

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 3, 2021

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 (pages 135-136)

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 on the front entrance of the first floor 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 6, 2021.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Paul Kenney, Chair  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Bob Phares, Vice Chair  
Jim Pillen  
Robert Schafer  
Jack Stark  
Barbara Weitz  
Noah Limbach, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Batool Ibrahim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Taylor Kratochvil, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Maeve Hemmer, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, President  
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary  
Joanne Li, Chancellor, 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, Vice President for External Relations  
Stacia Palser, 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 9:00 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is indicated above. Regent O'Connor arrived 9:02 a.m.

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

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Hemmer to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2021.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Kenney announced the location of the Notice of Meeting and Open Meetings Act.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Bryan Slone, President, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, addressed the Board on Nebraska workforce and economic recovery.

**V. KUDOS**

**Regent Stark presented a KUDOS award to Chelsea Bartling**, Interim Director of the Lavonne Kopecky Plambeck Early Childhood Education Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Meagan Counley**, Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Student Regent Kratochvil presented a KUDOS award to Luther Mardock**, Accreditation and Assessment Coordinator in the Office of Academic Affairs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Student Regent Hemmer presented a KUDOS award to Hanna Wanzenreid Solberg**, an advisor for the College of Education, Health, and Human Services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

**VII. HEARINGS**

Revisions to the UNL Bylaws and Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee Procedures

**VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Carter addressed the Board regarding the university's mission, growth, opportunity, and diversity and inclusion.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion Regent Limbach moved to waive the portion of the Standing Rules which limit the total time for public comment to thirty minutes for all speakers; and further moved that each speak be permitted three minutes to address the Board. Seconded by Regent Stark.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

Lee Todd spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID

Kathleen Kauth spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID

Aila Ganic spoke on the topic of Fossil Fuel Divestment

Madison Zucco Whitney spoke on the topic of Fossil Fuel Divestment

Lucas Rief spoke on the topic of Fossil Fuel Divestment

Jeanne Greisen , spoke on the topic of Vaccine Passport/COVID Testing

Anne Sumner spoke on the topic of Vaccine Passport/COVID Testing

Jennifer Brittenham Cox spoke on the topic of Vaccine Passport/COVID Testing

Joseph Skradski spoke on the topic of Chancellor Green

Corbin Hubbell spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/Medical Privacy

Steve Kolbe spoke on the topic of Commitment to Anti-Racism

Paul Suder submitted written testimony on Fossil Fuel Divestment

Chairman Kenney declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve items X-A-1 and X-B-1.

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

X-A-1 University of Nebraska System  
Approve President's Personnel Recommendations

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

X-B-1 University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Approval to display Milo Bail Statue outside the Milo Bail Student Center at UNO pursuant to RP-6.2.7(3)(c).

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Ibrahim to approve items XI-A-1 and XI-A-2.
- XI-A-1 Approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL.
- XI-A-2 Approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Science in Grassland Ecology and Management in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-A-3
- XI-A-3 Approval to eliminate the Master of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, and Graduate Certificate in Survey Research and Methodology in the College of Business at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Limbach to approve items XI-A-4
- XI-A-4 Approval to create the Graduate Certificate in Educational Neuroscience in the Department of Educational Psychology in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Ibrahim to approve item XI-A-5
- XI-A-5 Approval of revisions to the UNL Bylaws and the Academic Rights and Responsibilities Committee Procedures.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- Motion Moved by Kratochvil and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XI-B-1 and items XI-B-6 through XI-B-9.
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- XI-B-1 Approval of funding to complete the Warner Hall Renovation at UNK.

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- XI-B-6 Approval of funding to complete Kimball Recital Hall Renovation at UNL.
- XI-B-7 Approval of funding to complete Bessey Hall Renovation at UNL.
- XI-B-8 Approval of funding to complete Morrill Hall Renovation at UNL.
- XI-B-9 Approval of funding to complete Pershing Military & Naval Science Building Renovation at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

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- Motion Moved by Ibrahim and seconded by Phares to approve item XI-B-2
- XI-B-2 Approval of long-term Ground Lease Agreement with Woodbury Corporation for the property located at 401 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XI-B-3
- XI-B-3 Approval of Program Statement for the Lied Center for Performing Arts Renovation and Addition at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, Hemmer, and Ibrahim. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item XI-B-4
- XI-B-4 Approval of Budget Increase and Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract Amendment for Phase 2 North Stadium Expansion at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ibrahim and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-5
- XI-B-5 Approval of Program Statement for Westbrook Music Building Replacement Project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Ibrahim, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Ibrahim and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XI-B-10
- XI-B-10 Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha in support of Project NEXt.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Ibrahim, Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Nye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares and Pillen. Motion carried.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

XI-C-1 The proposed amendments of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents are presented for information only in accordance with the requirement of Section 7.2 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents and Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*. Approval of these amendments will be considered at the Regents' meeting on February 11, 2022.

**D. REPORTS**

XI-D-1 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education to the Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL

XI-D-2 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Law and Business to the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Business and Law at UNL

XI-D-3 Report on renaming the Graduate Certificate in Financial and Housing Counseling to the Graduate Certificate in Financial Counseling in the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL

XI-D-4 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Additive Manufacturing in the Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering in the College of Engineering at UNL

XI-D-5 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Bioanalytical Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL

XI-D-6 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Chromatography and Analytical Separations in the Department of Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL

XI-D-7 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Financial Analytics in the Department of Finance in the College of Business at UNL

XI-D-8 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Sales Excellence in the Department of Marketing in the College of Business at UNL

XI-D-9 Report on Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund secondary priority uses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021

XI-D-10 Report on naming of selected spaces within the Rod Rhoden Business Innovation Center in Mammel Hall at UNO pursuant to RP-6.2.7(3)(b)

- XI-D-11 Report on Bids and Contracts
- XI-D-12 Report on Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects
- XI-D-13 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government organizations: Faculty Senate Bylaws at UNMC

Chairman Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

**XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kenney at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken  
Corporation Secretary

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Paul R. Kenney, Chair

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**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, December 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of 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, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

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Dated: November 23, 2021

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**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 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, notice is hereby given that at the above-described meeting, amendments to the *Bylaws of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln* shall be proposed, as detailed in Addendum XI-A-5.

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/agendas-minutes>.

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