

Lincoln, Nebraska
February 11, 2022

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 11, 2022, 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 are attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (page 146).

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 on February 3, 2022.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Chair
Bob Phares, Vice Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Noah Limbach, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Taylor Kratochvil, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Maeve Hemmer, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Batool Ibrahim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln – arrived 9:00 a.m.

Regents not present:

Elizabeth O'Connor

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, President
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost; and
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Douglas A. Kristensen, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Ronnie D. Green, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Christopher J. Kabourek, Senior Vice President and CFO
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel

I.

CALL TO ORDER

II.

ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 8:32 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Pillen to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on December 3, 2021.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Kenney announced the location of the Notice of Meeting and Open Meetings Act posted on the south wall of the board room at Varner Hall.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Senator Mike Hilgers, Speaker of the Legislature, presented a legislative update to the Board.

Paul Umbach, Founder and President, Tripp Umbach, presented an Economic Impact Report relating to the University of Nebraska System.

V. KUDOS

Regent Schafer presented a KUDOS award to Mary Chinnock Petroski, Chief Compliance Officer at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Clare presented a KUDOS award to Collette McCurdy, Director of Student Accounts at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Kratochvil presented a KUDOS award to Linda Cunningham, Associate Director of Human Resources at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Hemmer presented a KUDOS award to Environmental Services, a part of the Facilities Planning and Management Team at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. **Larry Morgan and Kraig McDonald** accepted the award on behalf of the Team.

VI. SUCCESSION OF CHAIR; ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Regent Kenney thanked his colleagues for their support during his 2021 term as Chair.

Regent Phares succeeded to Chair of the Board as defined in Section 1.2 of the *Standing Rules of the Board of Regents*.

Motion Moved by Weitz to nominate Regent Clare for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

Motion Moved by Pillen to nominate Regent Schafer for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

There being no further nominations, Regent Phares declared the nominations period closed.

Action

A secret ballot was taken. Corporation Secretary Bakken announced that Regent Clare received four votes and Regent Schafer received three votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as three votes for Regent Clare and none for Regent Schafer. Regent Clare was elected Vice Chair of the Board.

VII.

RESOLUTIONS

VIII.

HEARINGS

Amendments to Section 5 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

IX.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Carter reported to the Board on the economic impact and goals for 2022, including student affordability, faculty support, and workforce development.

X.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion

Regent Schafer moved to waive the portion of the Standing Rules which limits the total time for public comment to thirty minutes for all speakers; and further moved that each speaker be permitted three minutes to address the Board. Seconded by Clare.

Action

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

Sheila Hubbard spoke on the topic of the Commitment to Action proposal

Todd Paczosa spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory and Masking

Jonathan Drozda spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Laurel Bain spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Thomas Martin spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Luke Hamilton spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Chris Wagner spoke on the topic of the proposed dispensing of alcohol on University property.

Elijah Frasher spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Gene Fendt spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Matthew Duffy spoke on the topic of the proposed elimination of the Philosophy major at UNK.

Chairman Phares declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

XI. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Schafer requested item XI-A-2 be considered as part of the Administrative Agenda.

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve all Consent Agenda items excluding XI-A-2.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska System

XI-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

XI-A-3 Amendments to RP-5.7.1 regarding Residency Determination for Tuition Purposes

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska System

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

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

XI-B-2 Approval to appoint Preeta Bansal and Vishal Singh to the Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation (NICDC) Board of Directors

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

XII. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-2.

XI-A-2 Amendments to RP-5.2.1 regarding Admission Standards

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and Phares. Motion carried.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Clare to approve item XII-A-2.
- XII-A-2 Approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Philosophy in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Limbach to refer item XII-A-2 to the Academic Affairs Committee for further review.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach and Kratochvil. Voting No: Hemmer. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, and Schafer. Voting No: Weitz, Phares, Pillen, and Stark. Motion failed.

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

- University of Nebraska System
- Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Limbach to approve item XII-B-1
- XII-B-1 Amendment to RP-6.4.1 regarding the Dispensing of Alcoholic Beverages on University Property
- President Carter committed to bring proposals for alcohol sales at additional athletic venues to the Board of Regents for consideration and approval.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Clare, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XII-B-2
- XII-B-2 Acquisition of real property located at 2411 Cottonmill Avenue in Kearney, Nebraska
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare.
- The Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:08 a.m.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XII-B-3
- XII-B-3 Approval of addendum to lease and operating agreement at Pinnacle Bank Arena to allow alcohol sales for the Big Ten Wrestling Championships
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XII-B-4
- XII-B-4 Acquisition of real property located at 1030 Q Street
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Stark to approve item XII-B-5
- XII-B-5 Approval to sell Colonial Terrace property currently managed by University Housing
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and Phares. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve item XII-B-6
- XII-B-6 Approval of Saddle Creek Campus Public Improvements Project at UNMC to construct horizontal infrastructure and roadways
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, Phares and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Weitz to approve item XII-B-7
- XII-B-7 Approval to demolish the J.P. Lord, Munroe-Meyer Institute, and Hattie B. Munroe Home facilities at UNMC
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XII-B-8
- XII-B-8 Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Contract Amendment for the Durham Science Center Renovation at UNO
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach, Hemmer, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Stark. Motion carried.

C. EXECUTIVE

- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XII-C-1
- XII-C-1 Approval of amendments to the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Hemmer, Kratochvil, and Limbach. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

D. REPORTS

XII-D-1 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Health Informatics in the Department of Allied Health Professions Education, Research, and Practice in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC

XII-D-2 Report on expedited approval of the Graduated Certificate in Healthcare Quality Improvement in the Department of Allied Health Professions Education, Research, and Practice in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC

XII-D-3 Report on expedited approval of the Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security Focused Business Analytics in the Department of Economics in the College of Business Administration at UNO

XII-D-4 Report on Tenure Density

XII-D-5 Report on Tuition Variances

XII-D-6 Quarterly Personnel Report (3rd Quarter, 2021)

XII-D-7 Report on naming the “Donald and Lorena Meier Studio” in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at UNL pursuant to RP-6.2.7(3)(b)

XII-D-8 Report on renaming the previous Scott Engineering Center Link the “Engineering Research Center” at UNL pursuant to RP-6.2.7(3)(a)

XII-D-9 Intermediate Design Report for the Durham Science Center Renovation at UNO

XII-D-10 Report on Gifts, Grants, and Contracts

XII-D-11 Report on University Bids and Contracts

Chairman Phares accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion Moved by Limbach and seconded by Hemmer that the Board go into closed session as authorized by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1410 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska 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:

- Honorary Degrees and Awards; and
- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Action

Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kratochvil, Limbach, and Hemmer. Voting Aye: Kenney, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

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

- Honorary Degrees and Awards; and
- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

The Board went into closed session at 11:25 a.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Weitz and seconded by Limbach to approve item XII-A-1.

XII-A-1

Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards.

Action

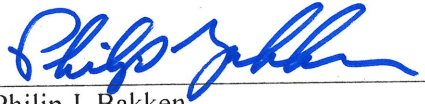
Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Limbach and Hemmer. Abstain: Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

XIII.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Phares at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Philip J. Bakken
Corporation Secretary



Robert A. Phares, Chair

ATTACHMENT 1



NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska will meet in a publicly convened session on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

An agenda of subjects to be considered at said meeting, kept on a continually current basis, is available for inspection in the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and at <https://nebraska.edu/regents-agenda-minutes>.

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Dated February 3, 2022

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska

ATTACHMENT 2



NOTICE OF MEETING

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In accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents and Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*, notice is hereby given that at the above-described meeting, amendments to the Standing Rules shall be proposed, as indicated in the attached agenda item.

An agenda of subjects not related to the proposed Standing Rules amendments will be subsequently posted in accordance with the law, the Bylaws, and rules which govern the Board of Regents. When so posted, the full agenda for the meeting will be available for inspection in the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and at <https://unbraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>.

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Dated: January 31, 2022

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska