Lincoln, Nebraska
November 20, 2014

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on November 20, 2014, at 8:32 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. The principal purpose of the meeting was to interview George E. Ross, 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 November 13, 2014.

Regents present:
Timothy Clare
Hal Daub
Howard Hawks, Chair
Bob Phares, Vice Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Kent Schroeder
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:
Joel D. Pedersen, Vice President and General Counsel
Dara L. Troutman, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Presidential Search

Others present:
Dr. George E. Ross

I.        **CALL TO ORDER**

II.       **ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 8:32 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 20, 2014. Attendance is indicated above. Regent Savalia joined the meeting in progress at 8:43 a.m.

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.

III.      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

IV.       **INTERVIEW OF GEORGE E. ROSS, PH.D., FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA**

Chairman Hawks welcomed University of Nebraska presidential finalist Dr. George E. Ross and his wife, Elizabeth, to Nebraska and noted that the couple has spent several days visiting each of the NU campuses and meeting with students, faculty, staff and administrators. They also have 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. Ross. Board members asked questions in about a dozen topic areas.

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| **V.** | **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** |
| | Closed Session |
| Motion | Moved by Phares and seconded by Schroeder 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.

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| Action | Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Knudson, Koch, Savalia, and 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 10:32 a.m.

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

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| **VI.** | **ADJOURNMENT** |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hawks at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dara L. Troutman
Assistant Corporation Secretary


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Howard L. Hawks
Chairman of the Board