

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Members Absent: Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present: Ms. Crystal Abba, Officer in Charge
Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor, Public Affairs and Advancement
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. James J. Martines, Interim Chief General Counsel
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 Pollard, President, NSC
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV
Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, Interim President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNLV; and Dr. Amy Pason, UNR. Student body president in attendance was: Ms. Dionne Stanfill, ASUN President, UNR.

Chief Deputy Attorney General Rosalie Bordelove was also in attendance.

Chair McAdoo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Regents Moran, Perkins, and Tarkanian. Regent Carvalho led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the victims, families, and friends of the Uvalde, Texas, massacre. Chair McAdoo provided the Land Acknowledgement.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

Jon Carpineta provided a written public comment asking that Title 2, Chapter 12 be repealed in its entirety. (*Carpineta.Jon05.25.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

Parker Franklin provided a written public comment on the aesthetic appeal of the new engineering building at UNLV. (*Franklin.Parker05.25.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

Vince McGuinness provided a written public comment asking if Juneteenth will be observed as a paid state holiday. (*McGuinness.Vince05.25.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

Dr. Kent Ervin provided a written public comment that the pandemic is not over. Therefore, neither option presented in Agenda Item 7 is needed. Instead, the Board should create a permanent system-level advisory body that can be activated quickly to provide expert public health recommendations on matters of urgent public health and safety; empower each institution to implement safety measures with consideration of local conditions; and make critical improvements in Indoor Air Quality for both airborne pathogens and smoke particulates, which will have long term health benefits for students and faculty. (*Ervin.Kent05.25.22 on file in the Board Office.*)

Eric York stated he was a strong proponent of COVID-19 vaccination requirements. However, Title 2, Chapter 12, is administratively burdensome, lengthens recruitment and hiring, and decreases applicant pools. As a result, NSHE institutions face multiple challenges in recruiting and hiring quality employees. Chapter 12 adds to the challenges, and he urged the Board to repeal the Chapter.

Regent Perkins entered the meeting.

Dr. Laura Naumann provided support for Agenda Item 4, 2023-25 NSHE Institution Capital Construction, Planning and Deferred Maintenance Requests. In addition, she urged the Board to move up the NSC – STEAM Building Planning Project ranking.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

Parker Franklin voiced his concern about the aesthetic appeal of the new UNLV engineering building and urged that a new architect be hired.

2. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Distribution of Student Registration Fees, Academic Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 – The Board approved the

3. Information Only – 2022 Space Study Inventory Report – Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger presented the 2022 Space Study Inventory Report to support future capital planning and budgeting cycles, specifically for the Capital Improvement Program for the 2023-25 biennium. (*Ref. BOR-3 on file in the Board Office.*)

4. Approved – 2023-25 NSHE Institution Capital Construction, Planning and Deferred Maintenance Requests – (Continued)

(Motion continued)

Innovation Building Planning & Construction; and
8) UNR-Life Science Building Planning &
Construction; 9) TMCC-EastView Construction &
Planning (Experiential Learning); 10) CSN-Sahara

4. Approved – 2023-25 NSHE Institution Capital Construction, Planning and Deferred Maintenance Requests – (Continued)

Vice Chair Carter asked what the total increase was, with Chief Financial Officer Clinger responding this is just the capital improvement projects. In June, the operating priorities will be presented.

Vice Chair Carter asked when the Board would make comparisons. Chief Financial Officer Clinger stated it is two separate processes. Capital Improvement is funded through property taxes and one-time funding from the state. Operating enhancements are funded with state funds. Regents will have the ability to rank operating enhancements at the June meeting.

Motion carried via a roll call vote. Chair McAdoo, Vice Chair Carter, and Regents Arrascada, Boylan, Brooks, Carvalho, Del Carlo, Doubrava, Geddes, McMichael, Moran, and Perkins voted yes. Regent Tarkanian was absent.

Chair McAdoo thanked the Regents for their questions. She applauded the Presidents and the Business Officers for working as a system.

5. Approved – Mining Industry Workforce Partnership and Letter of Intent Accepting the Conveyance of Real Property Consisting of the Former National Guard Armory Located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, Nevada, GBC and UNR – The Board approved the Letter of Intent included in Exhibit 2 related to the Real Property located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, Nevada (APN 001-620-011). (*Refs. BOR-5a and BOR-5b on file in the Board Office.*)

GBC President Joyce M. Helens and UNR President Brian Sandoval presented a Letter of Intent included in Exhibit 2 related to the Real Property located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, Nevada (APN 001-620-011).

Director of Mackay School of Earth Sciences & Engineering Annie Huhta and UNR Director of Real Estate Troy Miller presented the mining collaboration.

Regent Arrascada stated the materials list an acquisition total of \$200,000. He asked if that was today's price or the November price. UNR Director of Real Estate Miller stated the purchase price is approximately \$200,000; of that, \$185-190,000 is a loan, and there will be closing and due diligence costs.

Regent Perkins left the meeting.

Regent McMichael moved approval of the Letter of Intent included in Exhibit 2 related to the Real Property located at 1375 13th Street, Elko, Nevada (APN 001-620-011). Regent Moran seconded.

5. Approved – Mining Industry Workforce Partnership and Letter of Intent Accepting the

6. Approved – Update on Sierra Nevada University Transfer, UNR; 1) Campus Buildings and Grounds Lease Between UNR and UNR Foundation’s Lake Campus LLC; 2) First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Transfer of Sierra Nevada University; 3) Assignment of the Building Lease for the Tahoe Center for Environment Science; and 4) Assignment of Option to Purchase a Portion of the Tahoe Center for Environmental Science – (Continued)

1. Campus Buildings and Grounds Lease between UNR and UNR Foundation’s Lake Campus LLC (999 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV, APN 127-040-04; 291 Country Club Dr., Incline Village, NV, APN 127-040-10; 1008 Tahoe Blvd., Incline Village, NV, APN 130-050-11) (Exhibit 2) (*Ref. BOR-6c on file in the Board Office.*);
- 2.

6. Approved – Update on Sierra Nevada University Transfer, UNR; 1) Campus Buildings and Grounds Lease Between UNR and UNR Foundation’s Lake Campus LLC; 2) First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Transfer of Sierra Nevada University; 3) Assignment of the Building Lease for the Tahoe Center for Environment Science; and 4) Assignment of Option to Purchase a Portion of the Tahoe Center for Environmental Science – (Continued)

(Motion continued)

and 4) Assignment of Option to Purchase and Escrow Instructions (291 Country Club Dr., Incline Village, NV, APN 127-040-09) (Exhibit 5). Regent Brooks seconded.

In resy (ooks)dBDC T(1)13 ((ha)(O)2C13 ((hu3 (e)4 (nt) (u)-10 (c)4o P)-4 (uf)-10 (N)2om66 -1.15 Tdi

-2 (nge)4 (y()TjAMCIDI)-44(Vi)-44-isrooksu (i)-n9(i)-d ()2 e4 BDC t4 (orh ()2 e s9-5)4t4 (orat4 (ore' E

7. Information Only – Code Revision, Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination Policy –
(Continued)

Regent Boylan read portions of Dr. Kent Ervin’s written public comment into the record.

Regent Geddes stated he is a strong proponent of the mandate. Regent Geddes requested legal explore whether the Board as a constitutional body can put mandates in place. He believed thresholds were needed, not only for COVID but whatever else may emerge in the future. NSHE must be able to make quick decisions related to safety protocols.

Regent Carvalho asked the Presidents and the COVID-19 Task Force to offer why this should be repealed. She agreed with Regent Geddes that NSHE needs to be able to make quick decisions.

Dr. Cheryl Hug-English, UNR Director of Student Health Center, stated she has spoken in support of COVID vaccinations because it is the most valuable tool in fighting this virus. Vaccinations are not perfect but still effective in reducing hospitalizations and deaths. When the mandate was put in place, cases and hospitalizations were incredibly high. The virus is not going away. The change now is people are discussing how to manage the virus instead of eradicating it. Dr. English hoped that if the Board repealed the mandate, the message would still favor vaccinations for faculty and staff.

UNR Faculty Senate Chair Amy Pason stating verifying vaccination status is tedious for the institutions, especially with budget circumstances. Instead, there should be statements to encourage faculty and students to keep up with their vaccinations and boosters. Campuses should also be allowed to put mitigation efforts in place as they see fit.

Dr. Hug-English called the Board’s attention to the CDC Community Risk Assessment Tool. The tool will give a risk profile of whether the community is at a low, medium, or high risk and recommendations on what to do.

Regent Boylan liked the idea of implementing safety measures based on community risk.

Regent Brooks voiced his frustration about the vaccine’s efficacy and believed the only way to move forward is to repeal the policy fully. He thought there was coordinated and manipulated information presented at the December meeting.

UN-2 (N onl)-2 (0 Tw 22(N onl)-2 (0oo od hi)-12 (e)42 (pI0)-2 (iE-1 ()-10 (e82 (s)-0)-2 (iE-1TJ0 Tc-1 (

7. Information Only – Code Revision, Emergency COVID-19 Vaccination Policy –
(Continued)

TMCC President Karin Hilgersom agreed with the Task Force that it is time to repeal, but she also agreed they must be proactive and take the lessons learned to create a framework for the future.

UNR President Sandoval stated UNR has an over 90 percent student and faculty vaccination rate. Therefore, the health, safety, and welfare of those that visit campus are the most important. Whatever policy is adopted is not a static situation, and decisions cannot be based on current events. He agreed with using the available CDC resources, such as the community risk assessment.

GBC President Helens

G(3 (t)-2 a)4 (s)-1 (t)-2 (a)4d (s)-1 (t)-kTJ.(a)4d (ces)-5 (,4)-2 ces,4cescesCsy

GcG(3 004 Tc 0.004 Tw -100.26t)-6 (h)mifbli -1.15.1.15 Td[Td()Tj- (C)-7 (r)-1 (es)-5 (o)-4F)-15.69 -

9. Information Only – New Business

Vice Chair Carter requested consideration of a systemwide policy for hosting and host accounts.

Regent Carvalho requested consideration of a *Handbook* revision for the Capital Improvement Budget Process, Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 26, Subsection 6, to be more closely aligned with the process just followed, specifically to include the Business

Offtigne-2 (he)4 e-2 (he)4 e(.e6 (s)TJ0eTucsh907Twsaf4)MGLD6(5)Sk7404Tsh(c)H2Bse(1ens)Ch(Regenne1 (fat)-116 a-2 (he)4 e-2 (h9 0 Td()Tj-0.004 Tc 0.004 T