

Lincoln, Nebraska
June 19, 2025

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on June 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in 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 35).

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 12, 2025.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Chair
Elizabeth O'Connor
Robert Schafer
Jim Scheer, Vice Chair
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Sam Schroeder, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Libby Wilkins, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Drew Leisy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Brock Calamari, University of Nebraska at Omaha

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
Tiffany Heng-Moss, Interim Vice President, NU; Harlan Vice Chancellor, IANR Office of Vice Pres/Vice Chancellor
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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

Chair Kenney announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the Boardroom.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON April 11, 2025

Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on April 11, 2025.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Chair Kenney introduced to the public the four new student regents, Sam Schroeder representing the University of Nebraska at Kearney; Libby Wilkins representing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Brock Calamari representing the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Drew Leisy representing the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

President Jeffrey P. Gold introduced to the public the new Faculty Senate Presidents, Dr. John Bauer representing the University of Nebraska at Kearney; John Shrader representing the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Dr. Jordan Warchol representing the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Dr. Patty Bick representing the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

V. KUDOS

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Meredith DeHaven, Employment Specialist in Human Resources at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to Sue Ellen Pegg, Recruitment Coordinator for the College of Ag Sci & Nat Res at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Calamari presented a KUDOS award to Paula Kohles, Director of Financial Aid at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Leisy presented a KUDOS award to Abbey Henrichs, Director of Events at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

Regent Schafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents focuses on celebrating and rewarding the highest achievers among Nebraska residents pursuing an undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska by offering Regents Scholarships, and

WHEREAS, it is important that the standards for these awards remain consistent across the University of Nebraska System, are publicized in a consistent manner for the potential recipients and their parents, and are adhered to in a consistent manner each year when determining who will receive the award, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has determined that to remain consistent and continue to recognize the distinct nature of the high academic achievements required to receive this award, the Board will hereafter require a minimum threshold using a standardized test score that will be necessary for applicants to be eligible for the award.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska commits to establishing and hereafter adhering to a clearly established system wide standard of achievement for eligibility for all Regents Scholars on all campuses for applicants enrolling for the 2026-27 academic year and thereafter.

Resolution 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

President Gold shared an update on the University, the current budget situation with the state, highlighting upon the work the University has done in conjunction with the State Legislature in difficult times to achieve a workable budget and resulting budget cuts and tuition increase that will be voted on during the meeting. He discussed success of Nebraska students in graduating 7,261 undergraduates across all campuses. He also celebrated milestones from new buildings to research projects to athletic accomplishments among our students. He reiterated the commitment to the Pillars of Excellence and the strategic framework that has been adopted and will continue to guide our University.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Shrader addressed the Board regarding proposed bylaw changes.

Mary Jane Trumper addressed the Board regarding anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic rhetoric.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations, Addendum X-A-1

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

X-B-1 Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements, Addendum X-B-1

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: O’Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Motion Moved by Scheer, seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-1.
- XI-A-1 Approve existing Academic Program Reviews required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Calamari and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-2.
- XI-A-2 Approve in-depth Reports required by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare, seconded by Weitz to approve items XI-A-4, XI-A-5, XI-A-6, and XI-A-7.
- XI-A-4 Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science in Astrophysics Comprehensive degree offered by the Department of Physics & Astronomy in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK).
- XI-A-5 Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science and Arts degrees in Physical Science offered by the Department of Physics & Astronomy in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).
- XI-A-6 Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Astronomy offered by the Department of Physics & Astronomy in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).
- XI-A-7 Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Physics Comprehensive-Engineering Emphasis offered by the Department of Physics & Astronomy in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare, seconded by Scheer to approve item XI-A-8.
- XI-A-8 Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish Translation and Interpretation Comprehensive offered by the Department of Modern Languages in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz. Motion carried.

Motion	Moved by Scheer, seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-9.
XI-A-9	Approve deletion of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a Writing Emphasis offered by the Department of English in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).
Action	Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot. Motion carried.
Motion	Moved by Clare, seconded by Wilkins to approve item XI-A-10.
XI-A-10	Approve the establishment of the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in Robotics Engineering offered by the College of Engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
Action	Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried.
Motion	Moved by Schroeder, seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-A-11.
XI-A-11	Approve the establishment of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Modern Languages, by merging the current French and German majors, offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
Action	Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.
Motion	Moved by Wilmot, seconded by Wilkins to approve item XI-A-12.
Motion	There was a motion to table XI-A-12 made by Regent Scheer and seconded by Regent Calamari. After discussion, the motion to table was withdrawn.
XI-A-12	Approve the establishment of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Multidisciplinary Studies offered by the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).
Action	Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor. Motion carried.
Motion	Moved by Scheer, seconded by Calamari to approve item XI-A-13.
XI-A-13	Approve the establishment of the Diabetes Center of Excellence in DIABetes Care, Research, and Education (C-DIACARE) administered by the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).
Action	Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Schafer. Not Voting: O'Connor. Motion carried.
Motion	Moved by Wilmot, seconded by Wilkins to approve item XI-A-14.

- XI-A-14 Approve the elimination of the Center for Advanced Surgical Technology (CAST) in the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.
- B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Schroeder to approve items XI-B-1, XI-B-2, XI-B-3 and XI-B-4.
- XI-B-1 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2025-26 Allocation for UNK.
- XI-B-2 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2025-26 Allocation for UNL.
- XI-B-3 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2025-26 Allocation for UNMC.
- XI-B-4 Approve the Fund B, University Program and Facilities Fee (UPFF) 2025-26 Allocation for UNO.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Calamari. Not Voting: Leisy. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Leisy to approve item XI-B-5.
- XI-B-5 Approve the FY25-26 Operating Budget and 2025-26 tuition rates for the University of Nebraska System.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Scheer, Stark, Weitz. Voting Nay: Wilmot, Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XI-B-6.
- XI-B-6 Approve the FY25-26 Operating Budget for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Wilkins to approve item XI-B-7
- XI-B-7 Approve the renewal of the FM Global Property Insurance policy.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-8.
- XI-B-8 Approve extension of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Nebraska State Patrol for Supplemental Security and Law Enforcement at UNL Events.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Calamari and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-9.
- XI-B-9 Approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the UNMC Infrastructure Project (42nd Street Corridor).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

- Motion Regent Wilmot requested item 1.6(d) of the Bylaws be removed. No second.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XI-C-1.
- Recess Chair Kenney asked for a brief break to have Interim General Counsel Chambers review and provide opinion. Board went to recess at 11:34 a.m. Board returned and re-opened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
- XI-C-1 Approve updates to remaining sections of Chapters I - III of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Calamari to approve item XI-C-2.
- XI-C-2 Approve Amendments to Regents' Policies RP-6.1, RP-6.2, RP-6.3.
- Action. Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.

D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- XI-D-1 Updates to Chapters IV – VI of the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

E. REPORTS

- XI-E-1 Program Monitoring Reports required by the Board of Regents.
- XI-E-2 Laboratory, Student, and Miscellaneous Fees for Academic Year 2025-2026.

- XI-E-3 First Quarter Personnel Reports 2025.
- XI-E-4 Spring 2025 Student Credit Hour and Enrollment Summary Report.
- XI-E-5 Current List of Professional Post-Baccalaureate Programs.
- XI-E-6 Proposal to pilot intersession courses beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-E-7 Report on the revised Bylaws of the Graduate College of the University of Nebraska.
- XI-E-8 Proposal to rename the Master of Science in IT Innovation to the Master of Science in Human Centered Computing offered by the School of Interdisciplinary Informatics in the College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-E-9 Annual Report of Six-Year Capital Plan.
- XI-E-10 Report of Bids and Contracts.
- XI-E-11 Quarterly Gifts, grants, contracts, bequests.
- XI-E-12 Quarterly Status of Capital Construction.
- XI-E-13 Deferred Maintenance Renewal Plan for 2026-30
- XI-E-14 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for faculty self-government organization at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC).
- XI-E-15 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for faculty self-government organization at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-E-16 Report on amendments to the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) College of Business Administration (CBA) Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.
- XI-E-17 Report on amendments to the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) bylaws for student self-government organization.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilkins 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 subjects:
- Outside Employment requests by certain faculty members
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 11:48 a.m.
The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Motion Moved by Clare, seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-3.

XI-A-3 Approve request for outside activity.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenney at 11:59 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 meet in a publicly convened session on Thursday, June 19, 2025 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 12, 2025

Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary
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