

Lincoln, Nebraska  
April 17, 2020

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on April 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided by in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-03, 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 17).

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 of the first floor entrance 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 April 10, 2020.

Regents present:

Timothy Clare  
Howard Hawks  
Paul Kenney, Vice Chair  
Elizabeth O'Connor  
Bob Phares  
Jim Pillen, Chair  
Robert Schafer  
Barbara Weitz  
Nicole Kent, University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Emily Johnson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Keith Ozanne, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Aya Yousuf, University of Nebraska at Omaha

University officials present:

Walter E. Carter, President  
Susan M. Fritz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary  
Jeffrey P. Gold, Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center and  
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, Interim Vice President for University Affairs and  
Director of State Relations-elect  
James P. Pottorff, Vice President and General Counsel  
Michael J. Boehm, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 7, 2020.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Kent, Ozanne, Yousuf, and Johnson. Voting Aye: Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.

Chairman Pillen announced the location of the Notice of Meeting and Open Meetings Act posted on the front entry of Varner Hall.

**IV. RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

Regent Clare presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Nicole Kent has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the Associated Students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

**WHEREAS**, through thoughtful and reflective leadership, Regent Kent has earned the trust and respect of students, faculty and administration; and

**WHEREAS**, under Regent Kent's leadership, Student Government passed resolutions in support of bills in the Nebraska legislature that directly benefit the University of Nebraska, and resolutions encouraging the University Foundation to explore divestment; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kent consistently supported and represented student interests in the transition of campus dining providers and planning for the future of UNK dining; efforts to update UNK's academic amnesty policy; working with Faculty Senate to enact student-centered finals week policies; and ongoing efforts with UNK Police and Parking to formalize flexible parking policies; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kent oversaw the placement of hammocks at various campus locations, an endeavor that has proven very popular with students; led initial design team planning for installation of sand volleyball courts; and supported True Blue Game Day, encouraging Loper Pride on game days; and

**WHEREAS**, with the help of the executive cabinet, Regent Kent planned and successfully executed the "Play it Forward" volleyball tournament which collected donations for Kearney's Crossroads Shelter, and "The Big Event," which engages students in volunteer projects at job sites throughout Kearney; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Kent exemplifies the best of the best: a student who maintains a 4.0 grade point average; scored in the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile on the MCAT; presented research on rural healthcare at the Asian Undergraduate Research Symposium in Japan; and, to top it off, is a multi-time intramural champion;

Regent Phares presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Student Regent Emily Johnson has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and as President of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska (ASUN) for the 2019-2020 term; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson worked with students and administrators to improve overall student mental health by increasing the number of fee-covered visits at Counseling and Psychological Services and leading projects to reduce the stigma surrounding mental healthcare; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson has served as a member of the UNL Collaborative on Sexual Misconduct and as a co-chair of the Student Committee on Sexual Misconduct in an effort to reduce sexual and gender violence among college students; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson collaborated with ASUN Student Government, UNL Student Affairs, and General Counsel to develop a revised Student Code of Conduct that emphasizes student rights and readability; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson has led environmental sustainability projects both within ASUN Student Government and across the University system; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson represented University of Nebraska-Lincoln students in advocacy efforts at the local, state, and federal levels discussing topics such as healthcare access, college affordability, and student rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Johnson served on the Board of Regents Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee and on the Presidential Transition Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, through thoughtful and reflective leadership, Regent Johnson has represented her 26,000 fellow Huskers to the best of her ability;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses sincere appreciation for Regent Emily Johnson's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the Board, and wishes her well in all future endeavors.

Regent Weitz presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Keith Ozanne has served as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and as President of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Student Senate during the 2019-2020 term; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ozanne represented himself, his institution and his fellow students with dignity and integrity during board meetings and events, and has served as a vocal and unwavering advocate for students throughout UNMC and the NU system; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a student at UNMC, Regent Keith Ozanne has held multiple campus leadership positions beyond President/Regent while balancing the demands of medical school and traveling extensively for residency interviews; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ozanne continued to improve on engaging with senators from UNMC campuses in Scottsbluff, Kearney, Norfolk and Lincoln via online meeting involvement and planning future events; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ozanne helped implement UNMC Omaha campus-wide student communication on campus, leading to the establishment of the weekly UNMC Vitals student engagement newsletter with plans on expanding the communication tool to all UNMC campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ozanne provided feedback for two proposed fees and helped facilitate meaningful decision among the UNMC senators, ultimately leading to the approval of the Student Access and Success Fee and the rejection with proposed feedback and alterations to the proposed technology fee; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Ozanne helped coordinate and lead an advocacy retreat which had representation from 60 students from all four campuses and also helped promote and host I Love NU day at the state capitol and participated in many letter writing campaigns and advocacy on behalf of the students at UNMC and the NU system abroad;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Nebraska Board of Regents expresses its sincere appreciation for Regent Keith Ozanne's dedicated service and effective leadership as a member of the board, and wishes him success in all of his future endeavors.

Regent Kenney presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Aya Yousuf has served with distinction as a member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents and President of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Student Government for the 2019-20 term; and

**WHEREAS**, during her time as a student at UNO, Aya Yousuf has held multiple campus leadership positions beyond President/Regent while balancing the demands of a student; and

**WHEREAS**, in all of her leadership roles, espec



University of Nebraska

- VII-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendations
- VII-A-2 Approve the amendments to RP-5.8.5 (attached) of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* (the "*Policies*") related to undergraduate Regents Scholarships

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- VII-A-3 Approval is requested to eliminate the Classical Languages Major associated with the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in the Department of Classics and Religious Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNL

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- VII-A-4 Approval is requested to create a Doctor of Public Health in the College of Public Health at UNMC
- VII-A-5 Approval is requested to create a Master of Diagnostic Cytology in the College of Allied Health Professions at UNMC

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska

- VII-B-1 Approve the new *Board of Regents Policy* RP-6.8, External Financing

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- VII-B-2 Approval to establish a quasi-endowment from the unrestricted residual funds of the Medical Student Aid Program to establish the "UNMC Student Success Scholarship"
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Yousuf, Johnson, Kent and Ozanne. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks and Kenney. Motion carried.

**VIII. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**B. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Ozanne to approve item VIII-B-1

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- VIII-B-1 Approve a scope and privately funded budget change of \$4,660,000 for the Wittson Hall Renovation/Wigton Heritage Center Project on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Johnson, Kent, Ozanne and Yousuf. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney and O'Connor. Motion carried.

Vice President Kabourek offered remarks with respect to the status of facility projects, given the economic impact of the pandemic.

**C. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

- VIII-C-1 University of Nebraska Strategic Planning Framework
- VIII-C-2 University of Nebraska Strategic Framework Accountability Measures
- VIII-C-3 Calendar of establishing and reporting accountability measures
- VIII-C-4 University of Nebraska Strategic Dashboard Indicators
- VIII-C-5 Board of Regents agenda items related to the University of Nebraska Strategic Framework

**D. REPORTS**

- VIII-D-1 Quarterly Personnel Reports for th

VIII-D-14 Report on exercise of emergency authority in RP-6.3.1., paragraph 6.b., to authorize contract

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Pillen at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carmen K. Maurer



## 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, April 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided by in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-03. Audio stream is available at <https://nebraska.edu>.

The full agenda for the meeting is available by contacting the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, at [corpsec@nebraska.edu](mailto:corpsec@nebraska.edu) or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

Any member of the public wishing to speak in the Public Comment portion of the meeting must contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. The public may so contact the Office of the Corporation Secretary by leaving a voice mail message at 402-472-7146 or by e-mailing [adibbert@nebraska.edu](mailto:adibbert@nebraska.edu). Upon receipt of such notice, the Office of the Corporation Secretary will provide instruction on remote participation in this public meeting.

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Dated: April 10, 2020

Carmen K. Maurer  
Corporation Secretary  
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