

Statement by Elizabeth O'Connor

University of Nebraska Board of Regents

“Since 2018, I have been honored to serve as the District Four representative for the University of Nebraska Board of Regents. During my time on the Board of Regents I have been proud to work alongside the other members of the Board, as well as the dedicated team members across the entire University of Nebraska system. The University of Nebraska is a very special place, and it represents the unique culture and leadership that is evident in the daily lives of Nebraskans in every community across our great state.

“During these past months I chose to remain part of the Board of Regents so that I could continue to work on behalf of District Four and the University. However, it has become clear that my continued presence on the Board of Regents could become a distraction to the Board’s important work. Therefore, I have made the personal decision to resign from the Board of Regents, effective on January 9, 2026, at 11:59 pm.

“I am choosing to resign now because I want to do the right thing for our great University. The University of Nebraska is facing many important opportunities and challenges, and District Four must have a representative that can serve effectively on the Board.

“I am grateful for the support and compassion that so many Nebraskans have shown my family and me during this tough period in our lives. I am especially grateful for the friendship and teamwork I have enjoyed with every single Regent during my service. The University has a strong Board of Regents and an excellent team across the entire system that will lead the University to great heights. I look forward to watching the many accomplishments the University will make under the leadership of President Gold and the Board. I am proud to be an alumnus of Nebraska, and I know the University will continue to represent all that is wonderful about our state.”