

Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 10, 2023

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom 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 (page 197).

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, 2023.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare, Chair  
Paul Kenney  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Rob Schafer  
Jim Scheer  
Jack Stark  
Barbara Weitz  
Kathy Wilmot  
Emily Saadi, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Jacob Drake, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Nicole Kent, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Tori Sims, University of Nebraska at Omaha

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  
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel  
Heath M. Mello, Vice President for External Relations

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

Chair Clare welcomed Regent Kathy Wilmot, District 7 representative and Regent Jim Scheer, District 3 representative.

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

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Stark to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2022.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, and Clare. Abstentions: Scheer and Wilmot. Motion carried.

Chair Clare announced the location of the Open Meeting Act in the Boardroom.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Michael Boehm (Vice President/Harlan Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources), Galen Erickson (Cattle Industry Professor of Animal Science), Rebecca Sjostrand (Doctoral Student, Animal Science), and Jack Klosterman presented on the Feedlot Innovation Center project at UNL.

Senator John Arch, Speaker of the Legislature, presented a legislative update to the Board.

Josie Schafer, Director of the Center for Public Affairs Research at UNO, presented on changing workforce and education demographics.

President Carter and Chris Kabourek (Senior Vice President and CFO) presented on the University's budget status.

**V. KUDOS**

**Regent Saadi presented a KUDOS award to Aaron Estes**, Director of Academic Success at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Drake presented a KUDOS award to Sara Haake**, Dispatch Director for University Police at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Kent presented a KUDOS award to Erin Obermeier Schneider**, Associate Director for External Relations at the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent Sims presented a KUDOS award to Michael Smith**, General Manager of Baxter Arena at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

The Board recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 11:12 a.m.

**VI. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

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

Motion Moved by O'Connor to nominate Regent Weitz for the position of Vice Chair of the Board.

There being no further nominations, Chair Clare declared the nominations period closed.

- Action A secret ballot was taken. Corporation Secretary Bakken announced that Regent Schafer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as three votes for Regent Weitz and one vote for Regent Schafer.
- A second secret ballot was taken. Corporation Secretary Bakken announced that Regent Schafer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as three votes for Regent Weitz and one vote for Regent Schafer.
- A third secret ballot was taken. Corporation Secretary Bakken announced that Regent Schafer received four votes and Regent Weitz received four votes. The position of the non-voting Student Regents was recorded as three votes for Regent Weitz and one vote for Regent Schafer.
- Regent Weitz withdrew from consideration as Vice Chair.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to nominate Regent Schafer for the position of Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, Chair Clare declared the nominations closed and called for a roll-call vote.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried and Regent Schafer was elected Vice Chair.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

None

**VIII. HEARINGS**

None

**IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XI. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

- Motion Moved by Kent and seconded by Saadi to approve all Consent Agenda items.

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- XI-A-1 University of Nebraska System  
President's Personnel Recommendations

**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.
- XI-B-2 Approval to reappointment Chris Kabourek to serve on the AkSarBen Future Trust Board of Directors.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

**XII. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve item XII-A-2.
- XII-A-2 Award of Regent Emeritus title to Jim Pillen.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Stark and seconded by Drake to approve item XII-A-3.
- XII-A-3 Approval to transition the Bachelor of Science (BS) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Plant Biology within the College of Arts and Sciences to a singular Bachelor of Science (BS) offering in Plant Biology within the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Saadi to approve item XII-A-4.
- XII-A-4 Approval of request to provide assistance for faculty doctoral study pursuant to Regents' Policy 4.2.2 for Ellie Miller at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska System

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Kent to approve item XII-B-1.
- XII-B-1 Approval of amendments to the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.

- Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Drake to approve item XII-B-3.
- XII-B-3 Approval of 2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association (UNKEA).
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Saadi to approve item XII-B-4.
- XII-B-4 Approval of amendment to projects costs for construction of the Regional Engagement and Alumni Center at UNK.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Drake to approve item XII-B-5.
- XII-B-5 Approval of budget increase for Architecture Complex Renovation Phase 2 at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XII-B-6.
- XII-B-6 Approval of design build contract amendments for the Feedlot Innovation Center at the UNL Eastern Nebraska Research, Extension, and Education Center.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Drake to approve items XII-B-7 and XII-B-8.
- XII-B-7 Approval of construction contract for Morrill Hall Renovation at UNL.
- XII-B-8 Approval of construction contract for Pershing Military and Naval Science Building Renovation at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Kent and seconded by Drake to approve item XII-B-9.
- XII-B-9 Approval and authorization to execute standard Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendments for the Campus Heating Hot Water Expansion Project at UNMC.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Stark to approve item XII-B-10.
- XII-B-10 Approval to acquire property located at 414 South Saddle Creek Road, Omaha and enter into the associated Use Restriction Agreement for the acquired property and Ground Lease of 4444 Farnam Street, Omaha with Metro Federal Credit Union.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- Motion University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Moved by Sims and seconded by Kenney to approve item XII-B-11.
- XII-B-11 Approval of international student partner contingent fee agreements.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Sims, Drake, Kent, and Saadi. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Saadi and seconded by Sims to approve item XII-B-12.
- XII-B-12 Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Douglas County Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) for detoxification services.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Drake, Kent, Saadi, and Sims. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Abstention: O'Connor. Motion carried.

### **C. REPORTS**

- XII-C-1 Report on expedited approval of Graduate Certificate in Conducting in the School of Music at UNO.
- XII-C-2 Report on dissolution of the Dual Degree Option for the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Innovation at UNO and the Master of Public Health at UNMC.
- XII-C-3 Report on transition of the administrative home for the joint UNO-UNL Ph.D. in Information Technology to the UNO College of Information Science and Technology (without UNL affiliation) and renaming the degree the Ph.D. in Computing and Information Science.
- XII-C-4 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Studies to the BA and BS in Environmental and Sustainability Studies at UNL.
- XII-C-5 Quarterly Personnel Reports for Quarter 1: July, August, and September 2022.
- XII-C-6 Fall 2022 Tenure Density Report.
- XII-C-7 Report on Campus Tuition Variances.

- XII-C-8 Report on Five-Year Strategy Accountability Measures.
- XII-C-9 Report on Kiewit Hall Budget Reallocation at UNL.
- XII-C-10 Intermediate Design Report on Architecture Hall Renovation at UNL.
- XII-C-11 Intermediate Design Report on Westbrook Music Replacement at UNL.
- XII-C-12 Report on Biopreparedness Exhibit naming at UNMC.
- XII-C-13 Report on Baxter Arena area naming at UNO.
- XII-C-14 Intermediate Design Report on STEM Trail Center at UNO.
- XII-C-15 Report on Gifts, Grants, and Bequests.
- XII-C-16 Report on Bids and Contracts.

Chair Clare accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

### **XIII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Stark that the Board of Regents 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.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Saadi, Sims, and Drake. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

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

- Honorary Degrees and Awards.

The Board went into closed session at 12:10 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Sims to approve item XII-A-1.

XII-A-1 Approve the award of Honorary Degrees and Awards.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Saadi, Sims, Drake, and Kent. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Clare at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken  
Corporation Secretary

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Timothy F. Clare  
Chair of the Board





### 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 10, 2023, at 9:00 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, 2023

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



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