

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

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Friday, January 19, 2024

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

Others Present:

Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor
Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Dr. Natalie Brown, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Workforce Development and Community Colleges
Ms. Elizabeth Callahan, Public Information Officer
Mr. James J. Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Ms. Carrie L. Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor, Budget and Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI

1. Information Only – Public Comment – (Continued)

Jim New provided in-person public comment expressing his gratitude to Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton for including a representative from the NFA on the Committee for Public Safety. He appreciates that the committee will make recommendations for enhancing the physical safety of NSHE's campus communities but also recognizes that implementing the improvements will be costly. The NFA fully supports NSHE's efforts to secure funding from the Interim Finance Committee to offset the costs, and the NFA will do its best to make public comment in support. Nonetheless, the institutions will likely need to bear some of the costs. Campus security must be prioritized above all other proposed capital projects in the next legislative session. Adding new buildings doesn't make sense when existing buildings remain vulnerable. NFA also looks forward to the work of the ad hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding. NFA will advocate for a funding plan that prioritizes the core educational mission while recognizing the distinctions between the different institution types.

Doug Unger provided in-person public comment wishing to honor the memory of Regent Jason Geddes. He was an exemplary leader, cordial, and accessible. He always listened and respected faculty governance. He recalled sharing many moments of upbeat laughter because of a sense of humor that was all his. NFA appreciates the beginning of the budget process. NSHE will face budget challenges, including uncertainty of enrollment. He is optimistic, if NSHE can work together to assert the value of higher education to diversify

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and Interim Chancellor Charlton have reached out and are

2. Approved – Consent Items – (Continued)

- 2b. Approved – Appointments, Task Force on Power-Based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education – The Board approved the appointment of the following individuals to the Task Force on Power-based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education (NRS 396.141(1)). (Ref. BOR2b on file in the Board Office)

x Jordan Fischette, UNLV
x Lindsey Wolterbeek, UNR

Regent Brown entered the meeting.

Regent Boylan stated he would appreciate the individuals' background information and asked why they were chosen for the task force. Interim Chancellor Charlton clarified that the language and appointments are specific regarding the legislation passed in the 2023 Legislative Session. Information on the two individuals is included in the agenda materials. The legislation specifically calls out for the types of representatives that needed to be included on this task force: one is a student who identifies as a victim of power-based violence; and a second is a person who represents an organization that governs fraternities and sororities at an institution within the NSHE.

Regent Boylan asked what experience the two people have so that NSHE can specifically say that their knowledge and abilities will help NSHE. Chair Carvalho stated the agenda item does have reference material attached for review, and she believed due diligence was done in finding people with appropriate experience to serve on the task force.

Vice Chair Downs moved approval of the recommended appointments to the Task Force on Power-based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education (NRS 396.141(1)). Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried. Regent Boylan voted no.

3. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision ~~on~~ FY 25 Registration Distribution, School of Dental Medicine, UNLV – The Board approved a revision to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual (Chapter 7, Section 21) concerning the distribution of the Registration Fee for FY25 for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. The proposed change will increase Student Access Funds to the minimum fifteen percent (15%) as required by Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8 (B)) (Ref. BOR3 on file in the Board Office).

UNLV President Keith E. Whitfield presented a revision to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual ~~Id~~ School

3. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Registration Distribution, School of Dental Medicine, UNLV – (Continued)

Regent McMichael moved approval of a revision to the Procedures and Guidelines Manual (chapter 7, Section 21) concerning the distribution of the Registration Fee for FY25 for the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Information Only – 2025-27 Biennial Budget Planning Overview



5. Information Only – New Business

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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