

The Presidential Search Screening and Selection Committee of the University of Nebraska met on November 3, 2014, at 9:04 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 Search Committee and was posted in the first floor lobby of Varner Hall, the University of Nebraska system's administrative office located at 3835 Holdrege Street in Lincoln, Nebraska. 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 27, 2014.

Committee members present:

Susie Buffett  
Jeffrey Gold  
Brian Hastings  
Howard Hawks, Chair  
Jordan Koch  
Marjorie Kostelnik  
Steve Nelson  
Krupa Savalia  
Rob Schafer  
Julie Shaffer  
Thomas Warren  
Bob Whitehouse

Members not present:

Kent Schroeder

Isaacson, Miller representatives present:

David Bellshaw  
Bernie Jones

Staff present:

Dara Troutman, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Presidential Search Screening and Selection Committee  
Joel Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Presidential Search Screening and Selection Committee convened at 9:04 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 3, 2014. Attendance is indicated above.

Chairman Hawks announced the location of the Open Meetings Act in the board room.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS**

Motion Moved by Hastings and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the Presidential Search Screening and Selection Committee meeting on September 11, 2014.

Action Voting Aye: Buffett, Gold, Hastings, Hawks, Koch, Kostelnik, Nelson, Savalia, Schafer, Shaffer, Warren, Whitehouse. Absent: Schroeder. Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Closed Session

Motion Moved by Savalia and seconded by Gold that the Committee 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 subject:

- Confidential personnel matters involving the search and selection of the President of the University of Nebraska.

Chairman Hawks restated the motion and then asked for a roll call vote.

Action Voting Aye: Buffett, Gold, Hastings, Hawks, Koch, Kostelnik, Nelson, Savalia, Schafer, Shaffer, Warren, Whitehouse. Absent: Schroeder. Motion carried.

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

- Confidential personnel matters involving the search and selection of the President of the University of Nebraska.

The Committee went into closed session at 9:08 a.m.

The Committee reconvened the open meeting at 10:42 a.m.

**VI. POTENTIAL SELECTION OF FINALISTS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

Chairman Hawks asked if there were any motions to be considered by the Committee.

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schafer to select the following individuals as finalists for the position of president of the University of Nebraska:

- Dr. Hank M. Bounds, Commissioner of Higher Education for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, Jackson, Mississippi
- Dr. Michael V. Martin, Chancellor, Colorado State University System, Denver, Colorado
- Dr. Sally J. (Sarah) Rockey, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
- Dr. George E. Ross, President, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant Michigan

Chairman Hawks asked search consultants David Bellshaw and Bernie Jones from Isaacson Miller to provide an overview of relevant background and experience of the nominees and then invited questions and comments from Committee members. Following discussion, he restated the motion and then asked for a roll call vote.

Action Voting Aye: Buffett, Gold, Hastings, Hawks, Koch, Kostelnik, Nelson, Savalia, Schafer, Shaffer, Warren, Whitehouse. Absent: Schroeder. Motion carried.

Chairman Hawks stated his appreciation on behalf of the Board of Regents to the members of both presidential search committees for their assistance in identifying, recruiting, assessing and recommending candidates to be the next president of the University of Nebraska. He noted that 34 individuals representing key constituencies with whom the president interacts served on one of the search committees and that more than 400 people shared comments about the qualities the university should seek in the next president and the opportunities and challenges he or she will face.

Chairman Hawks said he hopes Nebraskans also will be involved and engaged in the next phase of the presidential search as the finalists are invited to visit the university's campuses where they will have the opportunity to participate in public forums and to meet with students, faculty and the media, among other groups, and to be interviewed by the Board of Regents which will solicit stakeholder feedback on each of the candidates. Chairman Hawks said he hoped these visits can occur before the end of the 2014 calendar year and noted that the final selection of the next president will be made by the Board of Regents.

**VII.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hawks at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dara L. Troutman  
Secretary, Presidential Search  
Screening and Selection Committee

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Howard L. Hawks  
Chairman, Presidential Search  
Screening and Selection Committee