

Kearney, Nebraska
October 9, 2026

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2204 University Drive, Kearney, 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 138).

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 October 2, 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
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 September 25, 2026

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Schneider to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on September 25, 2026.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Chancellor Neal Schnoor provided the Board with an update on happenings at UNK, Building a Stronger Future for Nebraska. He was joined by the following colleagues:

- *Brooke Envick, Dean of the College of Business & Technology*
- *Sydney Owen, UNK Student*
- *Tony Eitzmann, Audit Partner with Eide Bailly, LLC*

University of Nebraska, Medical Center Campus: Transplant Team provided the Board and visitors with an update on the transplant team, their success and their future endeavors:

- *Alan N. Langnas, D.O., FACS, Chief of UNMC's Division of Transplant Surgery*
- *Bill Koile, MBA, M.S., Director of Solid Organ Transplant and Medical Specialties*

V. KUDOS

Regent Oltmans presented a KUDOS award to Cindy Zimbleman, Office Associate for the Police Department at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Schneider presented a KUDOS award to Tiffani Hix, Director of the Research Project Management Office at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Daro presented a KUDOS award to Shay Powers, Video & Access System Supervisor for Public Safety at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Rai presented a KUDOS award to Jesse McBee, Operations Manager for the School of Music at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

VII. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Gold shared an update on the University, highlighting the Board's visit from the prior day at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He highlighted the new Loper Flight Academy and plans for the future of Bruner Hall. He noted that it was particularly meaningful to see the new Health Sciences Education Complex II completed and in use by students, faculty and staff. In the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings, UNK was once again recognized among the Midwest's top public regional universities and best values. UNK ranks No. 7 among public regional universities in the Midwest and No. 27 overall in the category. It has now ranked among the Midwest's top public regional

universities for 19 consecutive years, which speaks to the campus’s sustained record of excellence.

He thanked Dr. Alan Langnas and team recognizing that UNMC has been a leader in both bone marrow and solid organ transplantation for decades. Countless lives have been saved and transformed because of the expertise, innovation and extraordinary care of our physicians, nurses, researchers and health care professionals. Their work exemplifies what academic medicine means for the people of Nebraska, both now and for thousands of individuals and their families in the years and generations to come.

President Gold outlined the revised Program Statement for Project Health, emphasizing the project's importance to the state and the benefits it will provide. He also reminded everyone that last month, the Board approved a new governance structure for Nebraska Medicine, adding the Omaha Community Foundation as a governing member alongside the University of Nebraska. In September, the Board approved four individuals to represent the university on the Nebraska Medicine Board. And on October 1, we officially closed on that new structure.

Earlier this week, representatives from the Higher Learning Commission visited the Lincoln and Medical Center campuses as part of the follow-up to the joint accreditation approved earlier this year. During the visit, HLC representatives met with faculty and staff and discussed topics including experiential learning, statewide partnerships and engagement, and stewardship of resources. President Gold characterized the visit as an early progress check conducted by the University's academic accrediting body, the Higher Learning Commission.

The same momentum is being seen at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Last month, UNO celebrated the groundbreaking of two new athletics facilities — the Howard L. Hawks Training Center and the Maverick Park Clubhouse — representing a \$67.5 million privately funded investment in Omaha Athletics and the student-athlete experience. The new training center also honors the legacy of Regent Emeritus Howard Hawks, whose leadership, service and commitment to this university continue to make a lasting impact.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mady Kramer addressed the Board regarding campus climate at UNK.

Caleb Rother addressed the Board regarding the success of our undergraduate research programs, specifically URF and INBRE programs and the opportunities they have provided him and other UNK students.

Tami Moore addressed the Board regarding changes to the Family Science Program, Department of Counseling, School Psychology and Family Science.

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| Motion | Regent Makovicka made a motion to suspend the rules and take the agenda out of order. He requested Closed Session immediately. Seconded by Clare. |
| Action | Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schneider, Oltmans, Rai, Daro. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Voting Nay: Schafer. Motion carried. |

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Motion Moved by Makovicka and seconded by Clare 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:

Strategy session with respect to personnel matters and evaluation of staff members of the University.

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

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

- Strategy session with respect to personnel matters and evaluation of staff members of the University.

The Board went into closed session at 10:23 a.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Motion Regent Schafer made a motion to suspend the rules and take the agenda out of order. Seconded by Schneider.

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

X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

C. EXECUTIVE

Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Wilmot to approve item X-C-2.

X-C-2 Approve the First Amendment to the Contract of Employment of Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., as President of the University of Nebraska by extending the term of the Contract to June 30, 2032.

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

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Schneider to approve all Consent items.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

IX-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations.

IX-A-2 Approval to award degrees and certificates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year, including Summer Sessions 2027, for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA), University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK), University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), and the University of Nebraska, including the Lincoln and Medical Center campuses.

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

X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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

X-A-1 Approve the proposal to name the Franchising Program in the Center for Entrepreneurship as the Hogan Franchise Leadership Program in the College of Business on the Lincoln campus (UNL), University of Nebraska.

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

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Daro to approve item X-A-2.

X-A-2 Approve the proposal to eliminate the Genome Editing and Education Center – Nebraska (GEEC-NE) in the College of Medicine on the Medical Center campus (UNMC), University of Nebraska.

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 Schafer to approve item X-A-3.

X-A-3 Approve the proposal to rename the Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management to the Bachelor of Science in Sport Management, and change the administrative home from the Department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences in the College of Education to the Department of Marketing, Agribusiness and Supply Chain 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: Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare. Motion carried.

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

X-B-1 Approve changing the delivery method for the Morrill Hall renovation of the Elephant Hall project on the Lincoln campus (UNL), University of Nebraska.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schneider, Oltmans, Rai, Daro. Voting Aye: Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Daro to approve item X-B-2.
- X-B-2 Approve the revised Program Statement for Project Health at the University of Nebraska, Medical Center campus.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Oltmans, Rai, Daro, Schneider. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Rai and seconded by Schneider to approve item X-B-3.
- X-B-3 Approve the intermediate design information for the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Athletics Howard L. Hawks Training Center and the execution of a standard form Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Rai, Daro, Schneider, Oltmans. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Schneider to approve item X-C-1.
- X-C-1 Approve the proposed Designated Representative for the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to the Nebraska Medicine Board.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Daro, Schneider, Oltmans, Rai. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, Makovicka, Schafer, Scheer. Motion carried.

D. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

E. REPORTS

- X-E-1 Report on revisions to the mission statement for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.
- X-E-2 Report on proposal to adopt the name for the new School of Agricultural Social Sciences and Analytics in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on the Lincoln campus (UNL), University of Nebraska.
- X-E-3 Report on proposal to adopt the name for the new School of Plant Health and Insect Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on the Lincoln campus (UNL), University of Nebraska.
- X-E-4 Second Quarter Personnel Reports (April, May, June 2026), Annual Personnel Reports, and Corrected First Quarter Personnel Report (January, February, March 2026) for the Lincoln campus (UNL), University of Nebraska.
- X-E-5 Report on annual Leaves of Absence approved during FY 2025-2026.

- X-E-6 Report on the Periodic Review of Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service.
- X-E-7 Report on Bids and Contracts.
- X-E-8 Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts, and Bequests.
- X-E-9 Report of Technology and IP Transactions for the University of Nebraska, Lincoln campus (UNL).
- X-E-10 Report of Annual UNeMed Licenses and Options Executed.
- X-E-11 Report on property, excess liability, and student health insurance policy renewals for policy year 2026-2027.
- X-E-12 Quarterly report on the status of Capital Construction Projects.

Chair Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kenney at 11:46 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 Friday, October 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Regional Engagement Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, 2204 University Drive, Kearney, 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 voicemail message with his/her name and phone number at which he/she can be reached at 402-472-3906 or by emailing 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: October 2, 2026

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



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