

Lincoln, Nebraska  
January 30, 2015

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on January 30, 2015, at 10:47 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 was 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 23, 2015.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Hal Daub  
Howard Hawks  
Bob Phares, Chair  
Jim Pillen  
Robert Schafer  
Kent Schroeder, Vice Chair  
Bob Whitehouse  
Krupa Savalia, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Jordan Koch, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Connor Schulte, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Kevin Knudson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University officials present:

James Linder, Interim President  
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary  
John E. Christensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
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  
David E. Lechner, Senior Vice President for Business and Finance | CFO  
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel  
Ronnie D. Green, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 10:47 a.m. in the Board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska on January 30, 2015. Attendance is indicated above.

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

Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Daub to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the November 20, 2014 regular meeting of the Board, as well as minutes from the Presidential Search Outreach and Advisory Committee on July 25, 2014; the minutes of the Presidential Search Screening and Selection Committee on November 3, 2014; and minutes of the full Board related to the search interview and selection of the President of the University of Nebraska on November 20, 2014, December 9, 2014, December 11, 2014, two meetings on December 17, 2014, December 23, 2014, and January 12, 2015.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Koch, Savalia, Schulte, and Knudson. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

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

**IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Savalia, Schulte, Knudson, and Koch. Voting Aye: Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

Action Regent Phares was elected as Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Phares recognized Regent Hawks' past service as Chairman of the Board.

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

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schulte, Knudson, Koch, and Savalia. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Hawks. Motion carried.

Action Regent Schroeder was elected Vice Chairman of the Board.

**V. PRESIDENT DESIGNATE'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Phares recognized and welcomed President Designate Hank Bounds, who was in attendance. President Designate Bounds briefly addressed the Board of Regents, the University Administration, and others in attendance at the meeting.

**VI. KUDOS**

**Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to David Hadenfeldt**, director of the Print, Copy, Mail, Merchandise and Distribution Offices at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Schulte presented a KUDOS award to Anthony Bolan**, business analyst in the Information Security office at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Regent Koch presented a KUDOS award to Kavita Mallya**, researcher in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Knudson presented a KUDOS award to Shawn Kaskie**, director of the Center for Rural Research and Development in the College of Business and Technology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

Regent Hawks presented a resolution recognizing the work of the Nebraska Ebola team, comprised of the following individuals:

Kristina Bailey, Kate Boulter, Jessica Fehringer, Dr. Shawn Gibbs, Dr. Angela Hewlett, Dr. Pete Iwen, Katelyn Jelden, Jay Jevne, Dr. Chris Kratchovil, LuAnn Larson, Dr. John Lowe, Kelsey Malm, Anna Nightser, Jeffrey Peters, Dee Pinkney, Dr. Philip Smith, James Sullivan, and John Swanhorst

Regent Hawks read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska today honors the courage, commitment and compassion exhibited by our Ebola team, the Nebraska Biocontainment Patient Care Unit at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and its primary clinical partner, Nebraska Medicine; and

WHEREAS, the UNMC/Nebraska Medicine partnership possessed one of just four biocontainment units in the country, but more importantly, this partnership created a team of physicians, nurses, therapists, pharmacists, educators and scientists, a team which

demonstrated the special expertise and nimbleness that comes from a decade of preparation; and

WHEREAS, at a time when some might do otherwise, this team acted as first responders, moving quickly, calmly, and deliberately toward the Ebola crisis of 2014, not away from it; and

WHEREAS, this team exemplifies UNMC's promise to become a world leader through extraordinary care, discovery and learning, positioning Nebraska as the national and worldwide model, the gold standard, for the safe and effective treatment of this disease; and

WHEREAS, whether for their work here in Nebraska, or as part of a worldwide effort, this team was recognized, among the cadre of heroes, with prestigious awards: The Omaha World-Herald named UNMC and Nebraska Medicine's Ebola team its 2014 Midlanders of the Year; and TIME, the world's largest weekly news magazine, which has honored a Person of the Year since 1927, this year chose "The Ebola Fighters, the Ones Who Answered the Call," as its 2014 honoree; and

WHEREAS, this team made Nebraskans proud, yet again, of the premier medical institution in their own backyard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska thanks our Ebola team, the Nebraska Biocontainment Patient Care Unit, and all who aided it at UNMC and Nebraska Medicine, for all that it does on behalf of Nebraskans and people around the world; the best Ebola patient care unit in the nation resides here at this university and in this state.

The resolution was accepted by acclamation.

Chancellor Gold expressed his appreciation to the Ebola team for their outstanding work at UNMC, commitment to service, and contribution to UNMC and the University.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. HEARINGS**

None

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Schroeder to approve items X-A-1, X-B-1, X-B-2, and X-B-3

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

X-A-1 The President's Personnel Recommendation

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

X-B-1 Approve the conveyance of real property from the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

X-B-2 Naming the University of Nebraska High Plains Ag Lab multi-purpose building the "Charles R. Fenster Building"

X-B-3 Approve naming the center the "Henry J. Stumpf International Western High Plains Experimental Agriculture Technology (WHEAT) Center" and the building the "Pearl C. Pogue Peterson Stumpf Educational Center"

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch, Savalia, and Schulte. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, and Phares; with the

exception that Regent Clare abstained from voting on item X-B-3 due to a potential conflict interest or the appearance of conflict. Motion carried.

**XI. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to approve items XI-A-1 and XI-A-2

XI-A-1 Approval is requested to merge and rename the Bachelor of Arts degrees in French, German, and Spanish to a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages; and to merge and rename the Bachelor of Arts in Education degrees in French, German, and Spanish to a Bachelor of Arts in Education in Modern Languages in the Department of Modern Languages in the College of Fine Arts and Humanities at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

XI-A-2 Approval is requested to rename the BA degree in Spanish Translation and Interpretation to a comprehensive BS degree in Spanish Translation and Interpretation in the Department of Modern Languages in the College of Fine Arts and Humanities at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Koch, Savalia, Schulte, and Knudson. Voting Aye: Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Daub and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-A-3

XI-A-3 Approval is requested to transition the School of Allied Health Professions to a College of Allied Health Professions at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Savalia, Schulte, Knudson, and Koch. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

XI-A-4 Action on item XI-A-4 was deferred until after the opportunity for a closed session

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schulte to approve item XI-B-1

XI-B-1 Accept the audited financial statements of the University of Nebraska and related entities

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch, Savalia, and Schulte. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.

Action Moved by Schroeder and seconded by Schafer to approve items XI-B-2 and XI-B-3

XI-B-2 Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association for the 2015-2017 biennium

XI-B-3 Approve amendments to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska at Omaha American Association of University Professors for the 2015-2017 biennium

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Koch, Savalia, Schulte, and Knudson. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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

- XI-B-4 Approve the selection of DLR Group to provide design services for the C.Y. Thompson Learning Commons at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Savalia, Schulte, Knudson, and Koch. Voting Aye: Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Savalia to approve item XI-B-5
- XI-B-5 Approve the lease of space for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Office of University Communications
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schulte, Knudson, Koch, and Savalia. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, and Hawks. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Schulte and seconded by Koch to approve item IX-B-6
- IX-B-6 Approve a three year extension on the exclusive beverage license agreement between University of Nebraska at Omaha and Pepsi Bottling Group
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch, Savalia, and Schulte. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Knudson and seconded by Koch to approve item IX-B-7
- IX-B-7 Authorize the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board, to approve a ground lease with the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation to provide 300 beds of student housing and 20,000 square feet of academic and programmatic space on the University of Nebraska at Omaha Pacific Campus
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Koch, Savalia, Schulte, and Knudson. Voting Aye: Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Schafer to approve item XI-B-8
- XI-B-8 Authorize the President, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Board, to approve terms and conditions to complete the purchase of real estate at 7070 Spring Street
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Savalia, Schulte, Knudson, and Koch. Voting Aye: Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Daub to approve item XI-B-9
- XI-B-9 Approve the budget and associated construction of a skywalk and associated budget to connect the Stanley M. Truhlsen Eye Institute to the Nebraska Medicine Lauritzen Outpatient Center
- There was discussion
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schulte, Knudson, Koch, and Schulte. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Schroeder. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-10

XI-B-10 Approve the sole source purchase of a customized driving research simulation system at the University of Nebraska Medical Center

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch, Savalia, and Schulte. Voting Aye: Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, and Whitehouse. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Clare to approve item XI-B-11

XI-B-11 Approve the Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2015-16 Academic Year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney

There was discussion

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Koch, Savalia, Schulte, and Knudson. Voting Aye: Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, and Clare. Motion carried.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

XI-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework

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

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

XI-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators

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

**D. REPORTS**

XI-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Report

XI-D-2 Tenure Density report

XI-D-3 Fall 2014 Tuition Variance

XI-D-4 Strategic Framework report on Diversity [2-a-iii]

XI-D-5 Quarterly Six-Year Capital Plan & Capital Construction Report

XI-D-6 Quarterly Report of Gift, Grants, Bequests and Contracts

XI-D-7 Bids and Contracts

XI-D-8 Residence Hall Room and Board Rates for the 2015-16 Academic Year at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

XI-D-9 Renaming of the “Activities Building” on East Campus to “Recreation and Wellness Center” at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

XI-D-10 Approve the purchase of new NeSIS servers

Chairman Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board

**XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Presentation Provost Susan Fritz and Assistant Vice President Gabrielle Banick presented a demonstration of a new internet website, called Transfer Nebraska, which permits the user to determine the credit available for classes taken at other institutions, should the user transfer and enroll at the University of Nebraska.

Closed Session

Motion Moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Pillen 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 Honorary Degrees.

Chairman Phares declared that the closed session would be strictly limited to a discussion of Honorary Degrees.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Savalia, Schulte, Knudson, and Koch. Voting Aye: Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Schroeder, Whitehouse, Clare, and Daub. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 12:25 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Daub to approve item XI-A-4

XI-A-4 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schulte, Knudson, Koch, and Savalia. Voting Aye: Whitehouse, Clare, Daub, Hawks, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Schroeder. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Phares at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

---

Carmen K. Maurer  
Corporation Secretary

---

Robert A. Phares  
Chairman of the Board