

Omaha, Nebraska
April 7, 2023

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Rooms 201-209 of the Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6400 University Drive South, Omaha, Nebraska, in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notices, copies of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 (pages 205-206).

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 28, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Chair
Paul Kenney
Elizabeth O'Connor
Rob Schafer, Vice Chair
Jim Scheer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
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
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Drake to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 10, 2023.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

Regent O'Connor asked that the minutes reflect the following statement, "In accordance with paragraph 26 of the *Audit, Risk, and Compliance Charter*, I am required to confirm that all responsibilities outlined in the Committee Charter have been carried out for calendar year 2022. I wish to so confirm this to the Board."

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Chancellor Joanne Li, Senior Vice Chancellor Phil He, Dean Martha Garcia-Murillo, and Associate Vice Chancellor Jaci Lindburg shared an update on the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

V. KUDOS

Regent Saadi presented a KUDOS award to Rachael Page, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Student Services at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Drake presented a KUDOS award to Dodie Eveleth, Business Manager at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Kent presented a KUDOS award to Paul Laikko, Speech Therapist in the Munroe-Meyer Institute at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Sims presented a KUDOS award to Madeline St. Clair, Manager of the Maverick Food Pantry at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Kenney presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Emily Saadi served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents and as President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Saadi interacted with members of the Board of Regents and University administration with professionalism and grace; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Saadi's thoughtful and energetic leadership have earned her the trust and respect of UNK students, faculty, and staff; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Saadi provided substantial contributions to discussions and decisions by virtue of her bright, candid, and confident personality and by her unique understanding of the interaction and relationship between students and administration, and between UNK and the City of Kearney; and,

WHEREAS, in unwavering support of UNK’s student community, Regent Saadi and her administration were instrumental in accomplishing important initiatives, including the addition of two Student Government committees: the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Sustainability Committee, acquiring funding for improved campus safety through additional lighting, and promoting upgrades to the Nebraskan Student Union to revitalize space and increase accessibility; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Saadi has been an outstanding spokesperson for the University, has represented UNK with dependability and dignity, and has made a notable impact on UNK as a student, leader and role model;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents expresses its most sincere appreciation for the truly outstanding contributions of Regent Emily Saadi during her term of office and wishes her well in the promising future that awaits her.

Regent Stark presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jacob Drake served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents and as President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) for the 2022-2023 term; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake fostered student engagement and leadership, hosting roundtable discussions, town halls, and other strategic programming through the platform of ASUN Student Government; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake worked closely with students, faculty, and staff to maintain, promote, and develop campus resources supporting student success and access to mental and physical health resources; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake strongly supported the recognition and support of military and veteran students, led ASUN’s annual Patriot Day memorial and collaborated with campus ROTC programs; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake served in multiple leadership roles and prioritized student health as the Chair of ASUN’s Campus Life and Safety Committee and on the Chancellor’s University Safety Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake represented the student body on multiple national leadership searches at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, such as the search committees for the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Drake represented UNL students at the local, state, and federal levels in support of affordable and accessible education, students’ rights, and engagement of young people in the political process; and,

WHEREAS, through thoughtful and effective leadership, Regent Drake has represented his 24,000 fellow Huskers to the best of his ability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Regent Jacob Drake’s dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the Board and wishes him well in all future endeavors.

Regent Schafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nicole Kent has served as a member of the Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Senate during the 2022-2023 term; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent represented herself, her institution, and her fellow students with dignity and integrity during Board meetings and events, and served as a vocal and unwavering advocate for students at UNMC and throughout the University System; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent held multiple campus leadership roles during her time at UNMC and testified before the Nebraska Legislature, all while balancing the demands of medical school; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent led the expansion of the UNMC Quick Checks program to increase awareness of mental health resources available on each UNMC campus; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent hosted town halls to help UNMC students connect with and be heard by their Student Senate representatives and campus leaders, including Chancellor Gold; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent led the growth of Green Space Series events to bring together the UNMC community—on the Omaha campus and on campuses throughout Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent promoted UNMC student civic and community engagement through events such as the Thrift-A-Thon clothing drive and I Love NU Day events; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent supported events to discuss healthcare burnout and burnout prevention strategies, including the arts, and brought the National Academy of Medicine's Traveling Art Galley on Clinician Well-Being to campus; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Kent led the effort for an official UNMC mascot through student proposals and student voting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for Regent Nicole Kent's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the Board and wishes her success in all her future endeavors.

Regent O'Connor presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Tori Sims served with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Government Association for the 2022-2023 term; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Sims held multiple campus leadership positions beyond President/Regent while balancing the demands of a student and community leader; and,

WHEREAS, in all leadership roles—and especially as a member of the Board of Regents—Regent Sims has been an ally and a fierce advocate for students; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Sims, as President, worked diligently to create open lines of communication where they were needed and graciously challenged others to improve themselves and the entire student experience at UNO; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Sims demonstrated servant leadership, offered a listening ear, created a welcoming environment, and acted as a sounding board for student concerns—whether individual or widespread; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Sims led UNO’s Student Government Association with poise, empathy, and integrity by selflessly and fearlessly advocating for student interests and encouraging others to do the same; and,

WHEREAS, Regent Sims has gained the admiration and respect of UNO students, staff, faculty, and administration through a commitment to inclusion, a desire to better the world, and a thirst for justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents commends Regent Tori Sims for outstanding service and dedication to the University of Nebraska and extends best wishes for a promising future ahead.

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

Chair Clare recognized the outgoing Faculty Senate Presidents: Derek Boeckner, University of Nebraska at Kearney; Debbie Minter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Trek Langenhan, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Peggy Jones, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The Board recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:10 a.m.

VII. HEARINGS
Amendment to Section 1.10 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, relating to Code of Ethics.

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Carter addressed the Board regarding budget planning.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Kent to approve all Consent Agenda items.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- X-B-1 Approval to execute standard form construction agreement for Kimball Recital Hall Renovation at UNL.
- X-B-2 Approval to execute guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for Neihardt Center renovation at UNL.
- X-B-3 Approval to execute guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for Medical Science Building Air Handler and Mechanical Replacement Project at UNMC.
- X-B-4 Approval to execute guaranteed maximum price (GMP) contract for the Health and Kinesiology Building Renovation for REACH Project at UNO.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska System

- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Drake to approve item XI-B-1.
- XI-B-1 Approval of 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the University of Nebraska at Omaha Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (UNO-AAUP).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-2.
- XI-B-2 Approval of contract with Elsevier for University-wide access to scholarly journals.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-B-3.
- XI-B-3 Approval of Design Services Contract with HDR for Memorial Stadium Improvement Project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-4.

- XI-B-4 Approval to acquire property located at the intersection of 41st Street and Leavenworth Street in Omaha currently owned by Community Alliance, Inc.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XI-C-1.
- XI-C-1 Approval of amendment to Section 1.10 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* relating to Code of Ethics.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

D. REPORTS

- XI-D-1 Report on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a collaborative 3+2 program between the Bachelor of Science (BS) of Applied Health Sciences at UNK and the Master of Public Health (MPH) at UNMC.
- XI-D-2 Report on expedited approval of Executive Graduate Certificate in Business in the College of Business at UNO.
- XI-D-3 Report on expedited approval of Executive Graduate Certificate in Business Analytics in the College of Business Administrative at UNO.
- XI-D-4 Report on expedited approval of Executive Graduate Certificate in Business Leadership in the College of Business Administration at UNO.
- XI-D-5 Report on renaming the Ph.D. in Health Services Research, Administration, and Policy to the Ph.D. in Health Services and Policy Research in the College of Public Health at UNMC.
- XI-D-6 Quarterly Personnel Report for October-December 2022.
- XI-D-7 Report on naming of three indoor tennis courts in the Sid and Hazel Dillon Tennis Center at UNL.
- XI-D-8 Intermediate Design Report on College of Dentistry Building Modernization Project at UNMC.
- XI-D-9 Report on Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.
- XI-D-10 Report on Bids and Contracts
- XI-D-11 Semi-Annual Report on Technology Licenses.
- XI-D-12 Quarterly Report on Status of Capital Construction Projects.

Chair Clare accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Clare at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Bakken
Corporation Secretary

Timothy F. Clare
Chair of the Board



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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 Section 1.10 of the *Bylaws* shall be proposed, as indicated in the attached agenda item.

An agenda of subjects not related to the proposed *Bylaw* amendment will be subsequently posted in accordance with the law, the *Bylaws*, and rules which govern the Board of Regents. 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 at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agenda-minutes>.

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Dated: March 28, 2023

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
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Members of the public and media may park in the Community Engagement Center parking lot (Lot E). For additional parking details, please see: https://www.unomaha.edu/about-uno/buildings-and-maps/_assets/img/dodge-campus-map.pdf.

Dated: March 31, 2023

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
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