

Lincoln, Nebraska
August 8, 2024

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 8, 2024, at 9:01 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 advanced publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (page 317).

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 1, 2024.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Vice Chair
Elizabeth O'Connor
Robert Schafer, Chair
Jim Scheer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Sam Schroeder, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Elizabeth Herbin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Pranita Devaraju, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Ishani Adidam, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Jeffrey P. Gold, President
David Jackson, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
Stacia L. Palser, Interim Corporation Secretary; and Vice President and General Counsel
Charlie Bicak, Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Rodney D. Bennett, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Dele H. Davies, Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
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
Christopher Kratochvil, Interim 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 Schafer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the Boardroom.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON JUNE 20, 2024

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Scheer to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on June 20, 2024.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

2024 President's Excellence Awards

President Gold presented the following awards:

- Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award to Kristen Olson, Ph.D.
- Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award to Jonathan Vennerstrom, Ph.D.
- Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award to Phani Tej Adidam, Ph.D.
- Innovation, Development, and Engagement Award to Benson Edagwa, Ph.D.
- Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award to Carrick Detweiler, Ph.D.
- Inclusive Excellence Collaboration Award to the UNL Digital Accessibility Collaboration
- University-wide Departmental Teaching Award to the UNMC Physical Therapy Program

V. KUDOS

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Tyler Pierce Panowicz, Workstation Support Associate at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Herbin presented a KUDOS award to Craig Chandler, Director of Photography, Office of University Communication and Marketing at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Devaraju presented a KUDOS award to Susan Blumel, Internal Medicine Clinical Trials Office at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent O'Connor presented a KUDOS award to John Ingraham, Public Safety Office at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Adidam presented a KUDOS award to Sarah McGrath, Business Manager for Facilities Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None.

VII. HEARINGS

None.

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Gold shared highlights from his first six weeks of serving the University as President and his priorities moving forward.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations.

X-A-2 Approve the monitoring report required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) and approve forwarding the program monitoring report to the CCPE.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, Adidam, and Devaraju. Voting Aye: O’Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Approve amendments to the University of Nebraska Student Code of Conduct.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Adidam, Devaraju and Herbin. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-2.

XI-A-2 Approve the establishment of a new undergraduate certificate in Esports Media and Communication in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at UNL.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-3.

XI-A-3 Approve the establishment of a new undergraduate certificate in Wildlife Habitat Management administered by the School of Natural Resources in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-4.
- XI-A-4 Approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Artificial Intelligence (BSAI) administered by the Department of Computer Science in the College of Information Science and Technology at UNO.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, Adidam, and Devaraju. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-5.
- XI-A-5 Approve the transition of the Master of Science (MS) in Biomedical Informatics, jointly delivered by UNO and UNMC, to being administered solely by UNO, hence deleting the UNMC offering.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Adidam, Devaraju and Herbin. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve items XI-B-1 through XI-B-2.
- XI-B-1 Approve the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget Request for the University of Nebraska.
- XI-B-2 Approve the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget Request for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Scheer to approve items XI-B-3.
- XI-B-3 Approve and authorize execution of a three-year Microsoft Campus Agreement for the University of Nebraska with Dell as the reseller.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Weitz to approve items XI-B-4.
- XI-B-4 Approve budget increase and municipal funding partnership for the Westbrook Music Building Replacement project at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Not Voting: Devaraju. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-5.
- XI-B-5 Approve the naming of the new feedlot center at UNL located at the Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center near Mead, Nebraska the “Klosterman Feedlot Innovation Center.”
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Adidam, and Herbin Not Voting: Devaraju. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O’Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-B-6.
- XI-B-6 Ratify Amendment 1 to the Standard Form Construction Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager (CMR) for construction and extended preconstruction services for the Lied Center for Performing Arts Renovation and Addition at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-7.
- XI-B-7 Approve naming of the plaza adjacent to the Osborne Legacy Complex the “Sandhills Global Plaza.”
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-8.
- XI-B-8 Approve and authorize execution of an amendment to the multimedia rights agreement with Playfly.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, Adidam, and Devaraju. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by O’Connor to approve item XI-B-9.
- XI-B-9 Approve the Program Statement for Project Health at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Adidam, Devaraju and Herbin. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-10.
- XI-B-10 Approve and authorize execution of the Midtown Medical Center Bikeway Connection Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Omaha.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O’Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Motion carried.

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-11.
- XI-B-11 Approve the Thermal Energy Storage Infrastructure Project at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-B-12.
- XI-B-12 Ratify the Standard Form Construction Agreement with Valley Corporation for the Saddle Creek Public Improvements project at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, Adidam, and Devaraju. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-13.
- XI-B-13 Approve and authorize execution of an amendment to the License to Manage and Operate University Dining Services Contract with Sodexo America, LLC at UNO.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Adidam, Devaraju, and Herbin. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-B-14.
- XI-B-14 Approve and authorize execution of Standard Form Construction Agreement with AVI-SPL for the UNK/UNMC Douglas A. Kristensen Rural Health Education Complex at UNK.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- XI-C-1 Amendments to Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents related to establishment of an Athletic Affairs Committee.

D. REPORTS

- XI-D-1 Report on contract between Nebraska Athletics and Anthony Travel, LLC.
- XI-D-2 Report on naming of features within the new feedlot center at UNL located at the Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension and Education Center near Mead, Nebraska the "JBS Cattle Barn 1", the "JBS Cattle Barn 2", and the "Greater Omaha Packing Cattle Handling Facility".
- XI-D-3 Intermediate Design Report: Residence Hall building at UNMC.

- XI-D-4 Report on Budget Category Reallocation for the Durham Science Center at UNO.
- XI-D-5 Report on exercise of emergency authority in RP-6.3.1, paragraph 6.b., to authorize and execute Beverage Rights Licensing Agreement with Chesterman Company at UNO.
- XI-D-6 Report on Bids and Contracts.
- XI-D-7 Report on Project Evaluation Board Pool.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schafer at 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacia L. Palser
Interim Corporation Secretary

Robert M. Schafer
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 8, 2024 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 1, 2024

Stacia L. Palser, Interim Corporation Secretary
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