

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Aspen Building, Carson Nugget Hall  
Western Nevada College  
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City  
Thursday, September 5, 2019

Video Conference Connection from the meeting site to:

System Administration, Las Vegas  
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room , Vice Chair  
Mr. Sam Lieberman  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo

Mr. John T. Moran

Members Absent: Mr. Rick Trachok

Other Regents Present: Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Mr. Trevor Hayes

Others Present: Dr. Thom Reilly, Chancellor  
Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff & Special Counsel to the Board  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Mr. Caleb Cage, Assistant Vice Chancellor,  
Workforce Development & Community Colleges  
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic & Student Affairs  
Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Vice Chancellor and  
Director of Student Affairs  
Ms. Joi Holliday, Senior Policy Analyst  
Mr. James Martines

Others Present: Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Arnold Bell, CSN; Dr. Amanda Keen-Zebert, DRI; Mr. George Kleebe, GBC; Dr. Janis McKay, UNLV; and Dr. Brian Frost, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Ms. Nicola Opfer, NSC; Ms. Alexandra Patri, TMCC; Ms. Hannah Patenaude, UNLV-CSUN; and Ms. Tamara Guinn, UNR-GSA.

*For others present, please see the attendance roster on file in the Board Office.*

Chair Kevin J. Page called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with all members present except Regent Trachok.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2019, meeting (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chair Carvalho moved approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2019, meeting. Regent McAdoo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Trachok was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Kevin J. Page provided general remarks and thanked Dr. Barbara Atkinson for her service as Founding Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine (UNLV SOM). He also wished Dr. Atkinson luck in her new role within the UNLV SOM. Additionally, Chair Page welcomed Dr. John Fildes as the Interim Dean of the UNLV SOM.
4. Information Only-UNLV School of Medicine Report – Dr. John Fildes, Interim Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks including information relating to accreditation, programs, funding and financial status (*Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Marta Meana, President, UNLV, thanked Dr. Atkinson for her work and accomplishments as the Founding Dean. She announced that Dr. Atkinson will serve as a special advisor on community engagement and accreditation for UNLV SOM. President Meana introduced Dr. Fildes as the Interim Dean for the UNLV SOM and provided a brief overview of his professional background which included 20 years at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine (UNR Med) and his work at UMC.

Interim Dean Fildes' report included: recruitment for the class of 2024; recruitment of internal positions, including the newly-hired Chair of the Department of Pediatrics; legislative updates, including the round table held with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto which focused on the high cost of prescription



5. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report – *(continued)*

UNR Med initiative which focuses on community engagement; research programs; and faculty recruitment

7. Information Only-CSN Dental Program – (continued)

the “Move Forward” plan; and DFP Support for CSN’s academic programs.

Chair Page asked how much money was saved by decreasing the dental hygienists, which had an annual savings to the Practice of \$80,000 and adding the three dental assistants. Dr. Widdison answered that by increasing the number of dental assistants, it improves the DFP production. The cost of adding the dental assistants is less than the \$80,000 gained by letting go of one of the dental hygienists.

Regarding outsource and collections, Chair Page asked if there were any positions eliminated internally. Dr. Widdison answered that under the leadership of the CSN DFP’s new office manager, the collection rate has been between 90-95 percent, which is very good. Outside sourcing has been narrowed down to two companies which would increase the monthly overhead; however, it is currently being monitored to ensure that the collection rate stays between 90-95 percent.

Chair Page shared his appreciation for the presentation.

8. Information Only-New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – Dr. Sara Hunt, Director of UNLV Mental and Behavioral Health Coalition; Assistant Dean of Behavioral Health Sciences, UNLVSOM, shared her support of Dr. Packham’s presentation. She stated there are two consistent issues which are barriers to care for mental healthcare in Nevada: 1) reimbursement rate; and 2) workforce development. While the NSHE does not assist with reimbursement, the NSHE can and should assist with workforce development and providing support to boost efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents

**Approved by the Board of Regents at its December 5-6, 2019, meeting.**