

Lincoln, Nebraska  
May 31, 2023

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met via videoconference on May 31, 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 209).

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 May 23, 2023.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Chair

Paul Kenney

Elizabeth O'Connor

Rob Schafer, Vice Chair

Jim Scheer

Jack Stark

Barbara Weitz (attended offsite)

Kathy Wilmot

Temo Molina, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Paul Pechous, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Hakim Lotoro, University of Nebraska at Omaha (joined at 9:04am)

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

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 9:01 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 Stark to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2023.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina and Pechous. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

President Ted Carter and Senior Vice President Chris Kabourek shared a University Budget Update. Following their presentation, the Board engaged in a dialogue regarding the University's budget and performance.

Chair Clare asked that the minutes reflect a directive to President Carter to build a plan before the June 22, 2023 regular Board of Regents meeting that addresses the challenges identified in the presentation.

Chair Clare set the following parameters for President Carter: (1) the budget plan should include vertical, not horizontal "peanut butter" cuts and all options should be on the table, including structural change; (2) the plan should be University-wide, with no campus excepted; and (3) the plan should include strategies to address areas where the University needs to improve, including enrollment, faculty salary competitiveness, and federal research growth.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelli Kopocis spoke on the proposed amendments to Sections 2.2 and 2.8 of the *Bylaws*.

An individual who identified themselves by a false identity addressed the Board.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Clare at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken  
Corporation Secretary

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Timothy F. Clare  
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 Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference 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>.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting *in-person* will continue to follow the provisions of Standing Rule 5.1. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting *via remote participation* must contact the Corporation Secretary no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Members of the public may contact the Corporation Secretary at (402) 472-3906 or [corpsec@nebraska.edu](mailto:corpsec@nebraska.edu). Upon receipt of such notice, the Corporation Secretary will provide instructions on remote participation in the public meeting.

A copy of this notice will be delivered to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World-Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, the Lincoln office of the Associated Press, members of the Board of Regents, and the President's Council of the University of Nebraska System.

Dated: May 23, 2023

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



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