

Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 6, 2026

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 6, 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 82).

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 January 30, 2026.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Paul Kenney, Chair  
Joel Makovicka  
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  
Brock Calamari, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Drew Leisy, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Jeffrey P. Gold, President  
David Jackson, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost  
Katie Hoffman, Corporation Secretary  
Neal Schnoor, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Kathy Ankerson, Interim 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, 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 January 15, 2026**

Motion Moved by Calamari and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meetings on January 15, 2026.

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

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Senator John Arch, Speaker of the Legislature, shared an update on the 2026 Legislative Session.

Regent Rob Schafer presented the National Champion of Science Award to Senator Deb Fischer.

**V. KUDOS**

**Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Tamara Omtvedt**, Enrollment and Marketing Management Specialist at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Wilkins presented a KUDOS award to Dana Abu Swailem**, Business Systems Analyst at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Calamari presented a KUDOS award to Carmen Sirizzotti**, Associate Director in Human Resources and Title IX coordinator at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Leisy presented a KUDOS award to Casey Wells**, Event Coordinator for the Office of Spirit, Tradition, and Signature Events at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

None.

**VII. HEARINGS**

None

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Regent Clare moved to suspend the rules for purposes of taking the agenda out of order. Hearing no objection, Chair Kenney allowed the motion via unanimous consent.

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Schroeder 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

- Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.

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

- Real Estate Transactions
- Honorary Degrees and Awards

The Board went into closed session at 9:41 a.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:12 a.m.

### **VIII. PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Gold shared an update on the University, thanking Senators Arch and Fischer for their continued work for Nebraska and Partnership with the University of Nebraska. He welcomed the newest Regent, Joel Makovicka, appointed by Governor Pillen on February 3, 2026. He discussed the financial situation and budgeting process that is ongoing within the University system. He introduced members from the 2025-27 NU DEAL Cohort and allowed recognition by the audience. He further recognized both Dr. James Schnable and Mathias Schubert for their recent awards and their continued contributions to the University, the state of Nebraska and their respective fields.

### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Shrader addressed the Board opposing proposed changes to Standing Rule 5.1.1.

### **X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Stark to approve all Consent items.

#### **A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

X-A-1 President’s Personnel Recommendations.

#### **B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

X-B-1 Approval of process with respect to debt obligations.

#### **C. EXECUTIVE**

X-C-1 Approve amendments to Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee Charter.

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

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Scheer to approve items XI-A-2, XI-A-3 and XI-A-4
- XI-A-2 Approve the elimination of the Bachelor of Arts in Art History at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-3 Approve the elimination of the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-4 Approve the elimination of the Center for Innovation in Arts Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Leisy and seconded by Clare to approve items XI-A-5, XI-A-6, XI-A-7, XI-A-8, XI-A-9, XI-A-10, XI-A-11, XI-A-12 and XI-A-13
- XI-A-5 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Accounting Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-6 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Entrepreneurship Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-7 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Finance Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-8 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Human Resources Management Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-9 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Logistics Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-10 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Management Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-11 Approve the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Marketing Major at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-12 Approve the establishment of the Undergraduate Certificate in Integrated Leadership at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-A-13 Approve the establishment of the Undergraduate Certificate in Operational Leadership at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried

- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-1
- XI-A-1 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark. Motion carried

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

- Action Regent Wilmot requested that items XI-B-1 and XI-B-2 be heard separately. Hearing no objection, Chair Kenney allowed.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to consider separately and approve item XI-B-1.
- XI-B-1 Approve the Prime Supplier agreements for Food and Related Items at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln (UNL).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz. Motion carried
- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-2.
- XI-B-2 Approve the Banking Services License Agreement between UNL and Union Bank and Trust Company.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot. Abstaining: Clare. Motion carried
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Scheer to approve items XI-B-3 and XI-B-4.
- XI-B-3 Approve the naming of a Minor Facility at the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.
- XI-B-4 Approve the Property Management Agreement for UNMC Residences.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Leisy and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-5.
- XI-B-5 Approve intermediate design information for the Biomechanics Research Building Phase 3 Addition at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO); approve project budget revision and execution of a standard form Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.

**C. EXECUTIVE**

- Motion Moved by Calamari and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-C-1.

- XI-C-1 Approve the Board of Regents calendar for 2026-27 per Bylaw 1.4.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-C-2.
- XI-C-2 Approve the updates to Regents' Policies Chapters 1-3.
- Action. Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Leisy, Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Leisy and seconded by Calamari to approve item XI-C-3.
- XI-C-3 Approve Amendments to Section 1.3.2 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Friendly amendment offered by President Gold and accepted by Leisy and Calamari – the change to 1.3.2 should now read:
- The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, the Chair of Business and Finance Committee, and two student regents, both appointed by the Chairperson. Another elected Regent may be selected by the Chairperson if the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson also serves as chair of one of the above two committees. The elected Regent appointed by the Board Chairperson may not be reappointed to a second consecutive term.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Calamari, Wilkins, Schroeder, Leisy. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Leisy to approve item XI-C-4.
- XI-C-4 Approve addition of Section 1.2.1 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Wilkins, Leisy, Calamari. Voting Nay: Schroeder. Voting Aye: Weitz and Stark. Voting Nay: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Schafer, Scheer. Abstaining: Makovicka. Motion failed.

**D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- XI-D-1 Proposed changes to BOR bylaw 6.8 to clarify the University's responsibilities regarding defense and indemnification of members of the Board, University Officers, Employees, and Students in Training.
- XI-D-2 Proposed changes to BOR Standing Rule 5.1.1.

**E. REPORTS**

- XI-E-1 Third Quarter Personnel Reports.

- XI-E-2 Annual Tenure Density Report.
- XI-E-3 Campus Tuition Variances Report.
- XI-E-4 Report on the Audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities.
- XI-E-5 Report on Engagement Letter Amendment #3 to the Engagement Letter dated September 30, 2019, with insurance broker Aon Risk Services Central, Inc.
- XI-E-6 Report on the License and Royalty Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group, LLC regarding Husker Athletics retail team stores and online/e-commerce retail store.
- XI-E-7 Report on Naming of the new housing facility at the West Central Research, Extension, and Education Center (WCREEC) at UNL, the “Don and Gloria Clanton House.”
- XI-E-8 Report on Naming of the teaching prairie on UNL’s East Campus, to the “Stock Family Teaching Prairie.”
- XI-E-9 Report on Capital Improvement Reserves Use Summary.
- XI-E-10 Report of Bids and Contracts University of Nebraska.
- XI-E-11 Report on Quarterly Gifts, Grants, Contracts, and Bequests.
- XI-E-12 Report on renaming of the Nebraska University Center for Information Assurance (NUCIA) to the University of Nebraska Center for Cybersecurity (Nebraska Cyber) in the School of Interdisciplinary Informatics within the College of Information Science & Technology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).
- XI-E-13 Performance-Based Metrics upon which Performance-Based Merit Pay to President Gold shall be based for FY2025-26.

Chair Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenney at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Hoffman  
Corporation Secretary

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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 Friday, February 6, 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>.

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Dated: January 30, 2026

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



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