEREAS, Ron's extraordinary skills in building relationships and earning the trust and respect of political allies and foes alike, along with his mastery of the legislative process and keen insights, have contributed to a mutually beneficial partnership between the state and its university built on shared goals;

WHEREAS, under Ron's stewardship, the university successfully worked with the Legislature and Governor on initiatives that have served students and people of the state, including the relocation of the State Fair to Grand Island and the development of Nebraska Innovation Campus in Lincoln; multiple deferred maintenance packages that have protected valuable university facilities; an affordability compact that froze tuition for resident students for two years; and Building a Healthier Nebraska, which leveraged state investments with private gifts to build transformational facilities including the Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center, the Health Science Education Complex in Kearney, a new home for the College of Nursing division in Lincoln currently under construction, and the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center at UNMC, the boldest public-private partnership in Nebraska history; and

WHEREAS, Ron's uncanny abilities to take meeting agendas out of order, to quietly observe dialogue and then provide the exact insight and direction a team needs, and to deadpan a joke at the moment levity is needed most have endeared him to colleagues, friends and even the not-so-friendlies.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents expresses its deepest thanks to Ron and Diane Withem for their many years of selfless service to the State of Nebraska, students, citizens and the University of Nebraska, and wishes Ron and Diane a long and happy retirement, filled with family, travel and, most importantly, wine.

Chancellor Doug Kristensen presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, John Christensen recently stepped down after more than 10 years as chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Emeritus Christensen devoted much of his professional life to serving UNO and the University of Nebraska, including as professor, chair, dean of the College of Education, vice chancellor and ultimately chancellor, becoming the first UNO alumnus to lead the campus; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Chancellor Christensen always put students first, and made it his No. 1 priority to ensure that every student who came to UNO had an outstanding experience; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, UNO's enrollment grew more than 12 percent, including recent record highs for both the size and diversity of incoming freshmen, and new student-focused programs were put in place to enhance retention and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Christensen has a deep understanding of and commitment to the vital role and mission of Nebraska’s metropolitan university, and helped establish UNO as one of the premier institutions of its kind, hosting events like the conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, of which he served as president; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Christensen oversaw more than \$480 million in capital projects that leveraged the vision of the campus’ leadership and the generosity of private donors to transform UNO’s footprint, including the groundbreaking Biomechanics Research Building, the first-of-its-kind Community Engagement Center, and Baxter Arena, a remarkable public-private partnership; and

WHEREAS, UNO’s move to Division I athletics, which Chancellor Christensen led, has increased its national visibility and brand; and

WHEREAS, UNO’s national honors include back-to-back rankings as the most military-friendly university in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its deepest gratitude to Chancellor John Christensen for his 40 years of dedicated service to UNO, its students, faculty and staff, the Omaha Metro community, and the people of Nebraska; thanks him for his willingness to continue to serve to ensure a smooth leadership transition; and, finally, wishes John, his wife Jan, their children and grandchildren and long and happy retirement.

Resolutions Adopted

There being no objections, the resolutions were adopted by acclamation

VI.

HEARINGS

None

VII.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion

Moved by Hawks and seconded by Kenney 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

VIII-B-1

Approve the dedication of the tower named “Search” to Dr. Ken Cowan

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-B-2

Approve designation of a bequest from the Estate of Astrid K. Bernard as a quasi-endowment to create the Philip G. Bernard Scholarship Fund for electrical engineering scholarships

VIII-B-3

Authorize the President to approve and execute a contract for the purchase of Concur software

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 Daub to approve item IX-A-1

- IX-A-1 Approval is requested to create the Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security Operations in the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology in the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- 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 Phares and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-A-2
- IX-A-2 Approval is requested to create the Masters in Genetic Counseling degree in the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- 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 Kenney to approve item IX-B-1
- University of Nebraska
- IX-B-1 Approve the attached Resolution relating to the LB957 Projects (the Projects) which (1) approves the issuance of not to exceed \$200,000,000 principal amount of Facilities Bonds, in one or more Series (LB957 Bonds) by the University of Nebraska Facilities Corporation pursuant to, in each case, a Bond Resolution (2) authorizes the execution and delivery of a Financing Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, a Tax Compliance Agreement, an Amended and Restated Depository and Disposition Agreement, an Inducement Letter, and a Preliminary Official Statement, in connection with such Bonds (3) authorizes the sale of such Bonds at a negotiated sale pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement and authorizes the Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO to determine interest rates (not to exceed a true interest cost of 3%), principal amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Bonds, and (4) approving the preparation and use of a Final Official Statement. The Resolution permits, however, the President to approve increasing the maximum permitted true interest cost by up to ~~.5%~~1% and corresponding principal amount, if market and related conditions require
- Motion to Amend Moved by Hawks and seconded by Daub to amend item IX-B-1 by increasing the maximum permitted true interest cost from .5% to 1%
- There was discussion
- Action on Motion to Amend Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, Eby, and Lueck. Voting Aye: Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Kenney, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Action on Original Motion as Amended 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 Lueck and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-B-2
- IX-B-2 Approve entering into a three-year enterprise agreement for hardware maintenance and software subscriptions for Palo Alto security appliances
- 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 Hawks to approve item IX-B-3
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- IX-B-3 Approve replacement of the existing sanitary sewer and portions of storm sewers serving portions of the UNK main campus
- 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 Daub and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-B-4
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-B-4 Approve naming the new College of Business building at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln the “Howard L. Hawks Hall” in honor of Howard Hawks
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lueck, Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Abstain: Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-5
- IX-B-5 Approve an eleven-year agreement with adidas America, Inc. for an exclusive sponsorship of the intercollegiate athletic programs
- 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 Hawks and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-6
- IX-B-6 Approve the Program Statement for Gymnastics Training Facility
- There was discussion
- 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 Daub and seconded by Phares to approve item IX-B-7
- IX-B-7 Approve a five-year contract extension with Paciolan Systems, Inc. for ticketing software
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eby, Lueck, Partridge, and Zach. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Eby and seconded by Kenney to approve item IX-B-8
- IX-B-8 Approve an Amended and Restated Agreement for Lease and Operation of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bookstore
- There was discussion
- 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 Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-9
- IX-B-9 Approve the project budget for infrastructure renovation of the Loop Road
- 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 Daub and seconded by Schafer to approve item IX-B-10
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- IX-B-10 Approve the selection of RDG Planning & Design with The Clark Enersen Partners to provide design consultant services for the Williams Science Hall Renovation

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 Schafer and seconded by Lueck to approve item IX-B-11

IX-B-11 Approve the Amended Academic Affiliation Agreement with Nebraska Medicine

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 Daub and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-12

IX-B-12 Approve the Program Statement for the renovation of Wittson Hall

There was discussion

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

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Eby to approve item IX-B-13

IX-B-13 Approve the Program Statement for the addition to the Biomechanics Research Building

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.

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

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1 Renaming the Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology to Communication Sciences and Disorders in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-2 Expedited Approval of the Public History Graduate Certificate in the Department of History in the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

IX-D-3 Renaming the Department of Health Promotion, Social and Behavioral Health to the Department of Health Promotion within the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-D-4 Strategic Framework Report on Global Engagement-Study Abroad (3-d-i)

IX-D-5 Strategic Framework Report on Student Learning Assessment: Licensure Results (6-g-iii)

IX-D-6 Naming of an Apartment Complex at the University of Nebraska at Kearney “Village Flats”

- IX-D-7 UNMC Housing Bonds
IX-D-8 Report of Bids and Contracts
IX-D-9 Contract with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Pillen 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: Zach, Eby, Lueck, and Partridge. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Hawks. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:44 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitehouse at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

Robert L. Whitehouse
Chairman of the Board