

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
SECURITY COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Western Nevada College
Dini Building, Room 201
2201 West College Parkway, Carson City
Thursday, September 5, 2024

Members Present: Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr., Chair
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Vice Chair
Mr. Byron Brooks
Ms. Heather Brown
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs

Others Present: Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor
Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor & Chief General Counsel
Mr. Chris Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations

Chair Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with all members present except for Vice Chair Boylan. Chair McMichael provided the Land Acknowledgement.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Doug Unger provided public comment encouraging a more aggressive outreach by University Police Services, Southern Command to faculty and students for comprehensive active assailant training in the wake of the shooting at UNLV on December 6, 2023.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. (Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office)

Regent Brown moved approval of the minutes from the February 29, 2024, meeting. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Vice Chair Boylan was absent.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. recognized Arnold Vasquez, Interim Director of University Police Services, Southern Command and Eric James, Chief of Police, NSHE Northern Command.

4. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – Arnold Vasquez, Interim Director of University Police Services, Southern Command, presented an update on the Southern Command related to public safety activities including hiring and recruiting, community and special events, policy academy operations and personnel. (Ref. SEC-4 on file in the Board Office)

4. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – (continued)

The report included: recognition of Adam Garcia and his service to the NSHE; recruitment; special events; community events; SDRPA Police Academy: assigned personnel and class 2024-01/ 2024-02; organizational structure; data drive resource deployment; and community engagement and problem solving.

Vice Chair Boylan entered the meeting.

Vice Chair Boylan thanked Director Vasquez for a meeting they recently had and complimented him on his knowledge and experience as he assumes his new role.

Regent Brown and Director Vasquez discussed the following topics: the work accomplished in preparation of re-opening Beam Hall; active assailant training; the presence of UPD on the UNLV campus and the positive impact it has on students; marketing of community events through social media, posts on the website, working with media/public relations department on the different campuses to advertise the events; and current work of the HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program for Education) program and collaboration with other police units in southern Nevada.

Chair McMichael thanked Director Vasquez for his report.

5. Information Only-NSHE Northern Command – Eric James, Chief of Police, Northern Command, presented an update on the Northern Command’s activities through July 31, 2024. Chief James also provided information on Northern Command’s department initiatives, updates, partnerships and outreach activities, as well as organizational resilience and internal department highlights. (Ref. SEC-5)

The report included: January 1 – June 30, 2024, UPDNC statistics including arrests, total citizen contacts, total Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) incidents, and total hours of foot patrol; campus partnerships; department updates; January 1 – July 15, 2024, HEAT data; community outreach and initiatives; organizational resilience highlights; and internal department highlights.

Vice Chair Boylan complimented Chief James and his team for their work with the HEAT program, active shooter training, and the Alpha Trauma Kits.

Chair McMichael thanked Chief James for his report.

Regent Brown reiterated the importance of the presence of the police on campuses and how that positively affects the morale of the faculty, staff and students. She thanked Chief James and his team for understanding that. Regent Brown asked for more information on the pursuit and management of grants. Chief James answered they have a designated grant writer and after proposals are submitted, should a grant be rewarded, the Office of Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR will assist with managing those funds.

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – Thomas Dobbert, Chief Information Security Officer, System Computing Services, presented an update on IT infrastructure projects and cybersecurity matters.

The report included: an update regarding Grammarly; changes to the login process and user verification; SCS tabletop exercises; NSHE-wide incident response plan; recruitment of a Privacy Officer; SCS's response to an email campaign that created issues with Regents' emails; upcoming presentations in October for "Cybersecurity Month"; and cybersecurity matters including liability insurance, data protection, and monthly cybersecurity awareness and future training.

Regent Brown and Mr. Dobbert discussed the recent CrowdStrike incident and Regent inclusion in cybersecurity awareness training. She thanked the SCS team for managing the email campaign.

7. Information Only-New Business – None.
8. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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