BOARD OF REGENTS and its AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND TITLE IX COMMITTEE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Student Union, Ballroom 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

Thursday, December 1, 2022

<u>Video Telephone Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:</u>

System Administration, Reno 2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

and

Great Basin College, Elko

1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Chair

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair

Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada Dr. Mark W. Doubrava

Dr. Jason Geddes

Other Regents Present: Mrs. Cathy McAdoo, Board Chair

Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Board Vice Chair

Mr. Patrick J. Boylan

Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.

Ms. Laura E. Perkins Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present: Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor

Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Ms. Tracy Sherman, CSN (*Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs*); Dr. Brittany Kruger, DRI; Mr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; Dr. Christine Beaudry, NSC; Mr. Ed Boog, SA; Dr. Rhonda Montgomery, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; and Mr. Jim

3. <u>Information Only – Chair's Report</u> – Chair Patrick R. Carter stated this was his last meeting and wanted to acknowledge Chief Internal Auditor Sunbury and his team for their hard work and effort. Internal Audit took over compliance in the previous six years, and substantial institutional growth has occurred. There have also been many Title IX conversations and many exciting times. Chief Internal Auditor Sunbury thanked Chair Carter for his comments.

(Audit Summary on file in the Board Office.)

4. <u>Approved – Change in Leadership, WNC</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the report and institutional response to the WNC Change in Leadership audit for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021. (*Ref. A-4 on file in the Board Office.*)

Chief Internal Auditor Sunbury reviewed the *Audit Summary* and *Ref. A-4* and recommended the following control improvements: nt0004 Tc -7) crnts:ions recnge

6. <u>Information Only – Sierra Nevada University Fiscal Year 2022 Audit Status Update – (Continued)</u>

In response to a question from Chair Carter asking whether this will come back to the Committee, Vice President Redding responded the financial statements would be a part of the NSHE Financial Statement in FY23. Still, it doesn't preclude the opportunity for further reports on the transition.

Vice Chair Del Carlo asked for an approximate amount for the student loan discharge. Vice President Redding responded with 17 undergraduates and likely a similar number of graduate students, there are several factors within the process are difficult to put a precise dollar amount to. But he is comfortable that the \$550,000 earmark will be sufficient.

7. Information Only – Internal Audit, Compliance and Title

8. <u>Information Only – Communications with Those Charged with Governance, NSHE – (Continued)</u>

misstatements; other required communications; quality of accounting practices; internal control matters; use of the work of other auditors; use of the work of others; commitment and technical updates-GASB.

9. <u>Approved – Uniform Guidance Audit Report and Financial Statements, NSHE</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the NSHE Uniform Guidance Audit Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. (*Ref. A-9 on file in the Board Office.*)

Ms. McCormick reported NSHE adopted a new accounting pronouncement for leases, and System and the institutions did a great job coordinating the effort. Earlier in the year, medical practice plan operations moved to Renown. The minimal activity that is left was blended into the Financial Statements.

Last year there were two findings, one related to the preparation of a schedule of expenditures and federal awards and another related to the accounting of investments. The findings were remediated and not repeated this year.

Ms. McCormick recalled that there had been Student Financial Aid findings for years, with repeat findings this year, related to segregation of duties issues in the Information Technology application, and the second is the return of Title IV.

The number of overall findings continues to decrease.

Ms. McCormick stated she would report with official results once an opinion is rendered.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the NSHE Uniform Guidance Audit Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. Regent Arrascada seconded. Motion carried.

10. <u>Information Only – Communications with Those Charged with Governance, University of Nevada Las Vegas Medicine, Inc.</u> – Ms. Kim McCormick, Partner, Grant Thornton, LLP presented a report on Communications with Those Charged with Governance for the UNLV Medicine, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2022, in line with requirements for compliance with the professional standards for CPA firms. (*Ref. A-10 on file in the Board Office.*)

Ms. McCormick reviewed *Ref. A-10* highlighting values; responsibilities; governance and management responsibilities; audit timeline and scope; materiality; significant risks and other areas of focus; summary of misstatements; other required communications; quality of accounting practices; internal control matters; related parties and related party transactions; commitment to promote ethical and professional excellence; technical updates-GASB; pronouncements-GASB; and 2022 OMB Compliance Supplement.

11. <u>Approved – Financial Statements, University of Nevada Las Vegas Medicine, Inc.</u> – The Committee recommended approval of the UNLV Medicine, Inc. Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. (*Ref. A-11 on file in the Board Office.*)

Ms. McCormick stated the financial statements are clearly stated, and an unmodified clean opinion was issued.

In the last audit, a material weakness related to mathematical errors was issued, but Ms. McCormick was happy to report that the finding did not repeat.

Ms. McCormick noted one new finding related to the supplemental schedule of federal expenditures. There were quite a few errors when the schedule was presented, so they recommended enhanced controls to ensure the schedule is prepared accurately in the future.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the UNLV Medicine, Inc. Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. Regent Arrascada seconded.

In response to a question from Chair Carter related to PEBP, Ms. McCormick responded the individual standalone practice plan does not participate in the PEBP program so it does not impact the financial statements like the broader NSHhp(S)-1.9 (H)oleceU(n doe)4 (s)-1 (not21.51 -1)

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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Interim Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents

Approved by the Board of Regents at its March 10, 2023, meeting.