

Lincoln, Nebraska
February 25, 2025

EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Notice was given in accordance with subsection (5) of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the special meeting held by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on February 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The special meeting was held in a publicly convened session, the same being open to the public and having been preceded by advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (page 12).

The nature of the business for this emergency meeting was to introduce for review certain Regent's Policies and Bylaws of the University of Nebraska System, and take preliminary action where necessary with respect to recent Department of Education guidance and executive orders.

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 February 24, 2025.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare (joined at 10:09 a.m.)
Paul Kenney, Chair
Elizabeth O'Connor
Robert Schafer
Jim Scheer, Vice Chair
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Sam Schroeder, University of Nebraska-Kearney
Elizabeth Herbin, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Ishani Adidam, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Regents absent:

Pranita Devaraju, UNMC

University officials present:

Jeffrey P. Gold, President
David Jackson, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary
Charles Bicek, 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
Bren Chambers, Interim Vice President and General Counsel
Chris 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 10:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meetings on February 7, 2025.

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

IV. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gold shared an update on the University, discussed the University's continuing mission and the challenges the University is currently facing. He then addressed some potential changes that will need to be considered to certain Regent's Policies and Bylaws of the University of Nebraska.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ted Hamann addressed the Board regarding the closure of Project RAÍCES.

Crystal Garcia addressed the Board regarding the Dear Colleague Letter.

Elizabeth Niehaus addressed the Board regarding potential amendments to the Regents Policies and Bylaws.

Stephanie Bondi addressed the Board regarding DEI Benefits.

Deryl Hatch-Tocaimaza addressed the Board regarding potential amendments to the Bylaws.

Birdie Ganz addressed the Board regarding the Dear Colleague Letter.

VI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

1. Amendments to Regents' Policies RP-3.1.3, RP-5.2.1, RP-5.7.4, RP-5.8.4, Addendum VI-A-1
2. Updates to Section 3.0 of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Addendum VI-A-2

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenney at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Hoffman
Corporation Secretary

Paul Kenney
Chair of the Board



NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska will hold a special meeting in a publicly convened session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The business to be conducted by the Board of Regents at such special meeting will be to review certain Regent's Policies and Bylaws of the University of Nebraska System, and take preliminary action where necessary with respect to recent Department of Education guidance and executive orders.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board with respect to items on the Agenda will continue to follow the provisions of Standing Rule 5.1. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment portion on items not on the Agenda shall contact the Corporation Secretary at (402) 472-3906 or corpsec@nebraska.edu no later than 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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: February 24, 2025

Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska



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