The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 17, 2023, 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 225).

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 August 10, 2023.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare, Chair
Paul Kenney
Elizabeth O'Connor
Jim Scheer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Temo Molina, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Paul Pechous, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Katie Schultis, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Hakim Lotoro, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Regents absent:
Rob Schafer

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
Rodney Bennett, 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

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.
Chair Clare welcomed newly elected Faculty Senate President Amar Natarajan from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS

Chair Clare noted that Regent Pechous caught an error on page 217 of the minutes, which listed the Board’s time of adjournment as 12:24 a.m. instead of the correct time, 12:24 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on June 22, 2023 as corrected.

Action


IV. PRESENTATIONS

2023 President’s Excellence Awards

President Carter presented the following awards:

▪ Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award to Rick Bevins, Ph.D.
▪ Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award to Betty Love, Ph.D.
▪ Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award to Geoffrey Talmon, M.D.
▪ Innovation, Development, and Engagement Award to Dejun Su, Ph.D.
▪ Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award to Howard Gendelman, M.D.
▪ Inclusive Excellence Collaboration Award to the UNO Health Careers Resource Center
▪ University-wide Departmental Teaching Award to the UNL School of Biological Sciences

V. KUDOS

Regent Molina presented a KUDOS award to Sara Bruner, Health Sciences Explorers Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schultis presented a KUDOS award to Dorothy Panowicz, Budget and Fiscal Associate at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Lotoro presented a KUDOS award to Joey Sanchez III, Police Officer at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None

VII. HEARINGS

None

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Carter shared an update on progress being made to advance the “Five-Point Plan” to reimagine the University.
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved Scheer and seconded by Lotoro to approve all Consent items.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations

X-A-2 Approval to transition the Center for Insurance and Risk Management in the Department of Finance in the College of Business at UNL.

X-A-3 Approval to transition the Nebraska Prevention Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Department of Educational Psychology in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.


XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Motion Moved by Molina and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-1.

XI-B-1 Approval of the selection of third-party administrator for the University’s dental insured benefit plan.


Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-B-2.

XI-B-2 Approval of revisions to the UNK-UNMC Health Science Education Complex (HSEC) Phase II project at UNK.


Motion Moved by Pechous and seconded by Stark 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.

Chair Clare 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 10:32 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 10:56 a.m.

C. EXECUTIVE

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-C-1.

XI-C-1 Approval to grant performance-based merit pay to President Carter for FY2022-23.


D. REPORTS

XI-D-1 Report on expedited approval of Graduate Certificate in Communication Instructional Development to be administered by the Department of Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.

XI-D-2 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Agronomy to be administered by the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL.

XI-D-3 Report on expedited approval of Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Family Policy to be administered by the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Studies in the College of Education and Human Sciences at UNL.

XI-D-4 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for self-government organizations: College of Medicine at UNMC.


XI-D-6 President’s FY2022-23 Year-in-Review.

XI-D-7 Report on naming the Cline Engagement Laboratory in the Sheldon Museum of Art at UNL.

XI-D-8 Intermediate Design report for the Administrative Facility at UNL.


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 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken                                             Timothy F. Clare
Corporation Secretary                                         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 Thursday, August 17, 2023, 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/agendas-minutes.

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Dated: August 10, 2023

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