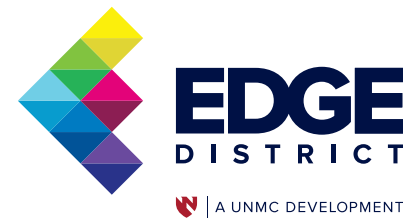


Executive Leadership



As the driving force behind the district's development and implementation, the leadership team actively shapes the EDGE District's evolving vision and implementation strategy. Their combined efforts guide its development into one of the fastest-growing urban innovation districts anchored by an academic medical center in the U.S.



H. Dele Davies, MD
Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Davies provides overall leadership and strategic direction for UNMC, ensuring the EDGE District aligns with the institution's academic, clinical, and research missions. His guidance anchors the district's role as both a university and community asset with global impact.



Anne Barnes
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer,
University of Nebraska System

Anne oversees the financial stewardship of the University of Nebraska System and UNMC. For the EDGE District, she ensures that investments, partnerships, and development strategies are sustainable, fiscally sound, and designed to deliver long-term value for the university and community.



Jen Bartholomew
Associate Vice Chancellor, UNMC & Vice President, Nebraska Medicine

Jen leads Integrated Services, overseeing facilities management, planning, and capital projects across the enterprise. Within the EDGE District, she plays a pivotal role in translating the needs of the clinical, research, and academic missions into facilities and real estate strategies, ensuring district initiatives strengthen patient care, academic medicine, and innovation.



Amy Thompson
Director of Campus Development, UNMC & Nebraska Medicine

Amy leads strategy and business development for the district, aligning the visions of internal stakeholders in academia, clinical care, and research with external partners from industry, the broader university system and the community. She drives strategic partnerships, advances the district's growth vision, and guides real estate strategy & mission-driven programming.



Ryan Lawson
Manager, Properties & Real Estate, UNMC & Nebraska Medicine

Ryan manages the university and health system's real estate portfolio, including leasing, acquisitions, and property management. Within the EDGE District, he leads leasing execution and real estate operations, ensuring projects meet tenant needs and drive long-term success.



Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Key institutional departments, including the technology transfer office (UNeMed), the research enterprise, business development and regulatory teams, and support services like legal counsel and finance and administration play pivotal roles in supporting early-stage startups, managing intellectual property, and identifying right-fit commercialization and strategic partnership opportunities.

Advisory Council

The EDGE District is forming a diverse Advisory Council made up of leaders from industry, healthcare, academia, government, and the community to provide strategic oversight and high-level guidance on the district's mission, operations, and long-term development.



Industry Specific Committees

In addition, the EDGE District is establishing sector-specific committees in biosciences and health technology. Composed of subject-matter experts, corporate leaders, researchers, and policymakers, these boards will provide industry insights to guide commercialization, partnerships, and programming that accelerate economic impact.