

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 6, 2024

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 6, 2024, 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 advanced publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (page 333).

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 27, 2024.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Paul Kenney, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth O'Connor (joined at 9:02 a.m.)  
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  
Anne Barnes, Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Christopher Kratochvil, Interim 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 Schafer announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the Boardroom.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON October 4, 2024**

Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on October 4, 2024.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Not Voting: O'Connor. Motion carried.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

2023-2024 Tripp Umbach Economic Impact Report for NU System: Dr. Paul Umbach, President and Founder of Tripp Umbach.

Alumni Impact Statement: Dr. Nicole Kent.

**V. KUDOS**

**Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Julie Stall**, Continuing Resources Associate for the Calvin T. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Herbin presented a KUDOS award to Tricia Besett-Alesch**, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Devaraju presented a KUDOS award to Megan Blusys**, Director of Chancellor Communications for the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Adidam presented a KUDOS award to Megan LeClair**, Senior Events Manager for Baxter Arena at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to Connor Thierstein**, Workstation Support Associate for Central IT Client Services at the University of Nebraska Office of the President on the UNO campus.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**VII. HEARINGS**

None.

**VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Gold shared his strategic plan for the University of Nebraska.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angela Cooper addressed the Board regarding DEI within the University system.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

X-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

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 Wilmot and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1 Approve elimination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Meat Culinology administered by the Department of Animal Science in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

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 elimination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Civic Engagement administered on behalf of the eight undergraduate colleges by the administrative area of Undergraduate Education Programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (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 Stark and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-A-3.

XI-A-3 Approve establishment of a Master of Science (MS) degree in Healthcare Logistics and Supply Chain Management (HLSCM) administered by the College of Business Administration's Department of Management at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

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

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-1.

XI-B-1 Approve and authorize a HuskerVision agreement to replace outdated production equipment as part of their relocation within the Stadium.

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 Kenney and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-2.

XI-B-2 Approve acquisition of Real Properties at 805 W 27th St, 811 W 27th St, 813 W 27th St, 817 W 27th St, 821 W 27th St, Kearney, NE and Disposal of Real Property at 1601 University Dr, Kearney, NE.

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 Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve items XI-B-3.

XI-B-3 Approve and authorize execution of Amendment 2 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for the UNMC Residence Hall project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus.

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

### **C. EXECUTIVE**

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

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by O'Connor to table item XI-C-1.

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

XI-C-1 Approve Amendments to Section 1.3 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Section 1.2 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents.

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

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-C-2.

XI-C-2 Approve Performance-Based Metrics upon which Performance-Based Merit Pay to President Gold shall be based for FY2024-25.

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

### **D. REPORTS**

XI-D-1 Proposal to rename the Master of Science (MS) in Mechanized Systems Management to Agricultural Systems Technology administered by the Department of Biological Systems

Engineering in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

- XI-D-2 Proposal to establish an expedited Graduate Certificate in Sports Promotion to be administered by the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- XI-D-3 Summer Term Report AY 2023-24.
- XI-D-4 Fall Enrollment Report AY 2024-25.
- XI-D-5 Fall Retention Report AY 2024-25.
- XI-D-6 Student Credit Hour Report AY 2024-25.
- XI-D-7 Approve increased scope of work for the Architecture Complex Phase 2 Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- XI-D-8 Naming of renovated auditorium in Architectural Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) the “Davenport Auditorium.”
- XI-D-9 Naming of physical spaces (Office, meeting rooms, tutoring rooms, special use rooms, outdoor plaza, etc.) and donor wall recognition for the Osborne Legacy Complex at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- XI-D-10 Approve the report on the Othmer-Topp Endowment Fund, for the fiscal year ended 6/30/24.
- XI-D-11 Approve the Budget Category Reallocation for the Carolyn Pope Edwards Hall LB957 Mabel Lee Hall 162 Replacement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- XI-D-12 Naming of a reading room located in the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “The Jewish Federation of Omaha Kripke-Veret Reading Room.”
- XI-D-13 Naming of a classroom located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) after the “Debby Durham Family Foundation.”
- XI-D-14 Naming of an open study space area located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “Dick and Mary Holland Study Space.”
- XI-D-15 Naming of the Physics Lab located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Foundation Physics Lab.”
- XI-D-16 Naming of the lobby area located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “HDR Entrance.”
- XI-D-17 Naming of the open space on the third floor located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “Howard and Rhonda Hawks Collaboration Space.”

- XI-D-18 Naming of a lobby area located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “Marie Maynard Daly, PhD Entrance.”
- XI-D-19 Naming of the second-floor atrium located in the Durham Science Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) the “Ruth and Bill Scott Commons.”
- XI-D-20 Bids and contracts.
- XI-D-21 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects.
- XI-D-22 Quarterly Gifts, grants, contracts, bequests.
- XI-D-23 Report on the revised Bylaws of the Faculty of the College of Business at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- XI-D-24 Report on the revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Moved by O’Connor 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:

- Strategy session with respect to real estate purchases.
- Personnel matters.
- Updates on investigations and pending or threatened litigation.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, O’Connor, and Schafer. Not voting: Clare and Kenney. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:30 a.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:31 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schafer at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacia L. Palser  
Interim Corporation Secretary

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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 Friday, December 6, 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: November 27, 2024

Stacia L. Palser, Interim Corporation Secretary  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska



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