



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 29, 2023

Mr. Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Nebraska Revised Statute 85-119 requires the Board of Regents to report annually to the Legislature by December 1, information regarding ten measurements of progress for Nebraska Innovation Campus. The report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (402) 472-8636.

Respectfully,

Ted Carter  
President

TC/pb

Enclosure

**University of Nebraska Board of Regents**  
**Report to the Legislature as Required by LB 1093**  
**Measurements Regarding Nebraska Innovation Campus**  
**Reporting Year 2023**

(Submitted by December 1 of each year)

**Nebraska Innovation Campus Description**

Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) is connecting the talents of experts, companies and the university to create a unique culture of innovation. NIC facilitates new and in-depth partnerships between the University of Nebraska and private-sector businesses. NIC is adjacent to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and strategically provides access to research faculty, facilities and students. For more information about campus facilities, leasing opportunities, events and programs, please visit [INNOVATE.UNL.EDU](http://INNOVATE.UNL.EDU).

**Responses**

**1. *Percentage of investments by the state and university compared to private sector investments***

As of June 30, 2023, \$281 million has been invested at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

Private Sector	155,931
State & University	<u>125,280</u>
	281,211

**2. *The number of square feet of construction***

As of June 30, 2023, NIC had 569,698 square feet of constructed space. Details regarding the available square feet is noted below. Vacant space is warm core and shell and not finished. Of the total space, 20,432 square feet is available to lease as a sub-lease through the University.

(See Summary on Next Page)

Rentable Building Name	Total	University	Conference		Available	Vacant	
	Square Feet		Center	Private	UNL Sublease	UNL Sub Leases	UNL Sub Lease
Innovation Commons*	147,784	37,125	44,954	65,705			
Food Innovation Center**	178,000	145,818			32,182	11,750	20,432
Rise Building	75,300	-		75,300			
Scarlet Hotel	115,000	9,821		105,179			
Greenhouse Innovation Center**	44,950	44,950					
<b>Total</b>	<b>561,034</b>	<b>237,714</b>	<b>44,954</b>	<b>246,184</b>	<b>32,182</b>	<b>11,750</b>	<b>20,432</b>

Non-Rentable Building Name

Nucorp Owned CRES Power Plant	8,664
<b>Total</b>	<b>569,698</b>

Note:

\* Conference Center is owned by the University

**3. The number of private sector companies located on Nebraska Innovation Campus**

Calendar Year 2021 - 58 companies

Calendar Year 2022 - 68 companies

**4. The number of private sector jobs located on Nebraska Innovation Campus**

In response to LB 1093, NICDC engaged the UNL Bureau of Business Research to conduct a survey of university and private sector activities on Nebraska Innovation Campus (“Tenant Survey”). The goal of the Tenant Survey was to provide more robust and independently verified data for this response without compromising the proprietary information of NIC’s private sector partners. This was the eighth year of the survey. Reported employment from the Tenant Survey is below.

Sector	Employment			Total
	Permanent	Student Interns	Other Temporary	
Private Sector	493	84	18	595
UNL	290	27	59	376
<b>Total</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>971</b>

**5. The amount of private sector research funding to the university attributable to Nebraska Innovation Campus**

For the years ending June 30, 2022, and 2023, the University reports the following sponsored research funding attributable to NIC and its sources.

	YTD	
	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Associations/Foundations	87,343	202,792
Federal	7,511,196	7,071,483
Industry	584,439	655,129
Local & Area	-	-
Private Donations/research projects at NIC	1,044,941	2,253,317
State Agencies	299,726	269,001
Universities	134,485	130,874
<i>Subtotal</i>	9,662,130	10,582,596
Private sector services provided by the University	6,837,207	5,091,397
<i>Total</i>	16,499,337	15,673,993

*Note: An important component of UNL's research mission is its research services to the private sector provided by The Food Processing Center and the Food Allergy Research and Resource Program; this activity is included above.*

**6. The number of internships or other employment opportunities provided by private sector companies at Nebraska Innovation Campus to University Students**

As reported from the Tenant Survey,

Sector	Internships
Private Sector	84
UNL	27
Total	111

**7. The percentage of facilities leased by private sector companies**

Type of Lease	Leased Space
Private Leases	246,184
UNL Sub Leases	<u>11,750</u>
Total	257,934
Total Leased Space Available	516,080
Percent Leased	50.0%

**8. The number of new businesses started or supported at Nebraska Innovation Campus**

During Calendar Year 2022, 16 new businesses have been started or supported at Nebraska Innovation Campus.

**9. The number of conferences and participants at Nebraska Innovation Campus**

From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, UNL reported 197 conference days were held at Nebraska Innovation Campus with a total of 29,956 participants.

## **NICDC Board Members as of June 30, 2023**

### ***Private-sector Members***

- Preeta Bansal; Independent Board Director, Global Executive, Senior Government Official, Community Builder and Strategic Advisor
- Dana Bradford; Chairman & CEO, C<sup>3</sup> Brands
- Tom Henning; Corporate Board Member, Entrepreneur, Business Consultant, Investor and Executive Coach, Tom Henning LLC
- Larry Miller; COO, Phibro Animal Health
- Tonn Ostergard; CEO & Chairman, Crete Carrier Corporation
- Vishal Singh; Founder and Former CEO of Quantified Ag
- Matt Williams; Chairman, Flatwater Bank

### ***University Representatives***

- Michael Boehm; Harlan Vice Chancellor, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; and Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska
- Ronnie Green; Chancellor, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Bob Wilhelm; Vice Chancellor of Research & Economic Development, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

### ***Officers***

- Michael Zeleny; NICDC Treasurer
- Kate Engel; NICDC Secretary
- Stacia Palser; NICDC Legal Counsel



## Preeta Bansal

### Current Business Involvement

**Preeta Bansal** is an investor, business advisor, community volunteer, and “boomeranger” to Nebraska.

Her present work relates to working with businesses and nonprofits to empower communities and human networks, using ancient wisdom tools and new technologies – drawing upon network science, quantum physics and new understandings in neuroscience and biology – to amplify small shifts in behavior and consciousness.

### Past Business Involvement

After growing up in Lincoln in the 1970s and going through Lincoln Public Schools for her K-12 education, Preeta had a high-profile career for 35 years in the public and private sectors. Among her public roles, she served as general counsel and senior policy advisor in the White House (Office of Management and Budget) where she helped craft and implement policies to address the financial recovery and stimulus beginning in 2009; as Solicitor General of the State of New York, where she argued cases in the United States Supreme Court and other appellate courts for the State; as a U.S diplomat and chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a bipartisan federal human rights commission (in which capacity she advised on the drafting of the constitutions of Iraq and Afghanistan); and law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens. In the private sector, she served as a global general counsel for HSBC Holdings, plc in London, one of the world’s largest banks, and partner and practice chair of leading international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in New York City.

She has lectured at MIT, Harvard, and Singularity University in Silicon Valley on topics relating to technology, innovation, and disrupted governance of public and private institutions.

### Community Involvement

Preeta is a Henry Crown Fellow at the Aspen Institute, a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, an independent corporate director of Nelnet, Inc. (NYSE: NNI), Chair of Civic Nebraska, and a member of many other nonprofit boards and advisory councils – including being a board member of the Lincoln Community Foundation and the Community Health Endowment. At the University, she is a member of the advisory councils for UNL’s Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts and the Jeffrey S. Raikes School for Computer Science and Management, and for UNMC. She has recently been a Lecturer at the MIT Media Lab and a Senior Advisor at MIT’s Laboratory for Social Machines.

### Education

A graduate of Lincoln East High School, Preeta attended Harvard-Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School in the 1980s. She received the National Organization of Women’s “Woman of Power and Influence Award” in 2006 and was named one of the “50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America” by the National Law Journal in 2008.



## Dana Bradford

### Current Business Involvements

Dana serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of C<sup>3</sup> Brands, a brand platform committed to building brands that offer a clear and compelling value proposition that can be consistently delivered to the market. The consumer brands include Battle, Bobby Jones, Rule, Sunice and Viking.

In addition, Dana serves on the boards of Meritage Homes (NYSE: MTH), one of America's largest homebuilders, Southwest Value Partners, a San Diego based real estate company, and Customer Service Profiles, an Omaha based provider of customer satisfaction data and analytics.

### Past Business Involvements

McCarthy Group: Dana served as a director on the board from 2005 to 2012, and served as President and Managing Partner of the private equity firm during the same period. Prior to 2005 he worked for the McCarthy organization in various positions starting in 1999.

### Community

#### 2014/15 Community Involvement

- Chairman: Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority
- Co-chair: Heartland 2050 – Regional Vision
- Chairman: 2015 capital campaign for the United Way of the Midlands
- Director: Omaha Chamber of Commerce (and member of executive committee)
- Director: Nebraska Innovation Campus
- Director: Seventy Five North
- Governor: Knights of Aksarben Foundation
- Advisor: Steven M. Gootter Foundation
- Advisor: Aksarben Future Trust
- Advisor: Robert Daugherty Foundation
- Director: Children's Hospital & Medical Center
- Member: Omaha Public School Strategic Planning Committee

### Past Boards

Dana served as chairman of the boards of SAFE Boats International, a Seattle based manufacturer of defense and emergency response boats and Vornado Air, a Wichita based consumer Brands Company.

Dana served on the board of Ballantyne (AMEX: BTN), a movie projector manufacturer, Guild Mortgage, a San Diego based full service mortgage company, NRG Media, a Cedar Rapids based broadcast network of radio stations, and Gold Circle Films, a Los Angeles based movie production company.

### Education

BSBA University of Arizona  
MBA Creighton University



## Tom Henning

### **Current Business Involvement**

Corporate Board Member, Entrepreneur, Business Consultant, Investor and Executive Coach.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Tom is the recently retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Assurity Group Inc. and subsidiaries. Tom holds the Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, and the Chartered Financial Analyst designations.

Tom is a former banker, and in the 1980s was president and CEO of the Overland National Bank in Grand Island and president and COO of the National Bank of Commerce in Lincoln.

### **Community Involvement**

Tom's been active in many civic organizations including past chair of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the University of Nebraska Foundation. Tom continues to serve on the Foundation's investment committee and its donor advisory board. He is chair of the Lincoln Chamber Economic Development Corporation, co-chair of the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development and on the steering committee of Lincoln's Vision group. Tom also serves on the University of Nebraska's Innovation Campus Governing Board. Tom was honored in 2015 to receive the Lincoln Chamber's Burnham Yates Citizenship Award. In 2016 Tom was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame.

Tom is a member of the board of directors of Nelnet, the advisory board of Lincoln Industries, the board of directors of Great Western Bancorp, Inc. and the Board of Managers of Resourcing Edge, Inc. in Rockwall, TX.

Tom and his wife Candy also operate Henning Farms which is devoted to developing wildlife habitat.

### **Past Community Involvement**

Tom is active in a variety of industry groups including recent service as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI). He also served a two year term as chair of the ACLI Political Action Committee board. He currently serves on the board of the ACLI Forum 500 and recently received their Distinguished Service Award. He is a two time past president of the Nebraska Insurance Federation.

### **Education**

Tom is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, as well as the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.





## Larry Miller

### **Current Business Involvement**

Chief Operating Officer, Phibro Animal Health Corporation

Mr. Miller has a successful record of over 30 years in the animal health industry, and currently serves as COO, Phibro Animal Health Corporation since July 2016.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Joining as President, Phibro Animal Health in May 2008, Mr. Miller has built a strong, diversified global business. At Phibro, Mr. Miller leads the business through transformational growth comprised of organic development (product and geographic expansion) and acquisitions. He was a key part of the management team that launched the Phibro I.P.O. in March 2014 (NASDAQ PAHC). Prior to joining Phibro in 2008, Mr. Miller spent 17 years with Schering-Plough Animal Health (SPAH) where he was most recently Vice President of the Intervet/Schering-Plough Global Ruminant business. Prior to this, Mr. Miller held numerous positions with SPAH including V.P. of the US Cattle Business, General Manager of their Australia and New Zealand operations, and he also led the product development and launch of Nuflor® florfenicol in the U.S. Prior to SPAH, Mr. Miller held various positions in sales and marketing management with American Cyanamid's Animal Health & Nutrition Business.

### **Community Involvement**

- Honorary Board of Directors, Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey, 1993-1997
- Board of Trustees, University of Nebraska Foundation
- Audit Committee, University of Nebraska Foundation

Mr. Miller was raised on a diversified family farming operation near North Bend, NE. Larry and his wife, Nancy, live in Warren, NJ.

### **Education**

BS in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska

Executive M.B.A from the City University of New York, Baruch College



## Tonn Ostergard

### **Current Business Involvement**

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Crete Carrier Corporation, a privately owned Lincoln, Nebraska-based transportation and logistics company. Crete Carrier, along with temperature controlled division Shaffer Trucking, and flat-bed subsidiary Hunt Transportation, employ over 6,000 associates with 19 terminal locations across the United States operating

5,000 power units and 13,000 trailers.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Prior to joining Crete Carrier he spent five years in Public Accounting working for the firm of KPMG. He also held the position of Chairman for the Nebraska Trucking Association for 1995-1996, and currently serves as a Member and Director of the American Trucking Associations and Truckload Carriers Association.

### **Community Involvement**

In addition to his industry related positions, Ostergard currently serves on the Board of Directors of Union Bank and Trust Company in Lincoln, Nebraska, and on the Board of Directors of Ameritas Mutual Holding Company and NEBCO, Inc. He serves on the Revenue Forecasting Board for the State of Nebraska, appointed by the Nebraska Legislature.

### **Past Community Involvement**

His civic responsibilities include Past Chair of The University of Nebraska Foundation; Chair of University of Nebraska Business College Capital Campaign; Board member and Vice Chair of Nebraska Innovation Campus Development Corporation; Past Chairman and Board Member of St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; a Past Director and Past President of the University of Nebraska College of Business Administration Alumni Association; Alumnus of Leadership Lincoln. Ostergard was honored in 1991 with the College of Business Administration's Alumni Leadership Award, and in 1994 was honored with the University of Nebraska Young Alumnus Award. He is also a member and past officer of the Young President's Organization.

### **Education**

Ostergard received his secondary education at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, and graduated from Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management Program.



# Vishal Singh

## **Current Business Involvement**

Founder and Former CEO of Quantified Ag

## **Past Business Involvement**

Vishal Singh was the CEO and Founder of Quantified Ag®. The company was acquired by Merck Animal Health.

Vishal was born and raised in his formative years in the metropolitan city of New Delhi, India. His family then moved to a small farming community in Nebraska in the mid-'80s. This was his first exposure to the world of agriculture.

Vishal has worked in the computing industry, first with PC Today and Smart Computing magazines and then in the video game industry. He has over 18 years of experience in the Agriculture Technology (AgTech) industry, with projects ranging from 3D visualizations of animal anatomy to mobile apps and website development. He has developed custom drones for plant crop imaging and previously completed projects with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and individual state beef councils.

Vishal has experience in project and team management, interactive technology component design, including user interface and usability through web and mobile applications. Vishal has experience with analytics and dashboarding for valuable insights in a variety of areas in agriculture.

## **Education**

Vishal's undergraduate degree is in computer graphics/visual communications. His master's degree is in broadcast where he completed user interface usability research.



## Matthew Williams

### **Current Business Involvement**

Chairman of Flatwater Bank, a \$145 million community bank located in Gothenburg, Nebraska. Matt is a fourth-generation banker and has been with the family-owned bank since 1973.

Matt became a State Senator representing Legislative District 36 in 2015. He is vice chairman of the Banking Commerce and Insurance Committee and also serves on the Judiciary Committee. He completed the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD) in 2015.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Matt was Chairman of the American Bankers Association in 2012-2013 and also served on the ABA Board. Matt has been a member of the ABA Government Relations Council and has served as the ABA State Grassroots Coordinator for the State of Nebraska. He was selected as one of 14 bankers from across our country to serve on the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking. Matt was chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association in 2003-2004 and has served on many NBA committees.

### **Community Involvement**

Matt also serves as a Trustee of the University of Nebraska Foundation, UNL Ag Builders, the University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council, the University of Nebraska Finance Department Advisory Board, and is a past Director of the State Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents to the Board of Directors of Innovation Campus.

### **Past Community Involvement**

Matt has been very involved with economic development in Gothenburg and Dawson County, formerly serving as Chairman of the Gothenburg Improvement Company and President of the Gothenburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Matt also has served as a State Director for the Tom and Nancy Osborne TeamMates mentoring program. Matt received the Alumni Achievement Award from UNL in 2013, and the ABA Ag Banker of the Year Award in 2014.

### **Education**

Matt received his undergraduate and Law degrees from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.



## Michael Boehm

### Current Business Involvement

University of Nebraska in the dual role of Harlan Vice Chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and vice president for Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska system. Mike joined the university on January 1, 2017.

### Past Business Involvement

Before serving in this role, Boehm was professor of plant pathology and vice provost for academic and strategic planning at The Ohio State University. He was responsible for strategic planning for Ohio State's 15 colleges and six campuses; K-12 and community college partnerships; the University Libraries System, College of Public Affairs and Office of Institutional Research and Planning; dean reappointment and academic unit reviews; integrated capital planning; and classroom readiness. He oversaw Ohio State's Discovery Themes initiative, a 10-year program to produce solutions to the challenges of the 21st century, and served as co-lead for the Humanities and the Arts Discovery Theme.

In research, Boehm is a recognized authority on the integrated management of turfgrass diseases with an emphasis on *Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*, the causal agent of dollar spot, and integrated management of Fusarium head blight of wheat and barley. Publications include 32 peer-reviewed articles, six edited book chapters, six US patents (two of which have been licensed and moving towards commercialization), and nearly 100 abstracts, reviews, and proceedings papers. Secured ~\$1.5 million in extramural funding (industry and federal grants); advised 15 MS and PhD students and postdoctoral researchers.

Mike was also a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 10 years, serving as a microbiologist and served 10 years as a Staff Sargent in the U.S. Army Reserve.

### Past Community Involvement

In 2013, Boehm was president of the American Phytopathological Society.

### Education

BS from Heidelberg College

MS from Ohio State University

PhD from Ohio State University



## Ronnie Green

### **Current Business Involvement**

Ronnie Green was appointed as the University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s 20th chancellor on May 8, 2016.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Before being named chancellor, Ronnie served for six years as the Harlan Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this role, he also jointly served as the Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska system. Since 2015, Ronnie also was UNL’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the institution’s chief academic officer and responsible authority in the absence of the chancellor.

Ronnie has served on the animal science faculties of Texas Tech University and Colorado State University, and as the national program leader for animal production research for the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service and executive secretary of the White House’s interagency working group on animal genomics within the National Science and Technology Council where he was one of the principal leaders in the international bovine, porcine, and ovine genome sequencing projects. Prior to returning to NU, Green served as senior global director of technical services for Pfizer Animal Health’s animal genomics business.

### **Past Community Involvement**

He is a past-president of both the American Society of Animal Science and the National Block and Bridle Club, and has served in a number of leadership positions for the U.S. Beef Improvement Federation, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, National Pork Board, Federated Animal Science Societies and the National Research Council. He was named a fellow of ASAS in 2014 and, in 2015, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world’s largest general scientific society.

### **Education**

Bachelor and master’s degrees in animal science from Virginia Tech and Colorado State University, respectively. Doctoral program was completed jointly at the University of Nebraska and USDA-ARS U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in animal breeding and genetics.



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## Bob Wilhelm

### Current Business Involvement

Bob Wilhelm is the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He has also been named a Kate Foster Professor for Mechanical and Materials Engineering. The endowed professorship was established in the 1970s through a gift by Foster's estate. Foster graduated from the University of Nebraska, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1906 and a Master of Arts in 1909.

### Past Business Involvement

Before coming to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Wilhelm, a professor of mechanical engineering and engineering science, served as vice chancellor at UNC Charlotte since 2011. He held executive roles at that institution since 2005 and had been a member of its faculty since 1993.

An award-winning researcher, Wilhelm specializes in precision engineering. He received a National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award in 1994 and was named a fellow of the International Academy for Production Engineering in 2013. He was awarded more than \$6 million in peer-reviewed competitive research funding between 1993 and 2009, working with companies like Caterpillar and DaimlerChrysler on virtual manufacturing and software frameworks for integrated measurement processes.

Before becoming UNC Charlotte's chief research officer, Wilhelm served as associate provost for strategic research partnerships and as executive director of the Charlotte Research Institute, a facility similar to Nebraska Innovation Campus that provides space to corporate partners to work with faculty and students on campus.

He also assisted with the founding of six National Science Foundation industry-university cooperative research centers and the development of focus areas for large-scale research and academic programs in data science-business analytics, energy, advanced manufacturing, biomedical research and bioinformatics.

Wilhelm has emphasized research that directly impacts social, cultural and economic communities and has led initiatives to support social science, digital humanities and the broader research culture.

### Education

Wilhelm earned a bachelor's degree from Wichita State University. He holds a Master of Science from Purdue University and a doctorate from the University of Illinois.



## **Michael Zeleny**

NICDC Treasurer

### **Current Business Involvement**

Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, responsible for accounting, budget, bursar's office, financial services, procurement services, environmental health and safety, facilities management planning and construction, facilities maintenance and operations, utilities, human resources, payroll, risk management, university police, inventory, parking and transit services, print, copy, mail and distribution services, student accounts, sustainability, transportation service, and auxiliary business services associated with UNL's programs.

### **Past Business Involvement**

Zeleny served as Chief of Staff and Associate to the Chancellor from 2018 through 2022, reporting on a wide variety of strategic and executive duties, including both internal and external relations.

Zeleny previously served as associate vice chancellor for research and economic development. He worked more than 20 years in the Office of Research and Economic Development, assisting with the university's research growth and building its economic development mission. He is active in several community organizations and has served as director of the university's Emergency Operations Command and chair of its Sesquicentennial Steering Committee.

### **Education**

Zeleny, who is originally from Exeter, Nebraska, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the university in 1993 and a Master of Business Administration in 1996.





## **Kate Engel**

### **NICDC Secretary**

#### **Current Business Involvement**

Interim Executive Director for Nebraska Innovation Campus

Kate's primary responsibility is to supervise NICDC staff, direct business operations and work to grow the roster of partners, including private businesses and university entities, at NIC. She also leads infrastructure planning and development, client services, and marketing and public relations, as well as manages relationships with commercial developers and

other entities that may build or operate facilities at NIC.

#### **Past Business Involvement**

Kate joined the NICDC team in 2011 to assist with establishing operations and marketing for the public/private research campus before its 2012 groundbreaking. Most recently, Kate was director of strategic partnerships and communications. In that role, she assisted the past executive director with recruitment and retention, additional marketing and public relations efforts, space build-outs, workforce development, and resources and programs for NIC's private- and public-sector partners.

#### **Community Involvement**

Lincoln Rotary Club 14 Board

Nebraska Wesleyan University Alumni Executive Council

Leadership Lincoln Fellows XXXII Class

City of Lincoln, NE Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board

University Association of Administrative Development (UAAD)

#### **Education**

BFA from Nebraska Wesleyan University

MA in Management from Doane University

MS in Leadership Education from the University of Nebraska



## **Stacia Palser**

### **NICDC Legal Counsel**

#### **Current Business Involvement**

Stacia Palser serves as the University of Nebraska's Vice President and General Counsel.

Over the past 9+ years, Palser has provided critical counsel and leadership to some of the University's highest profile and complex projects. These projects include the Nebraska Innovation Campus development, University Village at Kearney development, revisions to administrative authority to execute contracts, and the University's emerging partnership with U.S. Strategic Command on the Research, Engineering, and Architecture Collaboration Hub, among countless others.

#### **Past Business Involvement**

Prior to her current appointment as Vice President and General Counsel, Palser served as Deputy General Counsel. In addition to her role as Deputy General Counsel, she served in interim roles as Interim General Counsel in 2018 and Interim Corporation Secretary in 2020-2021.

Before joining the University of Nebraska in 2012, she worked in private practice, focusing on real estate and environmental matters.

#### **Education**

Palser earned her bachelor's degree in biological systems engineering from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law.

She and her husband have two children.