

**AGENDA**  
**THE BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**  
**Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska 68583-0745**  
**Thursday, August 14, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON JUNE 19, 2025
- IV. PRESENTATIONS  
2025 President's Excellence Awards
  - **Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award:**
    - o *Timothy Schaffert, M.F.A., Department of English, UNL*
    - o *Jay Storz, Ph.D., School of Biological Sciences, UNL*
  - **Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award:**
    - o *Betsy Becker, PT, DPT, Ph.D., Department of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences – Physical Therapy, UNMC*
    - o *Renee McFee, D.V.M., Ph.D., School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UNL*
  - **Innovation, Development, and Engagement Award:**
    - o *Gina Ligon, Ph.D., College of Business Administration, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education Center, UNO*
    - o *Károly Mirnics, M.D., Ph.D., Munroe-Meyer Institute, UNMC*
  - **Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award:**
    - o *Thanh Nguyen, Ph.D., MSN, FNP-C, Department of Emergency Medicine, UNMC*
  - **Innovations in Student Success Award:**
    - o *Goodrich Scholarship Program, UNO*
  - **University-wide Departmental Teaching Award:**
    - o *Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders, UNL*
- V. KUDOS  
*Suzanne Exstrom, University of Nebraska at Kearney*  
*Joe Brownell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
*Jessi Delaney, University of Nebraska Medical Center*  
*Sierra Roseby, University of Nebraska at Omaha*
- VI. RESOLUTIONS
- VII. HEARINGS
- VIII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT  
The Standing Rules of the Board provide that any person who gives 24 hours' notice to the Corporation Secretary of the Board may speak to any item that is not on the agenda. In addition,

any person may appear and address the Board of Regents on any item on the agenda for this meeting.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. President's Personnel Recommendations, Addendum X-A-1

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska at Kearney

1. Approve the establishment of a Science 7-12 Teaching Endorsement for the Bachelor of Science in Education degree to be administered by the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), Addendum XI-A-1
2. Approve the establishment of the Master of Arts in Education in Health Education administered by the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences in the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), Addendum XI-A-2

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3. Approve the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources and Environmental Economics administered by the Department of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Addendum XI-A-3
4. Proposal to eliminate the Master of Science in Environmental Engineering and rename the MS and PhD degrees in Civil Engineering to Civil and Environmental Engineering administered by the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Addendum XI-A-4
5. Approve the establishment of a PhD degree in Computer Engineering to be administered by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the School of Computing in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Addendum XI-A-5

University of Nebraska-Lincoln/University of Nebraska at Omaha

6. Approve the establishment of a dual track Master of Science degree in Artificial Intelligence, one track administered by the Department of Computer Science in the College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), and one track administered by the School of Computing in the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Addendum XI-A-6

University of Nebraska Medical Center

7. Approve the elimination of the Certificate in Perioperative Nursing administered by the College of Nursing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), Addendum XI-A-7

University of Nebraska at Omaha

8. Approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art and Art History degree offered by the School of Arts in the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Addendum XI-A-8
9. Approve the elimination of the Master of Arts in Economics offered by the Department of Economics in the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Addendum XI-A-9

10. Approve the establishment of the Center for Competencies, Skills, and Workforce Development (CCSW) administered by the Division of Innovative & Learning-Centric Initiatives at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Addendum XI-A-10

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska

1. Approve University System Facilities Bonds and Related Financing Matters, Addendum XI-B-1
2. Approve Commercial Paper Notes Program and Authorize Issuance of Commercial Paper Notes, Addendum XI-B-2

C. EXECUTIVE

1. Approve updates to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska Chapters IV – VI, Addendum XI-C-1
2. Approve filing an application with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development to request and use state grant funds under the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act for the unanimously approved Project Health program statement, Addendum XI-C-2
3. Approve Performance-Based Merit Pay to President Gold for FY2024-25, Addendum XI-C-3

D. REPORTS

1. Report on proposal to establish an expedited Graduate Certificate in Mathematics, administered by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), Addendum XI-D-1
2. Report on proposal to rename the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Theatre to the BFA in Entertainment Design and Production, administered by the Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), Addendum XI-D-2
3. Report on proposal to rename the Bachelor of Science in General Science to the Bachelor of Science in Physical and Natural Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Addendum XI-D-3
4. Report on proposal to rename the Information Assurance Graduate Certificate to the Information Security Management Graduate Certificate offered by the Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis in the College of Information Science & Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), Addendum XI-D-4
5. Report on naming of Rooms in the Health Science Education Center II (HSEC) Building and the Calvin T. Ryan Library at UNK, Addendum XI-D-5
6. Report on naming of the central outdoor courtyard of Architectural Hall at UNL, Addendum XI-D-6
7. Report of Bids and Contracts, Addendum XI-D-7
8. Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests University of Nebraska, Addendum XI-D-8
9. President's FY2024-25 Year in Review, Addendum XI-D-9

XII. CLOSED SESSION

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FACILITIES CORPORATION MEETING