

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 4, 2020

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska met on December 4, 2020, at 9:05 a.m. by remote electronic means as provided for in Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-36, 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 2 (pages 52-53).

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

Motion Moved by Schafer and seconded by Phares to approve the minutes and ratify the actions of the regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2020.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. 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. KUDOS**

**Regent Beal presented a KUDOS award to Jenny Jansky**, Director of Educator Certification at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

**Regent Miller presented a KUDOS award to Karen Kassebaum**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Inclusive Leadership and Learning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Regent Phares presented a KUDOS award to Kimberly McLaughlin**, Administrator for the Educational Program in the Department of Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Regent O'Connor presented a KUDOS award to Mike Nicola**, Assistant Athletic Director for Athletic Performance at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

Mary Niemiec, Associate Vice President for Digital Education and Director presented on the Annual Report on Distance Education

Lieutenant General (Ret) Robert Hinson presented on the NSRI in Review-2020

**VI. HEARINGS**

None

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

Regent Schafer presented the following resolution

**WHEREAS**, Lieutenant General (USAF, Retired) Robert C. Hinson, has served as the founding executive director of the National Strategic Research Institute at the University of Nebraska since its inception in September 2012. He retires after more than a half century of supporting the missions of the Department of Defense; and

**WHEREAS**, General Hinson served for 33 years in the United States Air Force, leading as Vice Commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base and Deputy Commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base. General Hinson is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, primarily in B-52, FB-111, and B-1 bomber aircraft. He received many prestigious awards and decorations during a long and

distinguished military career that included 25 moves for his family while they served our country; and

**WHEREAS**, General Hinson continue

**WHEREAS**, drawing on his exceptional experience in the fields of finance, business operations, and strategic planning, Regent Hawks has made the University a more efficient and effective organization by prioritizing public-private partnerships, investing in deferred maintenance, and advocating for more state investment in higher education and research; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Hawks is a Nebraska native, and two-time University of Nebraska alumnus, who has not only served the citizens of District 2, but the entire state of Nebraska admirably as an elected official, civic and community leader, and philanthropist; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Hawks has earned the respect of those who served with him on the Board as well as current and past Presidents, Chancellors, and other members of the University community; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Hawks decided to retire from his service as a Regent and not seek a fourth-term of office in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Regent Hawks leaves a legacy as a champion of the University of Nebraska and its four campuses through well-crafted public policy, strategic public investment, and generous philanthropic support that will forever be remembered by the entire University community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Regents extends its deepest thanks and appreciation to Howard Hawks for nearly two decades of dedicated service on the Board and wishes he and Rhonda the very best in their next chapter of service.

Resolution  
Adopted

There being no objection, the above resolutions were approved and adopted by the general consent of the Board.

**VIII.**

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Carter provided the Board with an update on the University's ongoing response to COVID-19 and plans for the spring semester. H5( 9)7h5-.0008 o0.onse p'0.-20.776 -1.p 3279 0 m3 T

Christopher Dethlefs spoke on the topic of UNMC's Student Senate resolution to support divestment from fossil fuels by the University system.

Conor O'Neill spoke on the topic of divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

Zee Elmer spoke on the topic of divestment from the fossil fuel industry.

**X. UNIVERSITY CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Moved by Pillen and seconded by Clare to approve items X-A-1, X-B-1, X-B-2, X-B-3, X-B-4, and X-B-5

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska

X-A-1 President's Personnel Recommendation

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska at Kearney

X-B-1 Approve an amendment to the agreement with Enrollment Advisory Group, LLC for International Student Recruitment

University of Nebraska Medical Center

X-B-2 Approve the naming of the Dr. Leland and Dorothy Olson Atrium within the Wigton Heritage Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center pursuant to Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7.3.c

X-B-3 Approve the naming of the William H. Northwall, M.D. Plaza within the Wigton Heritage Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center pursuant to Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7.3.c

X-B-4 Approve a waiver of the requirements of Board of Regents Policy RP-6.2.7 with respect to facilities named for current employees, naming the dental gallery exhibit space within the Wigton Heritage Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the "Stanton D. Harn, Ph.D., Dental Gallery"

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.

**XI. UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

University of Nebraska

Motion Moved by O'Connor and seconded by Kenney to approve item XI-A-1

- XI-A-1 Approve the award of the title “Regent Emeritus” to Howard Hawks
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Kenney, and O’Connor. Abstain: Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Miller and seconded by Kenney to approve items XI-A-2, XI-A-3, and XI-A-4
- XI-A-2 Approve amendments to RP-5.8.3 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to tuition scholarships (remissions) for non-residents
- XI-A-3 Approve amendments to RP-5.8.4 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to rules for granting of nonresident tuition scholarships (remissions) to children of alumni of the University
- XI-A-4 Approve amendments to RP-5.8.5 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to undergraduate Regents Scholarships
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O’Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Beal and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-A-5
- XI-A-5 Approve the addition of RP-5.8.8 of the *Policies of the Board of Regents* related to tuition remissions
- There was discussion
- Motion to Table Moved by Hawks and seconded by Kenney to table item XI-A-5
- Action on Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, and Moore. Voting No: Miller.  
Motion to Table Voting Aye: Weitz, Hawks, Kenney, O’Connor, and Phares. Voting No: Clare, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

**B. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

University of Nebraska of Kearney

- Motion Moved by Phares and seconded by Beal to approve item XI-B-1
- XI-B-1 Approve the Owner’s Representative Agreement, Property Transfer Agreement, and Condominium Declaration for the development and construction of a Regional Engagement and Alumni Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O’Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Weitz. Motion carried.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Motion Moved by O’Connor and seconded by Moore to approve item XI-B-2
- XI-B-2 Approve the License Agreement with Collegiate Licensing Company, L.L.C.

- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, and Clare. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-3
- XI-B-3 Approve the Program Statement for College of Law Schmid Law Library Renovation at UNL
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare and Hawks. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Miller to approve item XI-B-4
- XI-B-4 Approve a budget increase for Scott Engineering Center Renovation and Link Replacement at UNL
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, and Kenney. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Kenney and seconded by Schafer to approve item XI-B-5
- XI-B-5 Approve revisions to the North Stadium Expansion project and receive report from Business and Finance Committee regarding Intermediate Design Review
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Phares, Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, and O'Connor. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- Motion Moved by Schroeder and seconded by O'Connor to approve items XI-B-6 and XI-B-7
- XI-B-6 Approve the acquisition of real property located at 4417 Douglas Street, 4418 Farnam Street, and 4430 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska
- XI-B-7 Approve the acquisition of real property at 4724 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Nebraska
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Miller, Moore, Schroeder, and Beal. Voting Aye: Pillen, Schafer, Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, and Phares. Motion carried.
- University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Motion Moved by Hawks and seconded by Weitz to approve item XI-B-8
- XI-B-8 Approve the lease of the vacant lot located at 6465 Center Street, Omaha, Nebraska via Request for Proposal
- Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Moore, Schroeder, Beal, and Miller. Voting Aye: Schafer, Weitz, Clare Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, and Pillen. Motion carried.
- Motion Moved by Moore and seconded by Schroeder to approve item XI-B-9

XI-B-9 Approve the acquisition of real property located at 6705 Dodge Street in Omaha, Nebraska commonly known as the William H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Schroeder, Beal, Miller, and Moore. Voting Aye: Weitz, Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, and Schafer. Motion carried.

**C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Motion Moved by Clare and seconded by Miller to approve item XI-C-1

XI-C-1 Approve the appointment of the President of the University of Nebraska as the



- Personnel matters involving members of the University staff.

Action Student Opinion: Voting Aye: Beal, Miller, Moore, and Schroeder. Voting Aye: Clare, Hawks, Kenney, O'Connor, Phares, Pillen, Schafer, and Weitz. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 12:30 p.m. The Board reconvened the open meeting at 2:23 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Pillen at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacia L. Palser  
Interim Corporation Secretary

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James D. Pillen, Chair

## 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, December 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via videoconference at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska. An additional meeting site will be provided by videoconference, also open to the public, at the Thompson Alumni Center, 6705 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

When so posted, the full agenda for the meeting will be available for inspection in the office of the Corporation Secretary of the Board of Regents, Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, or at <https://nebraska.edu/regents/agendas-minutes>

A copy of this notice will be delivered to the Lincoln Journal Star, the Omaha World-Herald, the Daily Nebraskan, the Gateway, th

**ATTACHMENT 2**



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