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NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

The agenda and any supporting material, including materials submitted after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, may be accessed on the Internet by visiting the NSA page of the NSHE website:

<https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy>

NSA members will meet with NSHE Officer in Charge Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor of Academic & Student Affairs and Community Colleges, to discuss updates regarding leadership of the System.

Request is made for the approval of the minutes for the NSA meeting held on March 3, 2022 and the NSA meeting held on March 4, 2022.

Chair Matthew Hawn will lead a discussion and review of a proposed NSA resolution in support of engaging in the necessary legislative and/or legal requirements to amend the Nevada Constitution to add a voting student member to the NSHE Board of Regents. The NSA will discuss the proposed resolution and suggest modifications to the draft. The proposed resolution may be approved or returned at a subsequent meeting for formal action by the NSA.

Chair Matthew Hawn will provide an update on the objectives and goals of NSA for the 2021-22 year.

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comment should begin by stating their name for the record and spelling their last name.

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the NSA Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the NSA, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801

NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015

TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200) 7000 Dandini Blvd. Reno, NV 89512

UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities 9 (FDH), 1st and 7th Floors, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001

UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557

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Nevada System of Higher Education

APRIL 7, 2022

Whereas, the collection of higher education institutions in the state of Nevada is known as the Nevada System of Higher Education, or NSHE, which is governed by the Nevada Board of Regents;

which establishes that the Board of Regents shall be comprised of 13 elected representatives serving six-

² <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Const/NConst.html>

³ <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/nrs396.html#NRS396Sec040>

⁴ <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/overview/>

Whereas, Regents are often Nevada institution alumni and/or higher education professionals, but there is currently no designated student member on the Board of Regents;

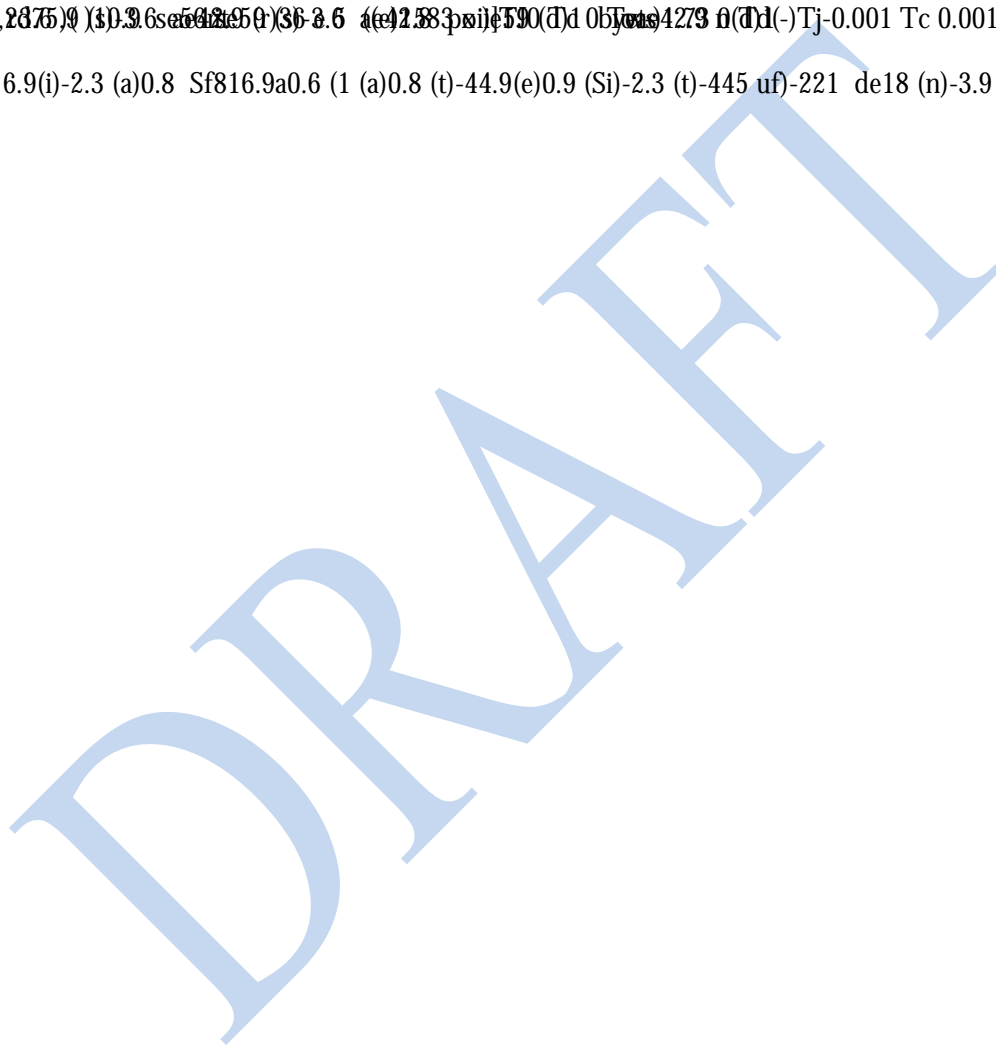
Whereas, thirty-nine public institutions of higher education in Nevada are currently members of the Board of Regents;

and whereas, the Board of Regents is currently composed of twenty-one members, including one student member, and the Board of Regents is currently authorized to receive and accept gifts and donations for the benefit of the State of Nevada;

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Whereas, the Board of Regents' objectives include promoting affordable access to higher education and a "continued quest for excellence, economy and the balancing of basic goals that the public interest requires;"⁹

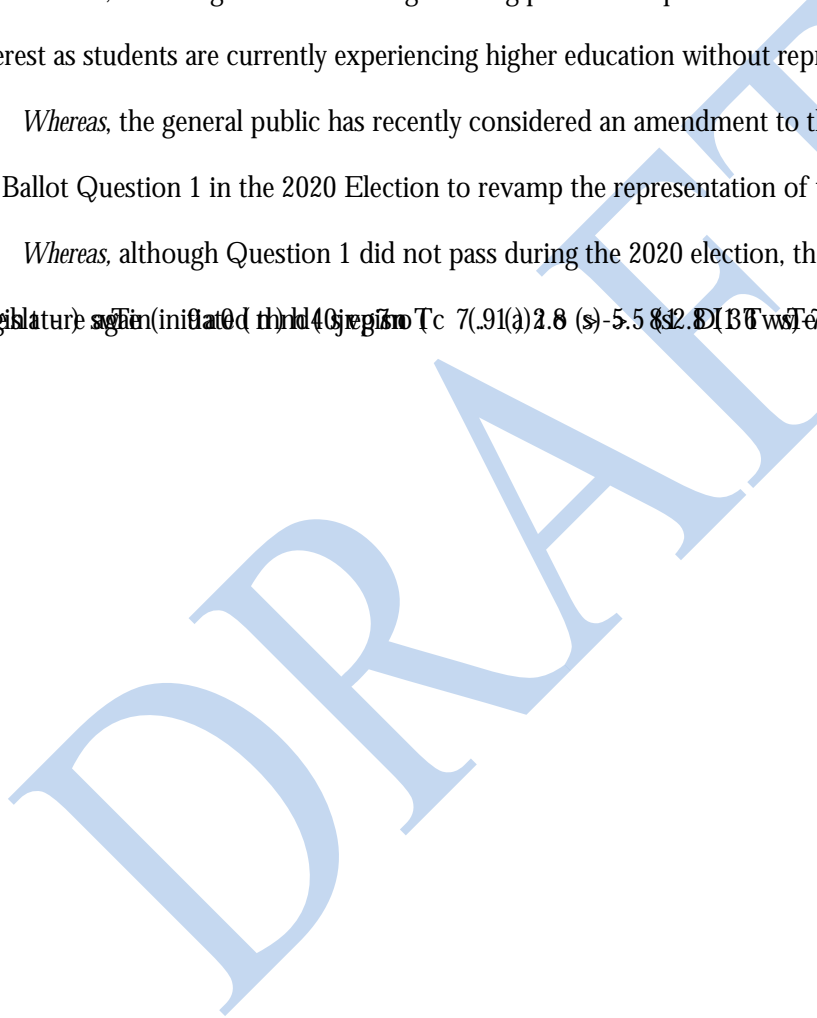
Whereas, students are directly affected by the pursuance of these objectives, as well as NSHE's rules, policies, and procedures;

Whereas, including students in the governing process is equitable and advances the public interest as students are currently experiencing higher education without representation;

Whereas, the general public has recently considered an amendment to the Nevada Constitution via Ballot Question 1 in the 2020 Election to revamp the representation of the Board of Regents¹⁰;

Whereas, although Question 1 did not pass during the 2020 election, the 2021 Nevada

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Whereas, a common argument against student Regents questions whether students have conflicts of interest and could remain impartial to certain issues, including

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Whereas, studies show that internal political efficacy increases civic participation, meaning if students clearly see their interests represented, they will be more inclined to participate in NSHE's governing process;¹³

Whereas, students have the opportunity to make public comment and the NSA meets regularly with the Regents and the Chancellor to voice its concerns and those of the represented institutions, and a vote at the table is another way for holistic representation of the student voice;

Whereas, NSHE's student governing bodies have a larger responsibility to substantiate student voices in the System;

Whereas, the necessary legal path to achieve student Regent representation will require an amendment to the Nevada Constitution, as detailed in the process below:

1. Ideally, the NSA will contact a Nevada legislator(s) before the 2023 legislative session to sponsor draft legislation and garner support for a majority vote in both houses for a legislatively referred constitutional amendment¹⁴;
2. If the measure passes during the 2023 Legislative session, it must be referred to and passed by the next regular or special legislative session before being approved and ratified by a majority of the electors qualified to vote in the next general or special election (Section 1 of Article 16, Nevada Constitution and NRS 218D.800);
3. If the NSA wishes to begin the amendment process prior to the next legislative session or is unable to find a legislator(s) to sponsor its request, the NSA may file an initiative petition with the Secretary of State's Office,¹⁵;
4. The initiative petition process to amend the Nevada Constitution will require approval by the qualified voters during the next two (2) general election cycles (Section 2 of Article 19, Nevada Constitution and NRS Chapter 295);

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Matthew Hawn

NSA Chair & University of Nevada Reno, - Graduate Student Association (GSA) President

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NSA Vice Chair & University of Nevada, Las Vegas – Consolidated Student of the University of Nevada (CSUN) President

Austin Brown

NSA Secretary & University of Nevada, Reno -- Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN) President

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NSA Member & Great Basin College – Student Government Association (SGA) President

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