

Lincoln, Nebraska
February 7, 2020

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 7, 2020, at 10:30 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 (page 8).

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 January 31, 2020.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Howard Hawks
Paul Kenney
Elizabeth O'Connor
Bob Phares
Jim Pillen, Chair
Robert Schafer
Barbara Weitz
Nicole Kent, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Emily Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Keith Ozanne, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Aya Yousuf, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, 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, Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Heath M. Mello, Interim Vice President for University Affairs and Director of State
Relations-elect
James P. Pottorff, Vice President and General Counsel
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 10:30 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 Clare and seconded by Hawks to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on December 19, 2019.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Ozanne, Yousuf, and Johnson. Voting Aye: Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chair Pillen announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

President Carter made a few brief remarks on leadership transition and his first month as President.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Yousuf presented a KUDOS award to Jacqueline Hankins, Administrative Associate for the Community Engagement Director at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent O'Connor presented a KUDOS award to Keristiena Dodge, Project Specialist in the Academic Affairs office at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Ozanne presented a KUDOS award to Jeffrey Culbertson, Assistant Director of Landscape Operations at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Kenney presented a KUDOS award to Steven Klein, Workstation Support Specialist at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

V. SUCCESSION OF CHAIR; ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Regent Pillen succeeded to Chair of the Board as defined in Section 1.2 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*. Regent Clare thanked the Board and University colleagues for their support during his term as chair in 2019, and in turn, Chair Pillen presented Regent Clare with a gavel in recognition and appreciation of Regent Clare's service. In accordance with the standing rules, Chair Pillen called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair.

Motion Moved by O'Connor and seconded by Regent Phares to nominate Regent Paul Kenney for the office of Vice Chair of the Board. There being no objection, nor any further nominations, Chair Pillen declared the nominations closed and called for the roll.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ozanne, Yousuf, Johnson, and Kent. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, and Hawks. Motion carried.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None

VII. HEARINGS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Seth Keith spoke on the topic of fossil fuel industry.

Ms. Brittini McGuire spoke on the topic of divestment from fuel industry.

Mr. Connor McFayden spoke on the topic of fossil fuel industry.

Ms. Kat Woerner spoke on the topic of divestment from fossil fuel industry.

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Ozanne to approve items IX-A-1, IX-A-2, IX-B-1, and IX-B-2, as follows:

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

IX-A-2 Approve the amendments to RP-5.2.1 (attached) of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* (the "*Policies*") related to Admission Standards

IX-A-3 Item IX-A-3 was removed from the agenda. ~~Approve the amendments to RP-5.8.5 (attached) of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* (the "*Policies*") related to undergraduate Regents Scholarships~~

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

IX-B-1 Accept the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities

IX-B-2 Approve amendments to the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Yousuf, Johnson, Kent, and Ozanne. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.

X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Kent and seconded by Clare to approve item X-A-1

X-A-1 Approval is requested to create a Master of Arts in Public Communication in the Department of Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Johnson, Kent, Ozanne and Yousuf. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Ozanne and seconded by Clare to approve item X-A-2

X-A-2 Approval is requested to establish the Nebraska Governance and Technology Center to be primarily housed in the College of Law, but with initial partnerships in the College of Business and College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Ozanne, Yousuf, and Johnson. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Kenney to approve item X-A-3

X-A-3 Approval is requested to create a departmental structure in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC to include the creation of three departments and the renaming of one existing department

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ozanne, Yousuf, Johnson, and Kent. Voting Aye: Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Ozanne to approve item X-A-4

X-A-4 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Yousuf, Johnson, Kent, and Ozanne. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-1

X-B-1 Approve an Agreement with Enrollment Advisory Group, LLC for International Student Recruitment

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Johnson, Kent, Ozanne, and Yousuf. Voting Aye: Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Weitz. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-2

X-B-2 Approve the Intermediate Design with Scope Change and Budget Increase for Outdoor Track Replacement at UNL

There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Ozanne, Yousuf, and Johnson. Voting Aye: Hawks, O'Connor, Phares, Schafer, Weitz and Clare. Voting No: Kenney and Pillen. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Ozanne to approve item X-B-3

X-B-3 Approve the Program Statement for the renovation of Nebraska Hall on the UNL campus to house the Enterprise Technology Services and Data Solutions team

There was discussion.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ozanne, Yousuf, Johnson, and Kent. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Weitz to approve item X-B-4

X-B-4 Approve master pricing agreements with DataVizion LLC and GovConnection Inc. to provide equipment and related services for campus backbone and data center network solutions

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Yousuf, Johnson, Kent, and Ozanne. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

X-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

X-C-2 University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures

X-C-3 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures

X-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

- X-C-5 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework
- X-C-6 The proposed amendments of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents are presented for information only in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2 of the Standing Rules and Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*. Approval of these amendments will be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Board. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on April 17, 2020.

D. REPORTS

- X-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Reports for the period July through September 2019
- X-D-2 Strategic Framework Metrics: Need-Based [1-a-iii] and Merit-Based [3-b-ii] Financial Aid, Graduation Rates [1-b-iii], Faculty Diversity [2-a-iii]
- X-D-3 Annual Tenure Density Report
- X-D-4 Tuition Variances
- X-D-5 Renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Grazing Livestock Systems to the Bachelor of Science in Grassland Systems in the Center for Grassland Studies in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)
- X-D-6 Report of Bids and Contracts
- X-D-7 Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests
- X-D-8 Naming of Ameritas Virtual Reality Dental Experience Hub within the Clinical and Virtual Simulation Laboratory at the UNMC College of Dentistry
- X-D-9 Strauss Performing Arts Center Phase 2
- X-D-10 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects

Chair Pillen accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

Regent Kenney stated that he, as chair of the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee, confirms all responsibilities outlined in paragraph 26 of the Committee Charter have been carried out.

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Ozanne 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 subjects:

- Personnel matters involving members of the university staff; and
- Strategy with respect to private gifts.

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

- Personnel matters involving members of the university staff; and
- Strategy with respect to private gifts.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Johnson, Kent, Ozanne, and Yousuf. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 12:09 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:54 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Pillen at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

James D. Pillen, 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, February 7, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

When so posted, the full agenda for the meeting will be 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: January 31, 2020

Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary
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