The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on January 24, 2014, at 10:15 a.m. in the board room 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 advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1.

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 13, 2014.

Regents present:
Timothy F. Clare
Hal Daub
Howard Hawks, Chair
Bob Phares, Vice Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schaffer
Kent Schroeder
Bob Whitehouse
Krupa Savalia, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Martha Spangler, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Moses Moxey, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Eric Reznicek, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University officials present:
James B. Milliken, President
Susan M. Fritz, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, UNO
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, UNK
Harold M. Maurer, Chancellor, UNMC
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, UNL
David E. Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Sharon R. Stephan, Vice President for University Affairs
Ronnie D. Green, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 10:15 a.m. in the Board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska on January 24, 2014. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion
Moved by Phares and seconded by Schaffer to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on November 14, 2013 and the emergency meeting on November 29, 2013.

Action

Chairman Clare announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.
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IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to nominate Regent Hawks for the position of Chairman of the Board. There being no further nominations, Chairman Clare declared nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.


Action Regent Hawks was elected as Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Hawks recognized Regent Clare’s past service as Chairman of the Board.

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to nominate Regent Phares for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. There being no further nominations, Chairman Hawks declared the nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.


Action Regent Phares was elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Hawks welcomed Krupa Savalia, the newly-elected University of Nebraska Medical Center student regent.

V. KUDOS

Regent Spangler presented a KUDOS award to Jean Jacobson, collection coordinator and office associate at the Museum of Nebraska Art at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Pillen presented a KUDOS award to Linda Major, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs and director of the Center for Civic Engagement at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Amber Brannigan, inventory operations and building key manager at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Daub presented a KUDOS award to David Sample, facilities operator in maintenance and utility services at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Schroeder presented a KUDOS award to Judy Anderson, accreditation coordinator for the Foundation for Accreditation of Cellular Therapy (FACT) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND RECOGNITION

Regent Hawks presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Dr. Harold Maurer has served at the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1993, first as dean of the College of Medicine and as chancellor since 1998; and

WHEREAS, as dean, Dr. Maurer raised academic standards for medical student graduation, expanded primary care residencies in Omaha and Lincoln and added residencies in North Platte and Scottsbluff, and led negotiations to join Clarkson and University Hospitals to form the Nebraska Health Systems, now known as The Nebraska Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, as chancellor, Dr. Maurer has articulated a new vision and strategy for UNMC to become a world-renowned health sciences center serving people across Nebraska and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Maurer has played a leading role in raising well over $400 million for construction of new facilities at UNMC which have helped build academic programs and attract outstanding faculty and students, including the Durham Research Center;
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Centers I and II, the Sorrell Center for Health Science Education, the Center for Nursing Science, the Home Instead Center for Successful Aging, the College of Public Health, the Truhlsen Eye Institute, the College of Nursing Norfolk division, a new facility for the College of Pharmacy, a new student plaza and ice skating rink, and the Fred and Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, which will transform cancer care and research in Nebraska and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Maurer has led UNMC’s research enterprise to new heights, with extramural research grant support growing from $30 million to $115 million; and

WHEREAS, student enrollment under Chancellor Maurer’s leadership has grown from 3,000 to a record of nearly 3,700; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Maurer has expanded UNMC’s global reach and reputation by initiating health collaborations in China, India, Moscow and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Maurer has developed new programs at UNMC that are expanding opportunities for students and meeting critical workforce demands, including those in regenerative medicine, nanomedicine, drug delivery, bioterrorism preparedness, emergency medicine, heart failure and transplantation, and robotic surgery; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Maurer has graciously served beyond the date at which he originally planned to step down, in order to ensure consistent leadership and momentum for UNMC as a new chancellor transitions into the role;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Chancellor Maurer for his many years of service to the University of Nebraska, and extends its best wishes to him as he moves to a new role at the University of Nebraska Foundation that will continue to benefit the university and the people of Nebraska.

Regent Whitehouse presented the following resolution

WHEREAS, Sharon Stephan has served at the University of Nebraska since 2001, initially as the first director of marketing for University Administration and now as vice president for university affairs; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has had a long and distinguished career in marketing and communications, including roles as vice president at Colle+McVoy, director of public relations at Smith Kline Beecham and the Nebraska State Bar Association, adjunct professor in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and ownership of her own public relations consulting firm; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has cared deeply about and invested significant time and energy into managing and enhancing the reputation of the University of Nebraska, providing wise counsel on communication strategy to her colleagues across the university and bringing creativity, humor and a strategic focus to the university’s efforts to position itself with policymakers, opinion leaders, alumni, donors, students and other key constituent groups; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has brought a new level of energy, focus and creativity to important university-wide initiatives such as Collegebound Nebraska and the University of Nebraska Online Worldwide, which are fulfilling the university’s most important mission to expand access to education to more students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon’s advice, leadership and friendship will be missed by her colleagues in the President’s Office and on each of the campuses;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Sharon Stephan for her years of service to the University of Nebraska, and wishes her and Ken a long and happy retirement filled with time with their grandchildren, golf, travel and all the things that they enjoy.

The resolutions were accepted by acclamation
The Board of Regents recognized Ron Withem, Senior Associate Vice President and Director of Government Relations, as recipient of the 2013 Marvin D. “Swede” Johnson Achievement Award for extraordinary achievement in state relations and institutional advocacy to governors, state legislators and other policymakers.

The Board of Regents recognized David Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance/CFO, who was awarded the 2013 Outstanding CPA in Business and Industry Award by the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants.

VII. HEARINGS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke on the subject of merging the Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering and the Department of Electrical Engineering:

1. Professor Bing Chen [See the Documents file for a copy of the handout distributed by Professor Chen]
2. Dr. Meredith Bacon
3. Dr. Harrison Means
4. Dr. Rigoberto Guevara
5. Mr. John Smith
6. Ms. Sara Doghman

IX. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Pillen to approve items IX-A-1 and IX-B-1

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

IX-A-1 The President’s Personnel Recommendation

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

IX-B-1 Accept the University of Nebraska at Omaha Facilities Development Plan Update


X. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to approve item X-A-1

X-A-1 Approval is requested to dissolve the merger agreement between the Department of Criminal Justice and the Social Work programs in the College of Natural and Social Sciences at the University of Nebraska at Kearney


Motion Moved by Schroder and seconded by Whitehouse to approve item X-A-2

X-A-2 Approval is requested to merge and rename the Journalism and Broadcasting majors into the Journalism and Media major in the School of Communication in the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media at the University of Nebraska at Omaha
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Action


X-A-3

Action on item X-A-3 was deferred until after the opportunity for a closed session

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska

Motion

Moved by Daub and seconded by Clare to approve item X-B-1

X-B-1

Accept the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities

Action


Motion

Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare to approve item X-B-2

X-B-2

Approve an agreement between the University of Nebraska Foundation and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for the purchase of the property located at 14th and Military Road

There was discussion

Action


University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion

Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve item X-B-3

X-B-3

Approve the Resolution relating to the Centralized Renewable Energy System (CRES) Project at the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus which (1) approves the issuance of not to exceed $6,500,000 principal amount of taxable Bonds, Series 2014 by Nebraska Utility Corporation (NUCorp) pursuant to a Bond Resolution, and (2) authorizes the execution and delivery of an Energy Services Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, a Tax Compliance Agreement, an Inducement Letter and a Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the sale of such Bonds, (3) authorizes the sale of such Bonds at a negotiated sale or private placement pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement and authorizes the Senior Vice President | CFO to determine interest rates (not to exceed a gross true interest cost of 6.00%, prior to any applicable federal subsidies), principal amounts, principal maturities and redemption provisions of such Bonds, and (4) approves the preparation and use of a final Official Statement

There was discussion

Action


Motion

Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-4

X-B-4

Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the Breslow Ice Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Motion to Table

Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schafer to table item X-B-4

Action on Motion to Table


Motion

Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-5
X-B-5 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the Behlen Laboratory Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action


Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Moxey to approve item X-B-6

X-B-6 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for the Manter Hall Renovation at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Action


Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Schroeder to approve item X-B-7

X-B-7 Approve the Program Statement and Budget for Love North Learning Commons at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion

Action


Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Pillen to approve item X-B-8

X-B-8 Accept a dedication from Nebraska Nova LLC of the “fiber hotel” structure and related improvements located on the Nebraska Innovation Campus

Action


Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to approve item X-B-9

X-B-9 Approve the project budget for replacing the sound system within Memorial Stadium and installing Wifi

There was discussion

Motion to Table Moved by Schafer and seconded by Pillen to table item X-B-9

Action on Motion to Table


Action on original Motion


Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Daub to approve item X-B-10

X-B-10 Approve the Technology Commercialization Services Agreement with NUTech Ventures

Action


Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-11

X-B-11 Approve the selection of RDG Planning and Design to provide design services for the Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

There was discussion
Action  

Motion  
Moved by Phares and seconded by Schroeder to approve item X-B-12

X-B-12  
Approve the naming of the Nebraska Indoor Tennis Facility the “Sid and Hazel Dillon Tennis Center”

Action  

Motion  
Moved by Phares and seconded by Schroeder to approve items X-B-13, X-B-14, and X-B-15

University of Nebraska at Kearney  
X-B-13  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the Academic Year 2014-15 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

University of Nebraska at Omaha  
X-B-14  
Approve the Room Rates for Scott Village, Scott Court, Maverick Village and University Village for the 2014-15 Academic Year at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture  
X-B-15  
Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2014-15 Academic Year at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

There was discussion

Action  

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Motion  
Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item X-B-16

X-B-16  
Approve changing the name of the existing College of Pharmacy building to the “Joseph D. & Milie E. Williams Science Hall” and name the two auditoriums to be constructed in the Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education and Center for Drug Discovery building on the UNMC campus for Joe and Millie Williams

Action  

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

X-C-1  
University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

X-C-2  
University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures

X-C-3  
Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures

X-C-4  
University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

X-C-5  
Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

D. REPORTS

X-D-1  
Quarterly Personnel Report

X-D-2  
Tenure Density report

X-D-3  
Fall 2013 Tuition Variance
Revisions to rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government organizations: Revisions to the Student Government Constitution and Bylaws at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Renaming the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Journalism to the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Communication in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Renaming the Speech major to the Communication Studies major in the School of Communication in the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Intermediate Design Report – UNL Tennis and Soccer Complex


Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests

Report of bids and contracts

Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for Academic Year 2014-2015 Academic Year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Naming of University Village at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Naming of Eastside Suites at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Naming of Don and Nancy Bouc Family Court at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Naming of Room 115 in Nebraska Hall at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Naming of areas in Mammel Hall at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Chairman Hawks accepted the reports

XI. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Closed Session

Motion

Moved by Schafer and seconded by Daub that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 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:

(a) Honorary Degrees;
(b) Strategy session with respect to litigation;
(c) Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
(d) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University.

Chairman Hawks declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of:

(a) Honorary Degrees;
(b) Strategy session with respect to litigation;
(c) Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
(d) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University.

Action

The Board went into closed session at 12:48 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Daub and seconded by Clare to approve item X-A-3

X-A-3

Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hawks at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

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Howard L. Hawks
Chairman of the Board