

Lincoln, Nebraska  
January 19, 2024

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee of the University of Nebraska met via videoconference on January 19, 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 advance publicized notice, a copy of which is attached to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1 (page 260).

In compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411, printed notice of this meeting was sent to each member of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee 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 12, 2024.

Committee members present:

Leah Barrett  
Tim Clare, Chair  
Chris Exstrom  
Paul Kenney  
Kelli Kopocis  
Scott McPheeters  
William Melanson  
Heath Mello (joined at 9:55 a.m.)  
Jane Miller  
Amar Natarajan  
Elizabeth O'Connor (joined at 9:07 a.m.)  
Rob Otte  
Paul Pechous  
Rob Schafer  
Jim Scheer  
Katie Schultis  
Jack Stark  
John Stinner  
Barbara Weitz  
Kathy Wilmot

Academic Search participants:

Jennifer Kookan  
Jay Lemons

University officials present:

Phil Bakken, Corporation Secretary and Committee Secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee convened at 9:00 a.m. Attendance is indicated above.

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

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

Motion Moved by Otte and seconded by Weitz to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the meeting on October 26, 2023.

Action Voting Aye: Clare, Exstrom, Kenney, Kopocis, McPheeters, Melanson, Miller, Natarajan, Otte, Pechous, Schafer, Scheer, Schultis, Stark, Stinner, Weitz, Wilmot, and Barrett.  
Motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion Moved by Otte and seconded by Weitz that the Committee 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.

Action Voting Aye: Exstrom, Kenney, Kopocis, McPheeters, Melanson, Miller, Natarajan, Otte, Pechous, Schafer, Scheer, Schultis, Stark, Stinner, Weitz, Wilmot, Barrett, and Clare.  
Motion carried.

Chair Clare 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 Committee went into closed session at 9:06 a.m.

The Committee reconvened the open meeting at 12:02 p.m.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Clare at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Philip J. Bakken  
Committee Secretary

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Timothy F. Clare  
Committee Chair



### NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Presidential Search Advisory Committee of the University of Nebraska will meet in a publicly convened session on January 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference 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/agendas-minutes>.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting *in-person* will continue to follow the provisions of Standing Rule 5.1. Members of the public wishing to address the Board during the Public Comment portion of the meeting *via remote participation* must contact the Corporation Secretary no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Members of the public may contact the Corporation Secretary at (402) 472-3906 or [corpsec@nebraska.edu](mailto:corpsec@nebraska.edu). Upon receipt of such notice, the Corporation Secretary will provide instructions on remote participation in the public meeting.

A copy of this notice will be delivered to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World-Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, the Antelope, the Kearney Hub, the Lincoln office of the Associated Press, and members of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Dated: January 12, 2024

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



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