

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on February 9, 2024, 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 advanced publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 (pages 272-273).

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 January 30, 2024 and February 2, 2024.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney
Elizabeth O'Connor
Robert Schafer, Chair
Jim Scheer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Kathy Wilmot
Temo Molina, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Paul Pechous, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Katie Schultis, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Hakim Lotoro, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Christopher J. Kabourek, Interim President
Jeffrey P. Gold, Executive Vice President and Provost; and
Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
Rodney D. Bennett, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Joanne Li, Chancellor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Douglas A. Kristensen, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Stacia L. Palser, Vice President and General Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:01 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON DECEMBER 1, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Lotoro to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meetings on December 1, 2023 and February 6, 2024.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina, Pechous, Schultis, and Lotoro. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

IV. INSTALLATION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT CHRIS KABOUREK

Chair Clare installed Chris Kabourek as Interim President of the University of Nebraska.

V. PRESENTATIONS

Senator John Arch, Speaker of the Legislature, shared an update on the 2024 Legislative Session.

VI. KUDOS

Regent Molina presented a KUDOS award to Betsy Warren, Event Scheduling Associate at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Regent Pechous presented a KUDOS award to Kyla Gorji, Director of the Employee Assistance Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Regent Schultis presented a KUDOS award to Aureli Villard, Digital Media Manager at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Regent Lotoro presented a KUDOS award to Gloria Marchio, Office Associate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Chair Clare also recognized members of the NU Developing Excellence in Academic Leaders (DEAL) program in attendance as part of their professional development program.

VII. SUCCESSION OF CHAIR; ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Regent Clare thanked his colleagues for their support during his 2023 term as Chair.

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

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

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

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to elect Regent Kenney as Vice Chair. Regent Kenney was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

None

IX. HEARINGS

Amendments to Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

X. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Interim President Kabourek shared an update on implementation of the University of Nebraska's Five-Point Plan.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Begley addressed the Board regarding the UNMC College of Public Health.

Sharon Campbell addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Darin Himmerich addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Lainey Schmeits addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

William Aviles addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Patsy Koch Johns addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Al Koontz addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Sarah Borden addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

Mary Wilson addressed the Board regarding the UNK Theatre program.

The Board recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 10:38 a.m.

XII. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Moved by Pechous and seconded by Scheer to approve all Consent items.

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

XII-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

XII-B-2 Approval of amendments to the Bylaws of the University Dental Associates (UDA) and UNeHealth to alter the fiscal year of the corporations to run from April 1 to March 31 annually.

C. AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

XII-C-1 Approval of amendment to the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schultis, Lotoro, Molina, and Pechous. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

Regent Weitz asked that the minutes reflect the following statement, "In accordance with paragraph 26 of the *Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter*, I am required to confirm that all responsibilities outlined in the Committee Charter have been carried out for calendar year 2023. I wish to so confirm this to the Board."

XIII. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Schultis to approve item XIII-A-2.

XIII-A-2 Approval of amendment to Regents Policy 5.2.1 relating to admission standards on foreign language deficiencies.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lotoro, Molina, Pechous, and Schultis. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.

Motion University of Nebraska at Kearney
Moved by Scheer and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XIII-A-3.

XIII-A-3 Approval to transition the Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) in Geography, the BS in Geography and Geographical Information Science, and the BA in Geography 7-12 Teaching Subject Endorsement in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina, Pechous, Schultis, and Lotoro. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Molina and seconded by Wilmot to approve item XIII-A-4.

XIII-A-4 Approval to transition the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre and the Bachelor of Music (BM) in Musical Theatre Comprehensive in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Pechous and Schultis. Voting Nay: Molina. Abstention: Lotoro. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.

Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Kenney to approve item XIII-A-5.

XIII-A-5 Approval to transition the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Recreation, Outdoor, and Event Management Comprehensive and the BS in Recreation Management in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNK.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schultis, Lotoro, Molina, and Pechous. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Pechous to approve item XIII-A-6.
- XIII-A-6 Approval to create the Undergraduate Certificate in Social Entrepreneurship to be administered by the School of Global Integrative Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lotoro, Molina, Pechous, and Schultis. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, and Wilmot. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Schultis to approve item XIII-A-7.
- XIII-A-7 Approval to create the Doctor of Nutrition and Dietetics (DrND) in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina, Pechous, Schultis, and Lotoro. Voting Aye: Kenney, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve item XIII-A-8.
- XIII-A-8 Approval to create the Undergraduate Certificate in Internal Audit, Fraud, and Control to be administered by the School of Accounting in the College of Business Administration at UNO.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Pechous, Schultis, Lotoro, and Molina. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Lotoro to approve item XIII-B-1.
- XIII-B-1 Approval to purchase Ciena optical network platform through ConvergeOne to support the University-wide network.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schultis, Lotoro, Molina, and Pechous. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve item XIII-B-2.
- XIII-B-2 Approval to reallocate budget authority for multiple LB384 projects.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lotoro, Molina, Pechous, and Schults. Voting Aye: Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, and Schafer. Motion carried.

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Weitz to approve item XIII-B-3.
- XIII-B-3 Approval of international recruitment partner contingent fee agreements at UNL.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina, Pechous, Schultis, and Lotoro. Voting Aye: Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, and Scheer. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Scheer and seconded by Lotoro to approve item XIII-B-4.
- XIII-B-4 Approval to terminate the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and the City of Lincoln (and its Lincoln Electric System) relating to the dissolution of the Nebraska Utility Corporation (NUCorp) entity.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Pechous, Schultis, Lotoro, and Molina. Voting Aye: Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, and Stark. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Clare to approve items XIII-B-5, XIII-B-6, and XIII-B-7.
- XIII-B-5 Approval to acquire property located at 4207, 4219, 4223, and 4227 Leavenworth Street in Omaha for UNMC.
- XIII-B-6 Approval to acquire property located at 4516, 4520, 4524, and 4532 Leavenworth Street in Omaha for UNMC.
- XIII-B-7 Approval to acquire property located at 404 South Saddle Creek Road in Omaha for UNMC.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schultis, Lotoro, Molina, and Pechous. Voting Aye: Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Kenney to approve item XIII-B-8.
- XIII-B-8 Approval to permit alcohol sales at the 2027 NCAA Bowling Championship.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Lotoro, Molina, Pechous, and Schultis. Voting Aye: Clare, Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, and Weitz. Voting Nay: Wilmot. Motion carried.
- C. EXECUTIVE**
- Motion Moved by Wilmot and seconded by Stark to approve item XIII-C-1.
- XIII-C-1 Approval to amend Sections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Molina, Pechous, Schultis, and Lotoro. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, and Clare. Motion carried.

D. REPORTS

- XIII-D-1 Report on renaming the Bachelor of Science (BS) in IT Innovation to the BS in Applied Computing and Informatics in the College of Information Science and Technology at UNO.
- XIII-D-2 Report on renaming the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature to the Department of World Languages and Literature at UNO.
- XIII-D-3 Quarterly Personnel Report for July, August, and September 2023.
- XIII-D-4 Annual Tenure Density Report.
- XIII-D-5 Report on Campus Tuition Variances.
- XIII-D-6 Accountability Measures Dashboard.
- XIII-D-7 Report on revisions to rules and regulations for self-government organizations: Association of Students of the University of Nebraska; UNL Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts; and UNL College of law.
- XIII-D-8 Report on Bids and Contracts.
- XIII-D-9 Report on 2024 Auxiliary Operations Capital Improvement Projects.
- XIII-D-10 Report on Gifts, Grants, Contracts, and Bequests.
- XIII-D-11 Report on Niehardt Hall LB384 renovation Budget Reallocation.
- XIII-D-12 Report on acquisition of property located at 2900 West 24th Street in Kearney for UNK.
- Chair Schafer accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

The Board recessed at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened the open meeting at 12:10 p.m.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

- Motion Moved by Molina and seconded by Wilmot 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 subjects:
- Honorary Degrees and Awards;
 - Personnel matters involving members of the university staff;
 - Updates on investigations and pending or threatened litigation; and
 - Confidential personnel matters involving the search and selection of the President of the University of Nebraska.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Pechous, Schultis, Lotoro, and Molina. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Schafer, Scheer, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, and Kenney. Motion carried.

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

- Honorary Degrees and Awards;
- Personnel matters involving members of the university staff;
- Updates on investigations and pending or threatened litigation; and
- Confidential personnel matters involving the search and selection of the President of the University of Nebraska.

The Board went into closed session at 12:11 p.m.

The Board reconvened the open meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Motion Moved by Lotoro and seconded by O'Connor to approve item XIII-A-1.

XIII-A-1 Approval to award Honorary Degrees and Awards.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schultis, Lotoro, Molina, and Pechous. Voting Aye: Schafer, Scheer, Stark, Weitz, Wilmot, Clare, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Schafer at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Bakken
Corporation Secretary

Robert M. Schafer
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 9, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Boardroom at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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 amendment 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 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://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>.

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Dated: January 30, 2024

Philip J. Bakken, Corporation Secretary
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Dated: February 2, 2024

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