The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on June 20, 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 309).

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 June 13, 2024.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Vice Chair
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

Regents absent:
Elizabeth O’Connor
Ishani Adidam, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:
Christopher J. Kabourek, Interim President
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost; and Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Stacia L. Palser, Interim Corporation Secretary; and Vice President and General Counsel
Rodney D. Bennett, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Charlie Bicak, Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

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 APRIL 19, 2024 AND APRIL 26, 2024

Motion
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meetings on April 19, 2024 and April 26, 2024.

Action

IV. PRESENTATIONS
None.

V. KUDOS

Regent Wilmot presented a KUDOS award to Eileen Jahn, Honors Program Outreach Coordinator at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Scheer presented a KUDOS award to the Nebraska Vet Diagnostic Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Stark presented a KUDOS award to Jacqueline Pavlik, Research Operations Administrator in the Department of Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Weitz presented a KUDOS award to Chris Lode, Assistant to Dr. Rich Klein Vice Chancellor of Institutional Effectiveness and Student Success, and Assistant to Dr. Cathy Pettid Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Clare presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jayne Sutton is retiring at the end of June after 38 years as Executive Assistant to the President of the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jayne has worked with eight different presidents, each with their own unique leadership style and – although Jayne, ever the diplomat, would never describe it this way – each with their own special “quirks;” and

WHEREAS, Jayne, a lifelong Nebraskan and lifelong public servant, previously spent four years in the Nebraska Governor’s Office; and

WHEREAS, Jayne is a model of true professionalism, setting the example for how staff in Varner Hall should conduct themselves in representing the President; and

WHEREAS, Jayne is a master juggler and puzzler, somehow taking infinite requests for meetings and engagements for the President and making it all work in the daily calendar,
with such efficiency that it would be easy to be fooled into thinking it was easy, when in fact without someone with Jayne’s attention to detail, speed and quality, the President would quite literally be lost; and

WHEREAS, under Jayne’s leadership, Varner Hall is a place where every guest, no matter who they are, is greeted warmly, offered water or coffee, treated with the highest respect and comes away having had a positive experience with the President’s team; and

WHEREAS, “Mimi” Jayne is in high demand among five grandchildren who have specifically requested that she visit them for “100 days after she’s done working”…

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents thanks Jayne Sutton for her decades of leadership and service to the University of Nebraska and the entire State, and wishes her, Mark and their family all the best as they enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

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

VII. HEARINGS

None.

VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

Interim President Kabourek shared highlights from his time serving the University as Interim President.

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 academic program reviews report required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) and approve forwarding the program review reports to the CCPE.

X-A-3 Approve the in-depth reports required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1414(5) and the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE) and approve forwarding the in-depth reports and action plans to the CCPE.
Action  

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Motion  
Moved by Stark and seconded by Weitz to reorder agenda to consider items XI-C-1 and XI-C-2 at the beginning of the Administrative Agenda.

Action  

C. EXECUTIVE

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

XI-C-1  
Approve the Contract of Employment and First Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Agreement for Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., as President of the University of Nebraska.

Action  

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

XI-C-2  
Approve amendments to Board of Regents Policy RP-5.3.1 relating to denial of transcripts.

Action  

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion  
Moved by Stark and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-A-1.

XI-A-1  
Approve the elimination of the Master of Arts (MA) in Mathematics program administered by the Department of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL.

Action  

Motion  
Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-A-2.

XI-A-2  
Approve the elimination of the US Legal Studies LLM in the College of Law at UNL.

Action  

Motion  
Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-3.
XI-A-3 Approve the elimination of the Master of Science for Teachers in Mathematics (MScT) in the Department of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL.


Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-A-4.

XI-A-4 Approve the establishment of a new undergraduate major in Business Analytics (granted as a BS in Business Administration) administered by the Department of Supply Chain Management and Analytics in the College of Business at UNL.


Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-A-5.

XI-A-5 Approve the transition of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) administered by the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNO.


Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-A-6.

XI-A-6 Approve establishment of a new Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (BSPS) in the College of Pharmacy at UNMC.


B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve items XI-B-1 through XI-B-4.

XI-B-1 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2024-25 Allocation for UNK.

XI-B-2 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2024-25 Allocation for UNL.

XI-B-3 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2024-25 Allocation for UNMC.

XI-B-4 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2024-25 Allocation for UNO.

Motion
Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve items XI-B-5 through XI-B-6.

XI-B-5
Approve the FY2024-25 Operating Budget and 2024-25 tuition rates for the University of Nebraska System.

XI-B-6
Approve the FY2024-25 Operating Budget and 2024-25 tuition rates for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.

Action

Motion
Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-7.

XI-B-7
Approve the renewal of the FM Global Property Insurance policy for the period July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2025.

Action

Motion
Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-B-8.

XI-B-8
Approve and authorize execution of a new Cellular Neutral Host Distributed Antenna System (DAS) for Memorial Stadium.

Action

Motion
Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-B-9.

XI-B-9
Approve and authorize execution of outside food service vendor to be utilized in Nebraska Athletics’ new performance nutrition facility in the Osborne Legacy Complex.

Action

Motion
Moved by Stark and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-10.

XI-B-10
Approve and authorize execution of Ground Lease for development of row housing on real property currently designated as Parking Lot 64 at UNMC.

Action

Motion
Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-11.

XI-B-11
Approve and authorize execution of Change Order #1 for the construction agreement with Valley Corporation for the Saddle Creek Public Improvements project at UNMC.

Action
Motion
Moved by Scheer and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-B-12.

XI-B-12
Approve and authorize disposal of The International House, 428 South 38th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Action

D. REPORTS

XI-D-1 Report on establishment of new expedited Graduate Certificate in English Dual Enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNO.

XI-D-2 Report on establishment of new expedited Graduate Certificate in Geographic Education in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNO.

XI-D-3 Report on establishment of new expedited Graduate Certificate in Internal Audit, Fraud, and Control (IAFC) administered by the School of Accounting in the College of Business Administration at UNO.

XI-D-4 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Foreign Language and Literature to World Languages and Literature at UNO.

XI-D-5 Report on renaming the Center for Patient, Family and Community Engagement in Chronic Care Management (CENTRIC) to the Center for Chronic Illness Self-Management and Prevention (CRISP) administered by the College of Nursing at UNMC.

XI-D-6 Annual Program Monitoring Reports.

XI-D-7 Report on Student, Laboratory, and Miscellaneous Fees for Academic Year 2024-2025.


XI-D-9 Report on Spring 2024 Enrollment.


XI-D-11 Current List of Graduate Professional Post-Baccalaureate Programs.

XI-D-12 Report on contract between Nebraska Athletics and Teamworks Innovations.

XI-D-13 Report on naming of Constance M. Ryan Wellness Innovation (WIN) Lab at UNMC.

XI-D-14 Review of Microsoft Active Directory and Microsoft 365 Tenant Consolidation Project.


XI-D-17 Quarterly Report on Capital Projects.


XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schafer at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacia L. Palser                      Robert M. Schafer
Interim 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, June 20, 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: June 13, 2024

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