

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

WORKSHOP

BOARD OF REGENTS NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Friday, October 20, 2023

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

Members Absent: Ms. Heather Brown

Others Present: Ms. Patty 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
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Mr. Patrick Villa, CSN; Mr. David Sexton, GBC; Dr. Molly Appel, NSU; Dr. Eric "Rick" Bullis, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; and Ms. Rachelle Bassen, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were Mr. Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSSA President, NSU; and Ms. Nicole Thomas, GPSA President, UNLV. Classified council chair attendance was Ms. Louellen Monte, GBC.

Land Acknowledgment

Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that herein Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; NuWestern 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 12:00 p.m. with all members present except Regent Brown.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided in-person or written public comment opposed to The James G. Martin Center leading the workshop:

¾ Carli Barnum (Barnum.Carli10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Dr. Eric Bullis (Bullis.Eric10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

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¾ Darrell Carter (Carter.Darrell10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

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¾ Dr. Kent Ervin (Ervin.Kent10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Dr. Corey Fernandez (Fernandez.Corey10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Clement Gelly (Gelly.Clement10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Iram Gonzalez (Gonzalez.Iram10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Dr. Elizabeth Gunn (Gunn.Elizabeth10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Tanya Hayes

¾ Lars Jensen (Jensen.Lars10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

¾ Martha Johnson Olin (Johnson-Olin.Martha10.20.23 on file in the Board Office.)

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1. Information Only – Public Comment – (Continued)

Chair Brooks clarified that the organization is only presenting the differences between management and governance by a governing Board.

2. Information Only – Principles and Best Practices of Highly Effective Governing Boards –
Dr. Jenna A. Robinson, President, The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, led a discussion on the principles and best practices of highly effective governing boards in higher education (Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Downs asked what input the members of the Board should have on forming agenda. Dr. Robinson responded that the members of the Board will have the most input through their committee assignments.

In response to a question from Regent Downs related to the differences between executive and governance committees, Dr. Robinson stated an executive committee refers to the Chair, Vice Chair, secretary, or anyone who holds an executive office. Its exclusive purpose is to be nimble and make decisions when the full Board cannot.

Regent Del Carlo asked why having a diversity committee is not a best practice. Robinson stated that it is a part of student affairs or personnel. Committees are structured based on the activities of the Board rather than subject matter. The work you might put into a diversity committee should best be divided between a personnel committee, student affairs committee, and academic affairs committee. Dr. Robinson noted the li (e)]TJ 0 Tcm

3. Information Only –Overview of the Nevada Open Meeting Law and How It Applies to NSHE Policies on Chancellor and President Searches Special Counsel Michael B. Wixom presented an overview of the Nevada Open Meeting Law and how it applies to NSHE Chancellor and President search policies. The overview was provided in anticipation of the formation of an ad hoc Committee to Review the Policies Governing a Search for Chancellor, as directed by the Board at its September 28, 2023, meeting.

5. Information Only – Public Comment

Dr. Molly Appel stated listening is not only hearing with ears but meeting people fully where they are and being present in the actions and experiences they bring to the space. She offered that everyone brings actions, knowledge, and experience to all the work they do, and the goal of effective, honest dialogue is not to eliminate biases; rather, the goal is to situate positionality clearly when they come to the table. Educators and learners bring these concerns about