

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
Friday, January 23, 2015, 8:00 a.m.

ROLL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT**INFORMATION ONLY**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to two minutes per person. Persons making comment will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Board

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3. CONSENT ITEM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Board.

**3a. INITIAL EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
UNLV PRESIDENT LEN JESSUP**

Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich requests approval for an initial employment allowance in the form of a one-time payment of \$15,000 to Dr. Len Jessup, President of UNLV. If approved, the initial employment allowance will be in lieu of, and President Jessup will not be eligible for, reimbursement of moving, relocation or other expenses in connection with beginning his employment at UNLV. Additionally, approval of this item would require that should Dr. Jessup leave employment voluntarily within the first twelve months, this initial employment allowance must be repaid in full. ([Ref. BOR-3a](#))

**4. 2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION ONLY
UPDATE**

The Board will continue its discussion of the 2015-17 NSHE Biennial Budget Request submitted to the Governor, the Executive Budget, and any new developments from the 2015 pre-session legislative activities. System staff will also update the Board on its anticipated communications plan during the legislative session to keep Board members informed of NSHE related legislative and budgetary matters being considered by the 2015 legislative session.

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

5. BOARD GOVERNANCE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Much has been written regarding governance of higher education over the last couple of years. These articles and studies have been in response to escalating costs, funding challenges, scandals and general societal questions regarding the value of higher education. Higher Education organizations' best practices remind Higher Education governing boards that their obligations as a board is to set policy and to ensure that these policies are implemented. A governing board can ensure policies are implemented in the manner the board intends through its ability to hire and fire chancellors and presidents. ([Ref. BOR-5](#))

In an effort to examine the proper role of Board governance, the Board will have a thorough discussion on the following items intended to improve the Board's efficiency as a Board and more importantly to address how the Board can best move each college, university and institution within NSHE forward to better serve its students and all Nevadans generally.

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5a. BOARD GOVERNANCE - *continued***5a. QUESTIONS A HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNING BOARD SHOULD ASK FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The American Council of Trustees and Alumni recommend 10 questions trustees should ask (available on line at: http://www.goacta.org/images/download/10_Questions_Trustees_Should_Ask.pdf). Those questions address examining increasing tuition; ratio of administrative versus instructional spending; building utilization; top administrator and athletic personnel salaries; faculty teaching load; student performance on nationally normed tests, GRE and licensure exams; the National Study of Student Engagement review of institutions; graduation rates; campus climate surveys; and board professional development and obtaining information on national trends. These topics will be examined by the Board, the Chancellor and the institutional presidents.

5b. BOARD EFFICIENCY FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board will examine how it can make more efficient use of Board meeting time to further the objectives of Board governance. P 1 18Otn ia

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**6. DIVISION I INTERCOLLEGIATE
ATHLETICS**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Cedric “Ced” Dempsey, a former executive director and president of the NCAA, and an athletic director, and Dr. Joe Crowley, UNR president emeritus and former president of thtor

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