

Lincoln, Nebraska
October 8, 2020

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska, in a publicly convened session. An additional meeting site will be provided by videoconference, also open to the public, at the Baxter Arena, 2425 South 67th Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copies of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 and 2 (page 41-42).

In compliance with the provisions of *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 84-1411, printed notice of this meeting, including Amendments to *Board of Regents Standing Rules* Sections 1.3 and 1.4, 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 September 24, 2020.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Howard Hawks
Elizabeth O'Connor
Bob Phares
Jim Pillen, Chairman
Robert Schafer
Barbara Weitz
Max Beal, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Veronica Miller, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Thomas Schroeder, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Jabin Moore, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, President
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Stacia L. Palser, Interim 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
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Christopher J. Kabourek, Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations
James P. Pottorff, Vice President and General Counsel

Regent not present:

Paul Kenney, Vice Chairman

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. videoconference at these locations: Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 and Baxter Arena, 2425 South 67th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on August 14, 2020.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Hawks, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Pillen announced the location of the Open Meetings Act at each of the videoconference locations.

IV. KUDOS

Regent Weitz presented a KUDOS award to Heidi Haussermann, Assistant Director of Information Technology Client Services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to Tony Rathgeber, Associate Director of Conference Services and Collaborations for Housing Conference Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Kirk Grauf, Workstation Specialist III in Pediatrics Administration at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Moore presented a KUDOS award to Shannon Teamer, Senior Director of Inclusion Programs and Services in the Division Student Success at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

V. PRESENTATIONS

None

VI. HEARINGS

Amend Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Standing Rules The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Phares presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Carmen K. Maurer has served as Corporation Secretary of the University of Nebraska since April 2011, managing meetings of the Board and its committees with professionalism and precision; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as Corporation Secretary, Carmen has served the University in the General Counsel’s office for almost twenty years, and as an advisor to the President since 2016; and

WHEREAS, during her time as Corporation Secretary, Carmen demonstrated a commitment to the effective and efficient operation of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Carmen freely gives of her time to mentor and share her extensive institutional knowledge, as well as volunteering tirelessly in her neighborhood and the Lincoln community; and

WHEREAS, Carmen has not only supported the University as an employee, but as a lifelong fan of Husker Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Carmen can always be relied upon for a thorough response grounded in uncommon common sense, measured and thoughtful advice, or an entertaining cat photo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for the exemplary contributions of Carmen K. Maurer during her term of Corporation Secretary and wishes her well in the promising future that awaits her.

In the words of the late Walt Disney: “I do not like to repeat successes, I like to go on to other things.”

Resolution Adopted There being no objection, the above resolution was approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Carter provided the Board with an update on the University’s COVID-19 response, the fall semester, and enrollment figures.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Anna Krause spoke on the topic of divesting from fossil fuels.

Ms. Kathryn Woerner spoke on the topic of divesting from fossil fuels.

Ms. Brittni McGuire spoke on the topic of The University of Nebraska divesting from fossil fuels.

Mr. Lucas Rief spoke on the topic of University divestment from fossil fuels.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve items X-A-1, X-A-2, X-A-3, X-A-4, and X-B-1

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

- X-A-1 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2020-2021 academic year and 2021 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- X-A-2 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2020-2021 academic year and 2021 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- X-A-3 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2020-2021 academic year and 2021 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- X-A-4 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2020-2021 academic year and 2021 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

- X-B-1 Approval of amendments to the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, and Hawks. Motion carried.

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

- Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Miller to approve item XI-A-1
- XI-A-1 Approval to merge the Department of Family Studies in the College of Business and Technology and the Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the College of Education into a new Department of Counseling, School Psychology and Family Science to be housed in the College of Education at UNK
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Beal and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-2
- XI-A-2 Approval to create a Master of Science in Health Sciences in the Department of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-3
- XI-A-3 Approval to create a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management in the Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics in the College of Business at UNL
- Action There was discussion
Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Moore to approve item XI-B-1
- XI-B-1 Approval of amendments to RP-5.9 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to Student Fee Variances
- There was discussion, including proposed amendments to item XI-B-1
- Amended Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Moore to approve, as amended, item XI-B-1
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried. Voting No: O'Connor

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Hawks to approve items XI-B-2 and XI-B-3
- XI-B-2 Authorize the President to approve change orders within the Board of Regents approved budget for the Wittson Hall/Wigton Heritage Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- XI-B-3 Authorize the President to approve change orders within the Board of Regents approved budget for the Munroe-Meyer Institute for Genetics and Rehabilitation Facility Replacement at the University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Hawks, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Omaha

- Motion Moved by Moore and seconded by Phares to approve item XI-B-4
- XI-B-4 Approve of the naming of the Rod Rhoden Business Innovation Center as part of the College of Business Administration's Mammel Hall at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, pursuant to *Board of Regents Policy* RP-6.2.7

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Hawks, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Weitz. Motion carried.

C. REPORTS

XI-C-1 Quarterly Personnel Reports for the period April 1 through June 30, 2020 and FY 2020-21 University personnel salaries

XI-C-2 Leave of Absences approved during the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

XI-C-3 Review of Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching and/or Service

XI-C-4 Change to the Spring 2021 Academic Calendar for University of Nebraska (NU) Campuses

XI-C-5 Revisions to the University of Nebraska Student Code of Conduct

XI-C-6 Status report of Six-Year Capital Plan

XI-C-7 Quarterly Status report of Capital Construction Projects

XI-C-8 Bids and Contracts

XI-C-9 Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests accepted during the quarter April 1 through June 30, 2020

XI-C-10 Renewal of Property and Student Health Insurance Policies

Chairman Pillen accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Miller 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 subjects:

- Discussion regarding of security personnel or devices; and
- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

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

- Discussion regarding of security personnel or devices; and
- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Hawks, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Weitz. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 10:21 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:04 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pillen at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacia L. Palser
Interim Corporation Secretary

James D. Pillen, Chair

ATTACHMENT 1



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In accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2 the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents and Section 1.11 of the Bylaws of the *Board of Regents*, notice is hereby given that at the above-described meeting, amendments to the Standing Rules shall be proposed, as indicated in the attached agenda item.

Information related to accessing this public meeting by electronic means and the balance of the meeting's agenda will be subsequently posted in accordance the law, the *Bylaws* and rules which govern the Board of Regents. When so posted, the full agenda for the meeting will be available by contacting the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, at corpsec@nebraska.edu or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

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Dated: September 24, 2020

Stacia L. Palser
Interim Corporation Secretary
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Dated: October 1, 2020

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