

Kearney, Nebraska
October 4, 2024

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 4, 2024, at 9:01 a.m. in the Regional Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2204 University Drive, Kearney, 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 326).

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 September 27, 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
Anne Barnes, Interim Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Christopher Kratochvil, Interim Vice President for External Relations

Not present:

Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

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 Regional Engagement Center.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON AUGUST 8, 2024

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Kenney to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on August 8, 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

Charlie Bicak (Interim Chancellor) gave a University of Nebraska at Kearney update.

V. KUDOS

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Susan Pedersen, Assistant Nursing Director and Clinic Nurse for Student Health at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Herbin presented a KUDOS award to Sara Quinn, Director of Research Compliance Services and Research Integrity at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Devaraju presented a KUDOS award to Johnny Fichter, Zone Facility Technician in Facilities, Management and Planning at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Adidam presented a KUDOS award to Michelle Thies, Office Associate for the School of Communication within the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None.

VII. HEARINGS

None.

VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gold shared thoughts and highlights on his first 100 days at the University as President.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Brooks Dueland addressed the Board regarding the closure of the DEI offices.

Yesenia Madera addressed the Board regarding the importance of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

John Brennan addressed the Board regarding UNMC real estate development.

Lanette Richards addressed the Board regarding alcohol on campus.

William “Pat” Moore addressed the Board regarding alcohol on campus.

Wes Wilmot addressed the Board regarding alcohol at sporting events.

Chris Wagner addressed the Board regarding alcohol sales at University of Nebraska athletic events.

The Board recessed at 10:13 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 10:28 a.m.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Moved Regent Wilmot moved to consider the following items separately on the Administrative Agenda: X-A-1 and X-B-1.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations. – Moved to Administrative Agenda

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Weitz to approve item X-A-2.

X-A-2 Approval to award degrees and certificates for the 2024-25 Academic Year, including 2025 Summer Sessions, for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA), University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

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

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

X-B-1 Approval to amend Regents’ Policies RP-1.1.2, RP-3.1.2, RP-3.1.3, RP-3.2.5, RP-4.1.2, RP-6.5.4, and RP-6.6.2. – Moved to Administrative Agenda

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve item X-A-1.

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations.

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

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Weitz to pull and table proposed changes to RP-3.1.3 from item X-B-1.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, and Herbin. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Kenney, and Schafer. Voting Nay: Schroeder, Clare, and O'Connor
Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Scheer to approve item X-B-1, excluding RP-3.1.3.
- X-B-1 Approval to amend Regents' Policies RP-1.1.2, RP-3.1.2, RP-3.2.5, RP-4.1.2, RP-6.5.4, and RP-6.6.2.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-1.
- XI-A-1 Approve elimination of the Academy for Child and Family Wellbeing in the College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- 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 Clare and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-2.
- XI-A-2 Approve elimination of the W.M. Keck Center for Mesospin and Quantum Information Systems affiliated with the College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Research and Innovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- 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 Weitz and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-3.
- XI-A-3 Approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Applied Leadership Studies (BSALS) administered through the Division of Continuing Studies in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Adidam, Devaraju, Herbin, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-B-1.
- XI-B-1 Approve request to permit alcohol sales at University of Nebraska athletic events.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Voting Nay: Wilmot. Abstain: Devaraju. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-2.
- XI-B-2 Approve delegation of authority to the President to finalize a contract for replacement of grass practice fields for Football at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
- 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 Scheer and seconded by Schroeder to approve items XI-B-3.
- XI-B-3 Approve Capital Project Budget Increase and Execution of a Standard Form Construction Agreement for Second Phase of Outdoor Track Replacement 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 Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve items XI-B-4.
- XI-B-4 Approve renaming of Memorial Stadium North Tower from the Osborne Athletic Complex to the Cornhuskers Athletic Complex.
- 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 Schroeder and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-5.
- XI-B-5 Approve and authorize execution of the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Administration and Operation of Network Nebraska.
- 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 Stark to approve item XI-B-6.
- XI-B-6 Approve engagement of Forvis Mazars, LLP to provide audit services for the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, the University of Nebraska Television Department, and the Nebraska Public Media Foundation.
- 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-7.
- XI-B-7 Approve and authorize execution of Amendment 2 of the Interim Tri-Party Agreement for Project Health.

- 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 Schroeder to approve item XI-B-8.
- XI-B-8 Approve engagement of KPMG LLP to provide audit services for Project Health.
- 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 Stark and seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-B-9.
- XI-B-9 Approve the acquisition of 4643 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Devaraju, Herbin, Schroeder, and Adidam. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

- XI-C-1 Selection of a candidate to submit to the Nebraska Medicine Nominating Committee for consideration.
- Motion Moved by Kenney to nominate Regent Scheer as a candidate for consideration for submission to the Nebraska Medicine Nominating Committee.
- Motion Moved by O'Connor to nominate Regent Weitz as a candidate for consideration for submission to the Nebraska Medicine Nominating Committee.

There being no further nominations, Chair Schafer declared the nominations period closed.

A secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as two votes for Regent Scheer and two votes for Regent Weitz.

A second secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as one vote for Regent Scheer and three votes for Regent Weitz.

A third secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as one vote for Regent Scheer, two votes for Regent Weitz, and one abstain.

A fourth secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as four votes for Regent Scheer and zero votes for Regent Weitz.

A fifth secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as two votes for Regent Scheer and two votes for Regent Weitz.

A sixth secret ballot was taken. Interim Corporation Secretary Palser announced that Regent Scheer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as two votes for Regent Scheer, one vote for Regent Weitz, and one abstain.

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schroeder to table XI-C-1 until the next meeting.

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

D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

XI-D-1 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.

E. REPORTS

XI-E-1 Report on the revised Constitution and Bylaws of the College of Business and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

XI-E-2 Report on the revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Senate at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

XI-E-3 Report on 2nd Quarter Personnel Reports (April, May, June 2024) and Annual Personnel Reports.

XI-E-4 Report on annual Leaves of Absence (LOA) approved during FY 2023-24.

XI-E-5 Report on the periodic review of multi-departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service.

XI-E-6 Report on Open Nebraska savings for FY 2023-24.

XI-E-7 Report on Bids and Contracts.

XI-E-8 Report on Quarterly Capital Construction Report.

XI-E-9 Report on Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests.

XI-E-10 Report on excess liability and student health insurance policy renewals for policy year 24/25.

XI-E-11 Report on UNO LB384 Utility Distribution Systems Project review.

XI-E-12 Report on Licenses.

XI-E-13 Report on University Building Renewal Plans (submitted to Legislature with Biennial Budget Request).

XI-E-14 Report on increased scope of work for Calvin T. Ryan Library at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Wilmot 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:

- Discussion of confidential personnel matters.
- Strategy sessions with respect to real estate purchases.

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

The Board went into closed session at 12:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:02 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schafer at 2:02 p.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 Friday, October 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2204 University Drive, Kearney, 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>.

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: September 27, 2024

Stacia L. Palser, Interim Corporation Secretary
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