

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the January 19, 2024, meeting.

System Administration, Las Vegas  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
and  
Great Basin College, Elko  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Mr. Byron Brooks, Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mrs. Susan Brager  
Ms. Heather Brown  
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho  
Dr. Michelee Cruz-Crawford  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs  
Ms. Stephanie Goodman  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Others Present:

Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor  
Ms. Lynda P. King, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. James J. Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents  
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations  
Mr. Chris Viton, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI  
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC  
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, NSU  
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC  
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR  
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Patrick Villa, CSN; Dr. Molly Appel, NSU; Dr. Eric “Rick” Bullis, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; Dr. Peter S. Reed, UNR (*Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs*); and Ms. Rachelle Bassen, WNC. Student body president in attendance was Ms. Nicole Thomas, GPSA President, UNLV. Classified council chairs in attendance were Ms. Louellen Monte, GBC; and Ms. Stacy Wallace, NSU, ex-officio.

*Land Acknowledgment*

*Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that here in Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; Nuwe – Western Shoshone; and Nuwu – Southern Paiute. We take a moment to recognize and honor their stewardship that continues into today. With this recognition, we state an intention to rightfully include their voice and respect them as the 27 sovereign tribal nations of Nevada.*

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with all members present except Regent Perkins. Interim Chancellor Charlton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided in-person or written public comment in support of an 11 percent COLA increase:

Nicholas Barron (*Barron.Nicholas10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Jennifer Byrnes (*Byrnes.Jennifer10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Courtney Danforth (*Danforth.Courtney10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Dr. Kent Ervin  
Melissa Giovanni (*Giovanni.Melissa10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Colleen Harrington (*Harrington.Colleen10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Aaron Harris (*Harris.Aaron10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Karen G. Harry (*Harry.KarenG10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Naser Heravi (*Heravi.Naser10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Martha Johnson-Olin (*Johnson-Olin.Martha10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Dr. Shari Lyman  
Dr. Shantal Marshall  
Dr. Pete Martini  
Jim Matovina (*Matovina.Jim10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Julian B. Merino (*Merino.JulianB10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Jim New  
Robert Peterson (*Peterson.Robert10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Suzie Pickle (*Pickle.Suzie10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
William E. Proctor (*Proctor.WilliamE10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Todd Ruecker  
Bill Saxon (*Saxon.Bill10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Dr. Maria Schellhase (*Schellhase.Maria10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Marianne Sebok (*Sebok.Marianne10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Alex Smith (*Smith.Alex10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Erin G. Smith (*Smith.ErinG10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Mark Taormino (*Taormino.Mark10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.*)  
Doug Unger

1. Information Only – Public Comment – *(Continued)*

The following individuals provided in-person or written public comment in support of an 11 percent COLA increase: *(Continued)*

Patrick Villa

Staci Walters (*Wal12 72 70879 Tdd(S)-8aaciS 0 Tddn sOeAo-7 (Om)LiTJ0tTJ0tTJ0ee ev-10 (a*

3. Information Only – Update on the Committee to Recommend Board Action on FY 2025 Salary Increases – (Continued)

sufficient to support an 11 percent award across the System. The Committee reviewed various scenarios and will make a recommendation to the Board of Regents for consideration and possible action at its November 30-December 1, 2023, meeting.

4. Information Only – Overview of the United States Supreme Court’s Decision in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. Harvard College and University of North Carolina* – Associate General Counsel Lynda King presented an overview of the United States Supreme Court’s decision in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. Harvard College and University of North Carolina*, wherein the Supreme Court determined that the use of race in admissions policies at Harvard College and the University of North Carolina violated the Equal Protection

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6. Information Only – Public Comment – *(Continued)*

Nicole Thomas stated students would not be here without the faculty. Faculty have been her mentors. She asked that they be paid their fair share and to retain them as best as possible with the COLA increase. She recognizes a shared sacrifice between students and faculty and that continued discussion will happen.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

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