

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Las Vegas  
5550 W. Flamingo Road, Suite C-1, Conference Room  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Friday, July 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Video Conference Connection to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
and  
Great Basin College, Elko  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Mr. Kevin J. Page, Chairman  
Mr. Rick Trachok, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Robert Blakely  
Mr. Cedric Crear  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mr. Ron Knecht  
Mr. James Dean Leavitt  
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher  
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield  
Ms. Allison Stephens

Members Absent:

Dr. Andrea Anderson  
Mr. Michael B. Wixom

Others Present:

Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
Mr. Larry Eardley, Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance  
Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs  
Mr. Vic Redding, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance  
Ms. Renee Yackira, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Operations  
Mr. Steven D. Zink, Vice Chancellor, Information Technology  
Mr. Scott Wasserman, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board  
Dr. Mark A. Curtis, President, GBC  
Mr. Bart Patterson, President, NSC  
Dr. Neal J. Smatresk, President, UNLV  
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR

Also present were faculty senate chairs Dr. Darin Dockstader, CSN; Dr. Christopher Harris, NSC; Ms. Dani Chandler, NSHE; Dr. Paul W. Werth, UNLV; and Dr. Swatee Naik, UNR. Student government leaders present included Mr. Alex Porter, SGA President, GBC; Mr. Deuvall Dorsey, NSSA President, NSC; and Ms. Stephanie Prevost, SGA President, TMCC.

3. Approved - Common Core State Standards Resolution (Agenda Item #3) – The Board of Regents adopted a resolution expressing the Board’s support for Nevada’s adoption of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and urged the State Board of Education, the

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Superintendent of Public Instruction. It is anticipated a number of subcommittees will be established to address various issues including communication strategies and transition plans.

Regent Leavitt moved approval to adopt a resolution expressing the Board's support for Nevada's adoption of the Common Core State Standards and urging the State Board of Education,

4. Action Taken - Campus Development, NSC (Agenda Item #4) – (Cont'd.)

intent; and 3) to adopt a resolution to permit reimbursement from the proceeds of tax-exempt Certificates of Participation in connection with certain up-front construction expenses associated with the new Nursing, Science and Education Building and the Student Activities/Administration Building (Exhibit 1) (*Ref. BOR-4 on file in the Board Office*).

President Patterson summarized that, at its January 11, 2013, meeting, the Board of Regents approved construction on the NSC campus through a lease purchase arrangement of a Nursing, Science and Education Building and a Student Activities/Administration Building totaling 100,000 square feet at a total cost not to exceed \$61 million, subject to final review by the Board of Regents. Approval was then sought and granted by the legislative Interim Finance Committee to move forward with the project. At its November 29-30, 2012, meeting, the Board of Regents had also approved a Special Building Fee of \$150 per semester for all NSC students enrolled for more than three credit hours, effective Fall 2013.

In conjunction with the State Treasurer's Office, NSC has finalized a financing package through the use of public Certificates of Participation to be issued through the Treasurer's Office. He noted Certificates of Participation were the Board's and NSC's preferred method of financing.

For a variety of reasons, NSC is in a position to seek approval of a 10 percent change in the initial square footage. These reasons include appropriation of \$1.26 million during the legislative session from remaining estate tax funds for the purpose of deferring the students' portion of the cost of the project, savings from dramatically reducing administrative costs, savings from value engineering through substitution of less expensive materials and minor design changes as well as initiation of a capital campaign. The increased square footage may provide flexibility to potentially design a third floor on the bc -0.0002 (r)5 (a)6 (mij (of)Tj 5.37 )Tj -0c2 (r)3taloor

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Chancellor Klaich thanked President Patterson and the NSC team for bringing the Board a better project at a better cost. He particularly liked President Patterson's recommendations for the revision to the student fees and funds per legislative intent.

Regent Knecht said in the last three months interest rates have increased not quite 100 basis points in general. He asked President Patterson if the requested action in any way delays the System getting to market with the financing. He was concerned interest rates may continue to increase causing the System to lose the benefit of current historically low rates. President Patterson responded the action being requested would not delay the financing. He also had been concerned about the capital markets but working through the project with the State Treasurer's Office and the Chancellor's Office has calmed those fears. More money will be saved with the proposed direction as long as interest rates do not increase much higher. In addition, pushing the project completion from fall 2014 to fall 2015 eliminated the need to buy out existing building leases. If there is a dramatic increase in the interest rates, then NSC will have to downsize the project.

Regent Knecht said the balancing of the various factors provided him with some comfort although he did not like the idea of having to downsize the project.

Regent Stephens moved to approve three specific requests related to development of the NSC campus including: 1) granting flexibility for NSC to increase the scope of the project up to 120,000 square feet and to present the change in scope to the legislative Interim Finance Committee on August 29, 2013, with final approval of a plan to increase the scope and/or reduce the amount borrowed to occur at the September 2013 Board of Regents' meeting; 2) approval to defer 100 percent of the NSC Special Building Fee for the 2013-2014 academic year and to defer approximately 50 percent of the fee for the 2014-2015 academic year to 2015. The expense to students by \$1.262 million.

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5. Approved - Appointment of Members to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Campus Improvement Authority Board (Agenda Item #5) - Pursuant to legislation contained in Assembly Bill 335 (Chapter 507, *Statutes of Nevada 2013*), the Board of Regents appointed Regents

