The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom 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 188).

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 November 23, 2022.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare, Vice Chair
Paul Kenney
Elizabeth O’Connor
Bob Phares, Chair
Jim Pillen
Rob Schafer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz – arrived at 9:07 a.m.
Emily Saadi, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Jacob Drake, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Nicole Kent, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Tori Sims, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:
Walter E. Carter, President
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost; and
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Christopher J. Kabourek, Senior Vice President and CFO
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:01 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS

Motion
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on September 30, 2022.

Action

Chair Phares announced the location of the Open Meeting Act in the Boardroom.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

None

V. KUDOS

Regent Saadi presented a KUDOS award to Olivia Whittaker, Assistant Registrar for Academic Support Services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Drake presented a KUDOS award to Dean Young, Operations Manager at the International Quilt Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Kent presented a KUDOS award to Teresa Pisasale, Senior Software Engineer at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Sims presented a KUDOS award to Andrew Sage and Rebecca Renz from the Department of Public Safety at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

VII. HEARINGS

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Carter provided a retrospective on calendar year 2022.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

William Aviles spoke on the topic of UNK faculty salaries.

Julie Stone spoke on the topic of item XI-A-5.

Rebecca Cahoon spoke on the topic of item XI-A-5.


Chair Phares declared the opportunity for public comment closed.
X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve all Consent items.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska System

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations


XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Saadi to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Award of Regent Emeritus title to Bob Phares.


Regent Clare presented Regent Phares with a ceremonial gavel in recognition of his service as Chair in 2022.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Drake and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-2.

XI-A-2 Approve transition of the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Public Administration within the Department of Political Science into the existing Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Political Science at UNK.


Motion Moved by Saadi and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-3.

XI-A-3 Approve creation of the Master of Arts (MA) in Public History within the Department of History in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.


University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Drake and seconded by Kent to approve item XI-A-4.

XI-A-4 Approve transition of the Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Latin American Studies into the existing BS and BA in Ethnic Studies at UNL.
Action  

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion  
Moved by Kent and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-A-6.

XI-A-6  
Approve transition of the Master of Science (MS) in Emergency Preparedness into the existing Master of Public Health (MPH) administered by the College of Public Health at UNMC.

Action  

Motion  
Moved by Clare and seconded by Pillen to approve item XI-A-7.

XI-A-7  
Approve naming of the Special Collections and Archives Department in the McGoogan Health Sciences Library the “Robert S. Wigton Department of Special Collections and Archives” at UNMC.

Action  

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Residence Hall Room and Board Rates

Motion  
Moved by Weitz and seconded by Stark to approve items XI-B-1, XI-B-2, XI-B-3, and XI-B-4.

XI-B-1  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNK.

XI-B-2  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNL.

XI-B-3  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at UNO.

XI-B-4  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 at NCTA.

Action  

University of Nebraska System

Motion  
Moved by Saadi and seconded by Drake to approve item XI-B-5.

XI-B-5  
Approve revisions to Regents’ Policy 5.6.1 related to sponsorship of speakers with student fees.

Action  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion
Moved by Drake and seconded by Kent to approve item XI-B-6.

XI-B-6
Approve agreement with the City of Lincoln to continue providing StarTran bus service on routes connecting City Campus, East Campus, and Nebraska Innovation Campus.

Action

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schafer to approve item XI-B-7.

XI-B-7
Approve Andrews Hall Air Handling Unit Replacement Project at UNL.

Action

Motion
Moved by Weitz and seconded by Pillen to approve item XI-B-8.

XI-B-8
Approve change orders for Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall Project at UNL.

Action

Motion
Moved by Stark and seconded by Drake to approve items XI-B-9 and XI-B-10.

XI-B-9
Approve and authorize execution of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for Architecture Complex Renovation Project at UNL.

XI-B-10
Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract amendment for Westbrook Music Building Replacement Project at UNL.

Action

University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-11.

XI-B-11
Authorize amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to support Medicaid Graduate Medical Education (GME) Supplemental Payment Program for UNMC.

Action

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Motion
Moved by Sims and seconded by Drake to approve item XI-B-12.

XI-B-12
Approve contract with Sodexo to provide food service operations for UNO.
Action  

Motion  
University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska Medical Center
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Sims to approve item XI-B-13.

XI-B-13  
Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Douglas County related to public safety.

Action  

C. REPORTS

XI-C-1  
Report on renaming the Master of Science in Education (MS Ed) in Community Counseling to the MS Ed in Clinical Mental Health Counseling within the Department of Counseling, School Psychology, and Family Science, in the College of Education at UNK.

XI-C-2  
Report on renaming the Bachelor of Arts in Education (BA Ed) in Early Childhood Unified to the BA Ed in Early Childhood Inclusive within the Department of Teacher Education in the College of Education at UNK.

XI-C-3  
Report on renaming the Master of Arts in Education (MA Ed) in K-6 School Principalship to the MA Ed in School Principalship PreK-8 within the Department of Educational Administration in the College of Education at UNK.

XI-C-4  
Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sports Administration/Sports Administrative Comprehensive to the BS in Sports Management/Sports Management Comprehensive in the College of Education at UNK.

XI-C-5  
Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Information Networking and Telecommunications Comprehensive to the BS in Information Technology and Networking Comprehensive within the Department of Cyber Systems in the College of Business and Technology at UNK.

XI-C-6  
Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Aviation Systems Management Comprehensive to the BS in Aviation Comprehensive within the Department of Industrial Technology in the College of Business and Technology at UNK.

XI-C-7  
Report on revisions to rules and regulations for self-government organizations: University of Nebraska Graduate College.

XI-C-8  

XI-C-9  

XI-C-10  
Report on Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.

XI-C-11  
Report on Bids and Contracts.

XI-C-12  
Chair Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

Motion

Moved by Stark and seconded by Weitz 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 subject:

- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Action


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

- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

The Board went into closed session at 10:28 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Chair Phares stated that item XI-A-5 involves the Board’s review of the evidence submitted to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee and the Committee’s report, including its findings, conclusions, and recommended action. Chair Phares further stated that following the Board’s review of the evidence and report, the Board must decide whether to adopt the Committee’s recommendation to terminate the faculty member’s continuous appointment. Having given the Committee’s findings and conclusions due consideration, Chair Phares indicated that the Board was prepared to render a decision on the matter.

Motion

Moved by Phares and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-5 and adopt the Committee’s recommendation to terminate the faculty member’s continuous appointment.

XI-A-5

Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee Report Recommending Termination of a Faculty Member’s Continuous Appointment.

Action


XII.  ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Phares at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Bakken
Corporation Secretary

Robert A. Phares
Chair of the Board
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 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at 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 at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and at https://nebraska.edu/regents/agenda-minutes.

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Dated: November 23, 2022

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska