The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on October 9, 2015, at 9:53 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 notices, copies of which are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

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 as follows: September 28, 2015, a notice containing Amendments to the Board of Regents Bylaws Chapter IV was sent to the above groups and posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall; October 1, 2015, a notice of this meeting was sent to the above groups and posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare
Hal Daub
Howard Hawks
Bob Phares, Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Kent Schroeder, Vice Chair
Bob Whitehouse
Andrew Shaw, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Evan Calhoun, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Thien Chau, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Brock Lewis, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:
Hank M. Bounds, President
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
Jeffrey P. Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Harvey S. Perlman, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
David E. Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Ronn K. Green, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Matthew C. Hammons, Interim Vice President for University Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board convened at 9:53 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska on October 9, 2015. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion
Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2015.

Action

Chairman Phares announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.
IV. KUDOS

Regent Shaw presented a KUDOS award to Susan Deiger, Office Associate for the University of Nebraska at Kearney Theatre Program in the Department of Music and Performing Arts.

Regent Daub presented a KUDOS award to Vanessa Rath, Parking and Transit Manager at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Regent Callhoun presented a KUDOS award to Priscilla Phillips, Administrator in the Cardiology Division within the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Whitehouse presented a KUDOS award to Tonda Humphress, Programs Coordinator in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

V. RESOLUTIONS

None

VI. HEARINGS

Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, Chapter IV, related to Rights and Responsibilities of Professional Staff

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Hawks to approve items VIII-A-1, VIII-A-2, VIII-A-3, VIII-A-4, and VIII-B-1

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

VIII-A-1 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2015-2016 academic year and 2016 summer sessions at the University of at Kearney

VIII-A-2 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2015-2016 academic year and 2016 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

VIII-A-3 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2015-2016 academic year and 2016 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

VIII-A-4 Approval to Award Degrees and Certificates for the 2015-2016 academic year and 2016 summer sessions at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska Medical Center

VIII-B-1 Approve the appointment of Howard W. Buffett and Ken Cook to the Med Center Development Corporation


IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-A-1
IX-A-1

Approve Amendments to the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, Chapter IV, related to Rights and Responsibilities of Professional Staff, “Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment” in the following paragraphs of Sections 4.3(1), 4.4 (4.4.1), 4.8, 4.9, and 4.14 (4.14.2(b), 4.14.2(b)(2), and 4.14.2(h)):

4.3 **Appointments: Apportionment of Faculty Responsibilities; Stated in Writing.** (a) Every appointment by the University to a position as defined in Section 3.1.1.1 of these *Bylaws* shall be in writing and signed by the Board or its authorized agent. The writing shall contain the following, and may contain additional mutually agreed upon terms:

(1) Identification of the type of appointment, either a “Special Appointment,” an “Appointment for a Specific Term,” “Continuous Appointment,” or a “Health Professions Faculty Appointment,” or a "Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment" as defined in Sections 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3, and 4.4.7, and 4.4.8 of these *Bylaws*.

4.4 **Types of Appointments: Professional Staff.** (as defined in Section 3.1.1)

4.4.1 **Special Appointments.** Appointments to (a) all administrative and non-faculty professional staff positions, and (b) all appointments to faculty positions that are not “Appointments for a Specific Term,” “Health Professions Faculty Appointments,” “Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointments,” or “Continuous Appointments” shall be “Special Appointments.” The following types of faculty appointments shall be filled by Special Appointment only: (1) temporary appointments, (2) appointments to part-time positions, (3) appointments for less than one academic year in any rank, (4) courtesy appointments, (5) appointments to volunteer status, (6) annual appointments beyond retirement age, (7) appointments to the rank of instructor, assistant instructor, lecturer, or senior lecturer (8) appointments to ranks preceded by the designation “visiting,” and (9) appointments supported by funds over which the University does not have control or which the University cannot reasonably expect to continue indefinitely, provided, that the total period of full-time service on a faculty Special Appointment in the rank of instructor shall not exceed seven years.

4.8 **Termination of an “Appointment for a Specific Term,” or “Health Professions Faculty Appointment” or “Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment” at Expiration of the Stated Term; Rights of the Appointee.** When the University notifies a person holding an Appointment for a Specific Term, or a Health Professions Faculty Appointment, or a Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment, that his or her appointment will not be renewed at the expiration of the term stated, the appointee shall:

(a) Have the opportunity to request a reconsideration by any individual or group making a recommendation or decision not to renew such an appointment and to offer evidence for that reconsideration.

(b) Have the right to petition the Grievance Committee, if one is established at his or her major administrative unit pursuant to Section 4.13.1, and upon such petitioning shall have the rights provided by Section 4.13.2.

4.9 **Termination of an “Appointment for a Specific Term,” or a “Health Professions Faculty Appointment” or a “Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment” Prior to Expiration of the Stated Term; Reasons; Rights of the Appointee.** An Appointment for a Specific Term, or a Health Professions Faculty Appointment, or Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment may be terminated prior to the expiration of its term only for the reasons stated in Section 4.11, and before such termination the appointee shall have the rights specified in Section 4.14.2.
4.14 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.

4.14.2 Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee: Powers; Rules of Procedure. The Committee established by Section 4.14.1 shall have the following powers and rules of procedure:

(b) The Committee shall consider a complaint filed against any member of the faculty seeking to terminate his or her Continuous Appointment, his or her Appointment for a Specific Term prior to the termination date stated in the appointment, or his or her Special Appointment as a faculty member prior to its termination date, or his or her Health Professions Faculty Appointment, or his or her Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment prior to the end of its stated term.

(1) The Board, or the President, shall have the authority to direct that proceedings under this subsection be instituted in the manner herein provided.

(2) Any Chancellor, director, or department chair, any Grievance Committee, or Professional Conduct Committee believing that there is reasonable cause to terminate a Continuous Appointment, an Appointment for a Specific Term, a Health Professions Faculty Appointment, or a Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment prior to the end of its stated term, shall certify his, her or its conclusion to that effect to the President, who shall determine if the complaint has sufficient merit to warrant investigation. (i) In cases where the grounds for termination of a Continuous Appointment or an Appointment for a Specific Term are based in whole or in part on questions of professional competence, no such certification shall be made until the tenured members of the faculty member’s school, division or department, or college in the absence of smaller units, have been consulted on the issues involving professional competence. Such consultation shall be effected through the appropriate administrator (department chair, school or division director, or dean) calling on fourteen (14) days’ notice a meeting of the tenured faculty of the unit for the specific purpose of discussing the faculty member’s professional competence. Votes on substantive matters relating to the faculty member’s professional competence shall be by secret ballot. The report of such meeting, in the form of approved minutes containing a summary of the matters discussed and the votes taken, shall be forwarded by the administrator to the Chancellor for transmission to the President. In cases where the grounds for termination of an appointment are based in whole or in part on questions of professional competence, no such certification shall be made until the tenured members of the faculty member’s school, division or department, or college in the absence of smaller units, have been consulted on the issues involving professional competence. Such consultation shall be effected through the appropriate administrator (department chair, school or division director, or dean) calling on fourteen (14) days’ notice a meeting of the tenured faculty of the unit for the specific purpose of discussing the faculty member’s professional competence. Votes on substantive matters relating to the faculty member’s professional competence shall be by secret ballot. The report of such meeting, in the form of approved minutes containing a summary of the matters discussed and the votes taken, shall be forwarded by the administrator to the Chancellor for transmission to the President. (ii) In cases where the grounds for termination of a UNMC Health Professions Faculty Appointment, or a UNL Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment are based in whole or in part on questions of professional competence, no such certification shall be made until the tenured members of the faculty member’s school, division or department, or college in the absence of smaller units, have been consulted on the issues involving professional competence. Such consultation shall be effected through the appropriate administrator (department chair, school or division director, or dean) calling on fourteen (14) days’ notice a meeting of the tenured faculty of the unit for the specific purpose of discussing the faculty member’s professional competence. Votes on substantive matters relating to the faculty member’s professional competence shall be by secret ballot. The report of such meeting, in the form of approved minutes containing a summary of the matters discussed and the votes taken, shall be forwarded by the administrator to the Chancellor for transmission to the President.
(department chair, school or division director, or dean) calling on fourteen (14) days’ notice a meeting of the eligible consulting faculty of the unit for the specific purpose of discussing the faculty member’s professional competence. Votes on substantive matters relating to the faculty member’s professional competence shall be by secret ballot. The report of such meeting, in the form of approved minutes containing a summary of the matters discussed and the votes taken, shall be forwarded by the administrator to the Chancellor for transmission to the President.

(h) In all proceedings before the Committee in which the termination of a Continuous Appointment, the termination of an Appointment for a Specific Term prior to its stated termination date, the termination of a Special Appointment as a faculty member prior to its termination date, or the termination of a Health Professions Faculty Appointment or a Faculty Practice and Faculty Research Appointment prior to its stated termination date are in issue, the University shall have the burden of proving adequate cause for the termination by a preponderance the greater weight of the evidence.

Action

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-A-2

IX-A-2
Approval is requested to discontinue the Early Childhood Auditory Oral Education for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Graduate Certificate in the Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders in the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Action

Motion
Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Pillen to approve item IX-A-3

IX-A-3
Approval is requested to create an Agricultural Chemical Application undergraduate certificate within the Agriculture Production Systems Division at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

There was discussion

Action

Motion
Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-A-4

IX-A-4
Approval is requested to create an Agricultural Welding undergraduate certificate within the Agriculture Production Systems Division at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Action

Motion
Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-A-5

IX-A-5
Approval is requested to create a Software Quality Assurance (SQA) undergraduate certificate in the Department of Marketing and Management Information Systems in the College of Business and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action

Motion
Moved by Hawks and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-A-6
Approval is requested to integrate six University of Nebraska Medical Center PhD-granting programs in the College of Medicine into one PhD training program creating the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences (IGPBS) with six subprograms.

Action


B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item IX-B-1

IX-B-1

Approve the attached Resolution relating to the Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Project at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln which (1) approves the issuance of not to exceed $18,500,000 principal amount of Nebraska Veterinary Diagnostic Center Bonds by The University of Nebraska Facilities Corporation pursuant to a Bond Resolution, and (2) authorizes the execution and delivery of a Financing Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, 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 pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement and authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to determine interest rates (not to exceed a true interest cost of 2.2%), 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 Daub to approve item IX-B-2

IX-B-2

Approve the Program Statement for the Library Depository Retrieval Facility Addition at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

There was discussion.

Action


Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-3

IX-B-3

Approve acceptance of a gift from ConAgra Foods, Inc. of equipment for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Food Sciences and Technology and to The Food Processing Center.

There was discussion.

Action


Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Daub to approve item IX-B-4

IX-B-4

Approve the revised Board of Regents Policy 2.7.3 UNL University Health Center Governing Board

RP-2.7.3 UNL University Health Center Governing Board

A Governing Board is established for the University Health Center on the UNL campus with the following powers and responsibilities:
1. To grant, suspend, and remove medical staff privileges at the University Health Center.

2. To provide executive oversight of the quality assurance programs and processes of the University Health Center.

3. To advise the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding long-range planning and general administration of the University Health Center with the goal of assuring that the health maintenance needs of UNL students are met effectively and efficiently.

4. To approve medical staff bylaws and amendments thereto.

5. To perform executive oversight of medical staff bylaw implementation.

6. To serve as the appeals board for decisions rendered under the medical staff bylaws.

1. To serve as an advisor for the Nebraska Medicine leadership.

2. To advise the UNL Chancellor and the UNL Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs as well as the UNMC Chancellor and Nebraska Medicine leadership regarding:
   a. long-range planning and general administration of the University Health Center with the goal of assuring that the health needs of the UNL community are met effectively and efficiently;
   b. executive oversight of the quality and service programs and processes of the University Health Center; and
   c. the University Health Center’s annual operating budget.

The governing board shall be comprised of the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs of UNL, the Director of the University Health Center, the Medical Director of the University Health Center, the Chairperson of the Student Advisory Board of the University Health Center, a non-University health professional appointed by the Chancellor for a two-year term, a UNL faculty member appointed by the UNL Chancellor for a two-year term, and a UNL student appointed by the UNL Chancellor for a one-year term, and two members of the Nebraska Medicine leadership appointed by the UNMC Chancellor, each for a two-year term.


University of Nebraska Medical Center

Motion: Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-5

IX-B-5 Approve the Program Statement for the Global Center for Advanced Interprofessional Learning

There was discussion


Motion: Moved by Daub and seconded by Clare to approve item IX-B-6

IX-B-6 Approve the additional construction budget and expense for finishing shelled expansion vivarium space at the Suzanne and Walter Scott Cancer Research Tower in the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center

There was discussion
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Action


Motion

Moved by Hawks and seconded by Schafer to approve item IX-B-7

University of Nebraska at Omaha

IX-B-7

Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District for Glacier Creek/Allwine Prairie West Parcel Acquisition

There was discussion. Regent Daub abstained from voting due to the existence of a perceived or existing business conflict of interest.

Action


Additional Item – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-8

Action on item IX-B-8 was deferred until after the opportunity for a closed session

C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

IX-C-1

University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

IX-C-2

University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures

IX-C-3

Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures

IX-C-4

University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

IX-C-5

Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

IX-C-6

Amendment of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents. This item is presented for information only and will be brought back to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

D. REPORTS

IX-D-1

Personnel Reports for the period April 1 through June 30, 2015

IX-D-2

Leaves of Absences approved during the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

IX-D-3

Revisions to rules and regulations for faculty and student self-government organizations: Bylaws of the Governing Faculty of the College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center

IX-D-4

Review of Multi-Departmental Academic Centers for Research, Teaching, and/or Service

IX-D-5

Renaming the Nebraska Advanced Biomedical Technology and Discovery Institute (NABID) to UNeTech with the tagline: Nebraska’s Biomedical Technology Institute

IX-D-6

Acknowledge updated Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (NCCPE) peer group lists for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the establishment of an NCCPE peer group for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis

IX-D-7

Quarterly Status Report of Six-Year Capital Plan

IX-D-8

Quarterly Status of Capital Construction Projects

IX-D-9

Quarterly Report of Gifts, Grants, Contracts and Bequests

IX-D-10

Bids and Contracts Report
IX-D-11 Semi-Annual Report of Licenses

IX-D-12 Naming of Buildings Located West of the North Antelope Valley Parkway and Military Road Intersection in Lincoln, Nebraska

IX-D-13 Naming the UNK Football Locker Room in the Health and Sport Complex, the “Brian and Carey Hamilton Football Locker Room”

IX-D-14 Naming the Dean’s Suite in Mammel Hall in recognition of a generous gift from Alfred and Beverly Thomsen

IX-D-15 Rename the Animal Holding Facility to the “Veterinary Clinical Skills Laboratory” at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-D-16 Strategic Framework Report: Nebraska Top 25% [3-b-i]

Chairman Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board

X. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Pillen 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) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University;
(b) Strategy session with respect to sale and acquisition of facilities and property by the University;
(c) Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
(d) Strategy session with respect to contract negotiations.

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

(a) Proposed private gifts to the University of Nebraska Foundation for the benefit of the University;
(b) Strategy session with respect to sale and acquisition of facilities and property by the University;
(c) Personnel matters involving members of the University staff; and
(d) Strategy session with respect to contract negotiations.


The Board went into closed session at 10:30 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Hawks to approve item IX-B-8

Additional Item – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

IX-B-8 Approve the submission of the building located at 1300 ‘Q’ Street to a condominium regime and authorize the President to execute a contract substantially in conformance with the Agreement of Purchase and Sale under which a condominium unit will be sold to TFL Development, LLC

Regent Clare recused himself from the closed session discussion and abstained from voting due to the existence of a perceived or existing business conflict of interest.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Phares at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer
Corporation Secretary

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Robert A. Phares
Chairman of the Board