

Lincoln, Nebraska  
March 29, 2018

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on March 29, 2018, at 11:08 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 March 22, 2018.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Vice Chairman  
Hal Daub  
Paul Kenney  
Bob Phares  
Jim Pillen  
Robert Schafer, Chairman  
Bob Whitehouse  
Austin Partridge, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Joe Zach, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Carlo Eby, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Regents not present:

Howard Hawks  
Carissa Lueck, University of Nebraska Medical Center

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  
Christopher J. Kabourek, Interim Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO  
Stacia L. Palser, Interim Vice President and General Counsel  
Wendy D. Hind, 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 11:08 a.m. in the boardroom of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Whitehouse to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on January 25, 2018.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Not present: Hawks and Lueck. Motion carried.

Chairman Schafer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

**IV. KUDOS**

**Regent Whitehouse presented a KUDOS award to Courtney Frost**, Administrator in the Surgery-Plastic and Reconstructive Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Eby presented a KUDOS award to Sarah Burke**, Sustainability Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Partridge presented a KUDOS award to Traci Gunderson**, Assistant Director of International Recruitment, Marketing and the English Language Institute at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Zach presented a KUDOS award to Donelle Moormeier**, Staff Assistant in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**V. RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

Regent Kenney presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Carlo Eby 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 2017-18 term; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at UNO, Regent Eby has held multiple campus leadership positions beyond President/Regent including College of Business Administration Senator, Speaker of the Senate, and Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, in all of his leadership roles, especially as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, Regent Eby has emphasized transparency and worked to communicate all decisions made by the Board of Regents in an open manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Eby, as president, testified before the Unicameral's Appropriations Committee on behalf of all Nebraska University system students to advocate for the benefits and impact of higher education in the state of Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, during his term as President, Regent Eby led UNO's Student Government with transparency, hard work, and a focus on accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, through responsible leadership, attention to detail, and critical questioning, Regent Eby 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 Carlo Eby for his outstanding service and his dedication to the University of Nebraska, and wish him success in all of his future undertakings.

Regent Daub presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Student Regent Joe Zach 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) since April 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Zach has worked with students and administrators to improve University policies involving freedom of expression, diversity and inclusion, and academic success; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Zach worked with students and University Health Center staff to increase the accessibility and outreach of mental health services on campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Zach represented University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels discussing topics such as campus safety, college affordability, and research initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Zach has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, through thoughtful and reflective leadership, Regent Zach has worked tirelessly to represent the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 26,000 students to the best of his ability;

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

Regent Pillen presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Austin Partridge 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**, during his term of office, Austin Partridge earned and maintained a high level of confidence and popularity among students; and established a high level of respect between the President and Cabinet of the Associated Students and the University Chancellor and administrative leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Partridge led efforts to incorporate maximum student input in Nebraskan Student Union renovation plans including increased access, food court attractions and parking; and in potential renovations to Calvin T. Ryan Library including aesthetic and technology updates; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Partridge promoted and participated in important campus-wide service events such as the annual “Play It Forward” charity event that reached new levels of participation and success in support of Kearney’s Crossroads Homeless Shelter; and “The Big Event” volunteer initiative that engaged 600 students and 40 job sites as an expression of gratitude to the greater Kearney community; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Partridge took an important stand for state investment in the University of Nebraska by promoting passage of, and gathering more than 1,000 signatures for, a Student Government Resolution in support of higher education; and then by encouraging students to reach out on an individual basis to legislative leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, through honest, inspirational and ambitious leadership; loyalty to and promotion of the University; ambitious goal-setting and focus on the long-term as well as the present; and professional interaction across all sectors of the campus;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exemplary contributions of Regent Austin Partridge during his term of office and wishes him well in the promising future that awaits him.

Regent Phares presented the following resolution during the committee presentations, prior to the start of the Board meeting

**WHEREAS**, Carissa Lueck 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 2017-2018 term;

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

**WHEREAS**, Regent Lueck, in her role as UNMC Student Senate President, welcomed the addition of liaison students from UNMC campuses in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Norfolk and Lincoln – for the first time ever – to join senate meetings, enabling greater collaboration and increased interaction and input from students on these campuses;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Lueck organized three blood drives for the American Red Cross, which led to the collection of more than 160 units of blood; collaborated with the Student

Delegates to write letters to legislators; presented faculty and student awards for excellence; and created a liaison position for the library and the emerging professionals program;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Lueck hosted a presentation geared toward students on implicit bias;

**WHEREAS**, Regent Lueck, in her role as UNMC Student Senate president, helped organize a variety of social events for students including a leadership luncheon, the #IamUNMC BBQ, bowling night, volunteer day, and hosted the Pancake Man before finals each semester;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the outstanding contributions and dedicated service of Regent Carissa Lueck during her term on the Board and wishes her success in all of her future endeavors.

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

Chairman Schafer recognized the outgoing Faculty Senate Presidents: Claude Louishomme, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Sarah Purcell, Extension Educator, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Ann Anderson Berry, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Laura Grams, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**VI.                    HEARINGS**

None

**VII.                   PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VIII                   UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion                   Moved by Eby and seconded by Daub to approve item VIII-A-1

**A.    ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

VIII-A-1                President's Personnel Recommendations

Action                   Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Partridge, Zach, and Eby. Voting Aye: Daub, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, and Clare. Not present: Hawks and Lueck. Motion carried.

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-B-1

University of Nebraska

IX-B-1 Approve the selection of the four-year Architect/Engineer firms for term contracts from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2022

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Zach, Eby, and Partridge. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Not present: Hawks and Lueck. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-B-2

University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-B-2 Authorize the President, in consultation with the Chancellor and Board of Regents Chairman, to approve and execute change orders for the Global Center for Advanced Interprofessional Learning to be constructed at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Eby, Partridge, and Zach. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Kenney. Not present: Hawks and Lueck. 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-D-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 Quarterly Personnel Report for the period October, November, December 2017

IX-D-2 Renaming the Bachelor of Arts in General Science to the Bachelor of Science in General Science in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

- IX-D-3 Status report on Fire Safety and Protection
- IX-D-4 Members of the University of Nebraska Project Review Board Pool
- IX-D-5 Naming of selected rooms within the College of Nursing-Lincoln Division
- IX-D-6 Naming room 214 in Bessey Hall the “Jerome J. Wright and Alumni Computation and Visualization Laboratory” at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- IX-D-7 Intermediate Design Report on the Otto Olsen Building Replacement at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- IX-D-8 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Mabel Lee Hall Replacement Building
- IX-D-9 Strategic Framework Report on Entrepreneurship [5-d]
- IX-D-10 Strategic Framework report on Workforce Opportunities and Academic Program Alignment [3-h-i & iii]
- IX-D-11 Revisions to rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government organizations: Amendments to the University of Nebraska at Kearney College of Education Constitution and Bylaws to (1) create the new standing committee: Technology Committee, and (2) formalize compliance with system process for approval of amendments.

Chairman Schafer accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

**X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Schafer at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer  
Corporation Secretary

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Robert M. Schafer  
Chairman of the Board