

Lincoln, Nebraska
August 13, 2021

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on August 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, 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 and Attachment 2 (pages 118-121)

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 on the front entrance of the first floor 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 August 6, 2021.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare
Paul Kenney, Chair
Elizabeth O'Connor
Bob Phares, Vice Chair
Jim Pillen
Robert Schafer
Jack Stark
Barbara Weitz
Noah Limbach, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Batool Ibrahim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Taylor Kratochvil, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Maeve Hemmer, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

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

University officials not present:

Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

The Board convened at 9:00 a.m. in the board room of Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Attendance is indicated above.

Denise Bradshaw spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Mark Bonkiewicz spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Allie French spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Jeanne Weeder-Griesen spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Barbara Ramsey spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Marilyn Asher spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Dallas Asher spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Rev. Fr. Sasha Petrovich spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Kathy Holkeboer spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Ivy Harper spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Angie Eberspacher spoke on the topic of the Safer Communities App/COVID
Kathryn Goodman spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Tess Mayer spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Dr. William Aviles spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Earlen Gutierrez spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Claudia Taylor spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Mary Bills-Strand spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Madison Whitney spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Caleb Hendricksen spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Dr. Regina Werem spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Steve Kolbe spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Mark Button spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Richard Moberly spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Kathryn Woerner spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Asaru Jordan spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Matthew Cooke spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Kathryn Wilson spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Joe Starita spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Danielle Conrad spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Laurel Hebenstreit spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Curt Ramaker spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Dr. Janette Eileen Jones spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Patrick Baker spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Emmet Storer spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Daniel Shafer spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Jamy Rentschler spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Vicki Wood spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Ibrahim Hamzat spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Darwin Archie Pettis spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Sarah Brumfield spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Vanessa Chavez Jurado spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Elizabeth Mary Hill spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Kimberly Salas spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Gabrielle Goodwin spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Betty Dessie spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Halley Taylor spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Jadyn Perkins spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Chris Hassebroek spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Jake Vargas spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Linda Kleen spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory
Dr. Francis Kay spoke on the topic of Critical Race Theory

Chairman Kenney declared the opportunity for public comment closed.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Schafer to approve Addendum VII-I

VII-I Resolution regarding Critical Race Theory, Addendum VII-I

Action Student Opinion: Voting No: Limbach, Hemmer, Ibrahim, and Kratochvil. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Kenney. Voting No: Phares, Stark, Weitz, Clare, O'Connor. Motion fails.

IX. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Carter addressed the Board regarding Fall 2021 and COVID-19 protocols.

X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

None

B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve item X-B-1

X-B-1 Approve the reappointment of Tom Henning and Dana Bradford as members of the "Class A" Directors of the NICDC Board of Directors for three-year terms effective July 1, 2021.

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

XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Motion Moved by Weitz and seconded by Stark to approve item XI-A-1

XI-A-1 Approve to eliminate the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Computer Science in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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

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

Motion Moved by Hemmer and seconded by Weitz that the Board go into closed session as

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

C. EXECUTIVE

Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Hemmer to approve item XI-C-1

XI-C-1 Approve the proposed amendments of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

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

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Phares to approve item XI-C-2

XI-C-2 Approve Grant of Performance-Based Merit Pay to President Carter for FY2020-21

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

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Ibrahim to approve item XI-C-3

XI-C-3 Approve request from President Carter, in accordance with his employment contract and the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*, to serve on the board of directors of an outside organization.

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

D. REPORTS

XI-D-1 Expedited Approval of French Graduate Certificate

XI-D-2 Expedited Approval of Machine Learning Graduate Certificate

XI-D-3 Expedited Approval of Sociology Graduate Certificate

XI-D-4 Expedited Approval of Teaching Spanish to Heritage/Bilingual Learners Graduate Certificate

XI-D-5 Approve the correct naming of The History of Teaching Tools Exhibit within the Wigton Heritage Center

XI-D-6 Bids and Contracts

XI-D-7 President's FY2020-21 Self-assessment

Chairman Kenney accepted the reports on behalf of the Board.

XII. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kenney at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Bakken
Corporation Secretary

Paul R. Kenney, Chair

ATTACHMENT 1

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: The Board of Regents Addendum IX-A-1
Executive Committee

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Amendment of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the proposed amendments of the Standing Rules of the Board of Regents

PREVIOUS ACTION: June 25, 2021 – The proposed amendments of the Standing Rules were presented for information only in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.2 of the Standing Rules and Section 1.11 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*.
October 8, 2020 – The Standing Rules were last amended.

EXPLANATION: On April 21, 2021, Governor Ricketts approved LB83, which permits public entities subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act to hold up to half of their meetings by virtual conferencing during a calendar year. The attached amendments set forth a process by which Regents may request virtual attendance at a meeting of the Board of Regents.

SPONSOR: Executive Committee, Board of Regents

RECOMMENDED: _____

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