Lincoln, Nebraska
August 13, 2026

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 13, 2026, 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 120).

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 August 6, 2026.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Chair
Joel Makovicka
Robert Schafer
Jim Scheer, Vice Chair
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Paige Oltmans, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Kurt Schneider, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Allie Daro, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Aditi Rai, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:
Jeffrey P. Gold, President
David Jackson, Executive Vice President and Provost
Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary
Neal Schnoor, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
H. Dele Davies, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Katherine Ankerson, Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Tiffany Heng-Moss, Vice President (Special) and Harlan Vice Chancellor (Special) of IANR, UNL
Anne Barnes, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Bren Chambers, Vice President and General Counsel
Chris Kratochvil, 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 June 29, 2026**

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on June 29, 2026.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Daro, Schneider, Oltmans, Rai. Voting Aye: Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried.

IV. **PRESENTATIONS**

President Jeffrey P. Gold introduced to the public the 2026 President's Excellence Award winners as follows:

Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award:
- *Sajda Qureshi, Ph.D., Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis, UNO*
- *Jian Wang, Ph.D., Department of Mechanical and Material Engineering, UNL*

Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award:
- *Amy Duhachek-Stapelman, M.D., MEHP, Department of Anesthesiology, UNMC*

Faculty IP Innovation and Commercialization Award:
- *Benson Edagwa, Ph.D., Department of Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC*

Innovations in Student Success Award:
- *Department of Mathematics and Statistics, UNK*

University-wide Departmental Teaching Award:
- *Department of Computer Science, UNO*

V. **KUDOS**

Regent Oltmans presented a KUDOS award to Alex Zabel, Grounds Manager at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schneider presented a KUDOS award to Julia Peterson, Office Associate for the Department of Military Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Daro presented a KUDOS award to April Elker, an instructional designer in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Rai presented a KUDOS award to Denise Kjeldgaard, Director of Auxiliary Services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to Josh Goodsell, Senior Workstation Associate in Information Technology Services at the University of Nebraska System.

VI. **RESOLUTIONS**

VII. **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Gold shared an update on the University, highlighting the annual trip across Nebraska where he visited communities and met with Nebraska citizens and community leaders. He expanded on the stories and concerns they heard from each area and how those impact the University.

He highlighted the 2026 President's Excellence award winners and discussed how they exemplify the excellent staff we are proud to have across our University system. He discussed NRDC students who are tackling real world national security challenges in developing artificial intelligence tools and exploring cybersecurity options. He highlighted partnerships of the University such as the UNMC Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center partnering with Nebraska Extension to provide evidence-based cancer prevention and screening to more than 1,600 participants across 15 rural counties. He then touted the "A" grades that UNMC has earned in all three major categories, a feat that puts them among the top 4 percent in the country.

With school starting, he also highlighted the athletic departments at each of our three campuses and the successes they had in 2025 that we hope to improve upon in 2026. He then asked the attendees to participate in a moment of silence to honor two University leaders that have passed in the past two weeks, Mr. Don Leuenberger, a longtime UNMC CFO and Dr. Hal Maurer, UNMC's seventh and longest serving chancellor.

He concluded by discussing several important items before the Board, including the biennial budget request. He highlighted the importance of the state's support of the University to our students and the state as a whole, as well as the importance of working together to continue moving the University forward.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalya Ericksen addressed the Board regarding UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, and the University as a whole.

Joanna Moody addressed the Board regarding changes to campus infrastructure, specifically parking on the UNMC campus.

Anna Kosmach addressed the Board regarding student housing at UNMC.

Caroline Case addressed the Board regarding housing on campus.

Alexander Belashchenko addressed the Board regarding the new parking policy and changes to housing at UNMC.

Helen Moore addressed the Board regarding the Major for Ethnic Studies.

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

IX-A-2 Leave of Absence Due to Disability.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schneider, Oltmans, Rai, Daro. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.

X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Stark to approve items X-A-1 and X-A-2.

X-A-1 Approve the elimination of the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Ethnic Studies administered by the Institute of Ethnic Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

X-A-2 Approve the elimination of the Bachelor of Science in Insect Science administered by the former Department of Entomology in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Oltmans, Rai, Daro, Schneider. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Oltmans and seconded by Wilmot to approve items X-A-3 and X-A-4.

X-A-3 Approve the elimination of the Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Medical Nutrition Education administered by the College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

X-A-4 Approve the elimination of the Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Infectious Disease Epidemiology administered by the Department of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Rai, Daro, Schneider, Oltmans. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Schneider to approve items X-A-5 and X-A-6.

X-A-5 Approve the elimination of the Master of Arts in Physical Education Exercise Science administered by the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences in the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

X-A-6 Approve the elimination of the Master of Science in Long Term Care Management administered by the Department of Management in the College of Business and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Daro, Schneider, Oltmans, Rai. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.

Motion — Moved by Rai and seconded by Scheer to approve items X-A-7, X-A-8, X-A-9, X-A-10, X-A-11 and X-A-12.

X-A-7 — Approve the elimination of the Executive Business Analytics Graduate Certificate administered by the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-A-8 — Approve the elimination of the Master of Science in Industrial and Organizational Psychology administered by the Department of Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-A-9 — Approve the elimination of the Master of Science in Urban Studies administered by the School of Public Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-A-10 — Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science degrees in Statistics and Operations Research administered by the Department of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-A-11 — Approve the establishment of the Master of Science in Early Childhood Inclusive administered by the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-A-12 — Approve the establishment of a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Financial Planning to be administered by the Department of Finance, Banking, and Real Estate in the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Action — Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schneider, Oltmans, Rai, Daro. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Motion — Moved by Scheer and seconded by Stark to approve items X-B-1 and X-B-2.

X-B-1 — Approve the University of Nebraska System 2027-29 Biennial State Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

X-B-2 — Approve the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture's 2027-29 Biennial State Operating and Capital Budget Requests.

Action — Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Oltmans, Rai, Daro, Schneider. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz. Motion carried.

Motion — Moved by Clare and seconded by Rai to approve items X-B-3 and X-B-4.

X-B-3 — Approve the Addendum to the Agency Agreement between the Collegiate Licensing Company, LLC and Husker Athletics.

X-B-4 Approve Master Services Agreement, as amended, with Opendorse, Inc. for Husker Athletics.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Rai, Daro, Schneider, Oltmans. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Makovicka to approve item X-B-5.

X-B-5 Approve the Special Conditions related to a Revocable Permit between the University and USDA-ARS.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Daro, Schneider, Oltmans, Rai. Voting Aye: Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Wilmot, Clare. Abstaining: Weitz. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Stark to approve items X-B-6 and X-B-7.

X-B-6 Approve the execution of a standard Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) contract for the UNO Baseball and Softball Clubhouse.

X-B-7 Approve naming of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Training Facility, Howard L. Hawks Training Center.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schneider, Oltmans, Rai, Daro. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

Motion Moved by Schneider and seconded by Weitz to approve item X-C-1.

X-C-1 Approve updates to Board of Regents' Policy 5.9.1.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Oltmans, Rai, Daro, Schneider. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka. Voting Nay: Wilmot. Motion carried.

D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

E. REPORTS

X-E-1 Report on proposal to establish an expedited Graduate Certificate in World Language Teaching and Learning administered by the Department of Modern Languages and International Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

X-E-2 Report on proposal to rename the Master of Science in Agricultural and Biological Systems Engineering to Biological Systems Engineering administered by the Department of Biological Systems Engineering in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

X-E-3 Report on proposal to rename the Ph.D. in Biological Engineering to Biological Systems Engineering administered by the Department of Biological Systems Engineering in the

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

X-E-4 Report on proposal to establish an expedited Graduate Certificate in Mentoring and Instructional Coaching administered by the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-E-5 Report on proposal to establish an expedited Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) Teaching and Learning administered by the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-E-6 Report on the proposal to rename the Graduate Certificate in Systems Analysis and Design to Business Analysis and Systems Design, administered by the Department of Information Systems and Quantitative Analysis (ISQA) in the College of Information Science and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

X-E-7 First Quarter Personnel Reports.

X-E-8 Report on Bids and Contracts.

X-E-9 Report on naming of the student lounge in the newly constructed Glenn Korff School of Music building at UNL, the “Holling Hub”.

X-E-10 Report on naming of the classroom space located within the Scarlet Hotel at UNL, the “Elinor Kerrey Classroom”.

X-E-11 Report on proposed naming of rooms in the Douglas A. Kristensen Rural Health Education Complex (HSEC II) Building in honor of generous donations.

X-E-12 Report on Intermediate Design Review #3 (IDR-3) for the Big Red Rebuild Memorial Stadium Project and execution of a standard Guaranteed Maximum Price contract.

X-E-13 Report on Intermediate Design information for the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Athletics Baseball and Softball Clubhouse.

X-E-14 Report on the Corrected Six-Year Capital Plan.

X-E-15 Report on revisions to the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Medicine Bylaws of the Faculty.

X-E-16 Report on revisions to Bylaws of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Student Government Association.

X-E-17 Report on the University of Nebraska System Strategic Plan: Odyssey to Extraordinary Foundational Pillars and Strategic Priorities Update.

Chair Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Motion — Moved by Weitz and seconded by Schneider 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:

- Real Estate Transactions
- Other Transaction Negotiation

Action — Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Rai, Daro, Schneider, Oltmans. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer. Motion carried.

Chair Kenney declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

- Real Estate Transactions
- Other Transaction Negotiation

The Board went into closed session at 11:38 a.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 1:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenney at 1:34 p.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, August 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Internet stream is available at https://nebraska.edu.

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.

Any member of the public wishing to speak on an item not on the agenda during the Public Comment portion of the meeting must contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. The public may so contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary by leaving a voice mail message with his/her name and phone number at which he/she can be reached at 402-472-3906 or by e-mailing the same information to corpsec@nebraska.edu. Upon receipt of such notice, the Office of the Corporation Secretary will provide instruction on remote participation in this public meeting.

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: August 6, 2026

Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary
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