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Lincoln, Nebraska December 17, 2014

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 17, 2014, at 1:04 p.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. The principal purpose of the meeting was to interview Sally J. Rockey, Ph.D., for the position of President of the University of Nebraska.

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 <u>Lincoln Journal Star</u>, <u>Omaha World Herald</u>, the <u>Daily Nebraskan</u>, the <u>Gateway</u>, the <u>Antelope</u>, the <u>Kearney Hub</u>, and the Lincoln office of the <u>Associated Press</u> on December 10, 2014.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare

Hal Daub

Howard Hawks, Chair

Bob Phares, Vice Chair

Jim Pillen

Robert Schafer

Kent Schroeder

**Bob Whitehouse** 

Jordan Koch, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Krupa Savalia, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Connor Schulte, University of Nebraska at Kearney

Kevin Knudson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University officials present:

Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel

Dara L. Troutman, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Presidential Search

Others present:

Dr. Sally J. Rockey

### CALL TO ORDER

# ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 1:04 p.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on December 17, 2014. Attendance is indicated above.

Chairman Hawks announced the appointment of Dara L. Troutman as Assistant Corporation Secretary for this meeting of the Board of Regents.

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

Chairman Hawks indicated that minutes of the Board of Regents' meetings on November 20 and December 9 and 11, 2014, would be considered at a later meeting after all the interviews with the presidential candidates have been completed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

# INTERVIEW OF SALLY J. ROCKEY, PH.D., FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Chairman Hawks welcomed University of Nebraska presidential finalist Dr. Sally Rockey and her husband, Dr. Sam Stribling, to Nebraska. He noted that Dr. Rockey and Dr. Stribling have spent several days visiting the NU campuses and meeting with students, faculty, staff and administrators. They have also met with other important constituencies of the university including donors, agricultural leaders, the media and the general public.

Chairman Hawks invited the members of the Board of Regents to introduce themselves and then facilitated the Board's formal interview of Dr. Rockey. Board members asked questions in about a dozen topic areas.

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#### V.

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Closed Session** 

Motion

Action

Moved by Phares and seconded by Clare 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 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.

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch and Savalia. Absent: Schulte. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. 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 Board went into closed session at 2:36 p.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:51 p.m.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hawks at 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dara L. Troutman Assistant Corporation Secretary

Howard L. Hawks Chairman of the Board