

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

System Administration, Las Vegas  
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Friday, April 1, 2022

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

Members Present:

Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Chair  
Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Mr. John T. Moran  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present:

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs  
and Community Colleges  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Keri Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC  
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, President, NSC  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV

Faculty senate chair in attendance was: Dr. Amy Pason, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Zachary Johnigan, ASCSN President, CSN; Ms. Caren Yap, CSUN President, UNLV; and Ms. Nicole Thomas, GPSA President, UNLV.

Mr. William Peterson, P.C., Snell & Wilmer, was also in attendance.

Chair McAdoo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with all members present. Vice Chair Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Interim Chief of Staff to the Board Keri Nikolajewski provided the Land Acknowledgement.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individual provided written public comment in support of Chancellor Melody Rose:

Kimberly Simmonds (*Simmonds.Kimberly04.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided written public comment concerned that there are not enough Chemistry prerequisite classes for all Clark County students, which is causing young talented minds to seek their education elsewhere:

Fredrick Bragg Jr. (*BraggJr.Fredrick04.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided written public comment disappointed in the contract buyout and that a long and expensive Chancellor Search will only further drain resources that should help students:

Alan Cruz (*Cruz.Alan04.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

Nicole Thomas communicated the disappointment and discouragement that students are currently experiencing. She stated that \$610,000 could fund 30 new graduate assistantship lines at \$20,000 each or seven to eight new faculty lines. In addition, that amount could bolster the immigration clinic or provide much-needed building repairs. Students were told stability and representation matters. After years of turmoil and

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2. Approved



2. Approved – Separation Agreement – (Continued)

Regent Carvalho asked if the Chancellor's vacation was scheduled in advance why there was a rush to hold his meeting. Chair McAdoo stated she was unaware that the Chancellor was on vacation.

Regent Carvalho stated this is a sad day for the NSHE. NSHE is losing yet another Chancellor. It feels wrong that this separation agreement is on the heels of the conclusion of the Chancellor's complaint. She is hopeful that the Board can work together collaboratively and improve in the future. The Board was reminded that it represents all the

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including faculty and staff, and the message being sent is that the Board could not work out its differences. The Board's action is causing nothing but disruption. What happens to the cabinet, staff, and presidents that supported the Chancellor's work. Do any of the Regents have any idea how much anxiety is related to the Board's dysfunction? The Board has failed the Chancellor. There have been five different Chancellors since 2016, so the problem must lie with the Board. The Chancellor is an employee and never had an evaluation. Have either of the Chairs sat down with the Chancellor and provided any feedback. Regent Del Carlo stated she would not support the motion and asked that the lawyers bring in a mediator or psychologist to resolve the issues. The students, faculty, and staff are watching. Regent Del Carlo publicly apologized to Chancellor Rose.

Motion carried via a roll call vote. Chair McAdoo, Vice Chair Carter, and Regents Arrascada, Boylan, Brooks, Doubrava, Geddes, Moran, and Perkins voted yes. Regents Carvalho, Del Carlo, McMichael, and Tarkanian voted no.

3. Information Only – New Business

Vice Chair Carter requested an update on the Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board search at the next meeting.

Regent Geddes requested an update on the interim or acting Chancellor position at the next meeting.

Regent Moran stated he requested an item be placed on the next agenda to get further direction from the Board on the ad hoc Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents search since the o (g)4ito genterbe po gestnce Tw -10.10 -1.15 T15c 0.004 -6 (4)4 g5 04 Tsnhd6







