

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the September 11-12, 2025, meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
SECURITY COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
Nevada State University
Rogers Student Center, Ballroom
1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson
Thursday, March 6, 2025

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. Joseph C. Arrascada, Chair
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Bautista
Ms. Heather Brown
Mr. Pete Goicoechea

Other Regents Present: Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Board Chair
Mr. Carlos D. Fernandez

Others Present: Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor
Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel
Dr. William Kibler, CSN Acting President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President
Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Interim President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSU President
Dr. Chris Heavey, UNLV Officer in Charge
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance: Valerie Connor, CSN; Dr. Maureen McCarthy, DRI; David Sexton, GBC; Dr. David Cooper, NSU; Glenn Heath, System Administration; Dr. Jinger Doe, TMCC; Dr. Deborah Arteaga, UNLV; Dr. Aaron Hill, UNR; and Martin Schmidt, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance: Janeth Vences-Balvas, CSN; Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, GBC; Kevin Osorio Hernandez, NSU; Allister Dias, UNLV-CSUN; Teresa Marie, UNLV-GPSA; Dawson Deal, UNR-ASUN; Tania Akter, UNR-GSA; and Catalina Wilson, WNC. NSHE Classified Council member in attendance: Stacy Wallace, Sergeant at Arms

Chair Joseph C. Arrascada called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with all members present except for Vice Chair Boylan.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Dr. Bill Robinson requested updates on security plans and upgrades for UNLV in the wake of the December 6 tragedy.

Vice Chair Boylan entered the meeting.

Doug Unger urged the Regents to advocate for additional security funds for all NSHE campuses during the current Legislative session.

Dr. Deborah Arteaga described her experience during the December 6 tragedy and urged the Board to work on securing as much funding as possible for campus safety and security.

Teresa Marie advocated for active shooter training for faculty, graduate and teaching assistants.

2. Information Only-Chair's Report (Agenda Item 3) – Chair Joseph C. Arrascada discussed the charge and responsibilities of the Security Committee and how those will be the focus of each meeting going forward as the Committee works with each of the campuses on security matters.

3. Approved-Minutes (Agenda Item 2) – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting. (*Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office*)

Regent Brown moved approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting. Vice Chair Boylan seconded. Motion carried.

4. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – Arnold Vasquez, Interim Director of University Police Services, Southern Command, presented the Southern Command's 2024 Annual Activity Report related to public safety activities including grants, hiring and recruiting, events, activities, police academy operations, and personnel matters. In addition, Interim Director Vasquez presented the 2024 Annual Security Report outlining crime statistics that have occurred at NSHE campuses served by Southern Command, pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Crime Statistics Act (20 USC 1092). (*Refs. SEC-4a and SEC-4b*)

The report included: the 2024 statistics for the Southern Command including total activity/ events, total calls for service, total officer initiated activity, total reports generated, and total overall crime; all activity year to year for 2023 and 2024; crime statistics; hiring and recruiting; CSN Police Academy – Southern Desert Regional Policy Academy; UPD in the community – career days and campus events; community outreach – empowering through education; UPD training and continuous professional development; grants; internal department highlights; special events; canine updates; and the Clery 2024 Annual Security Report.

Vice Chair Boylan, Regent Brown and Chief Vasquez discussed UPD engagement and support related to the December 6 events with faculty, staff and students.

Regent Brown congratulated Chief Vasquez on his new appointment as Director of University Police Services, Southern Command, and commended him on the positive

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

culture within the UPD and how that shows throughout the police presence on the southern campuses. Regent Brown and Chief Vasquez discussed grant writing, management and coordination and how the UPD hired an outside contractor to assist with the grant process, and current grants awarded to UPD.

Chair Arrascada and Chief Vasquez discussed trespassing on campus and how a specialized unit was created to address those particular issues by working with each of the campuses on policy changes, signage and collaboration with the DA's office to discuss any gaps in UPD's investigation and requirements for trespass convictions.

Regent Brown, Regent Goicoechea and Chief Vasquez clarified that the trespassing incidents do not apply to unhomed individuals using public bathrooms and how that is a nuanced matter that must be worked through on a public campus and at times with the Metro Police.

5. Information Only-NSHE Northern Command – Eric James, Chief of Police, Northern Command, presented the Northern Command's 2024 Annual Activity Report related to department initiatives, the campus security officer program, organizational resilience and internal department highlights. In addition, Chief James presented the 2024 Annual Security Report outlining crime statistics that have occurred at NSHE campuses, with the exception of DRI, served by Northern Command, pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Crime Statistics Act (20 USC 1092). *(Refs. SEC-5a, SEC-5b and SEC-5c on file in the Board Office)*

The report included: the 2024 statistics for the Northern Command including arrests, use of force incidents (with and without), total citizen contacts, total Computer Automated Dispatch incidents, and foot patrol hours; campus partnerships; department updates; highlights of the Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO); victim services and advocacy; community outreach and initiatives; and organizational resilience highlights.

Vice Chair Boylan and Chief James discussed the statistics for trafficked victims and victims recovered and how each of those victims were contacted by individuals in HERO.

Regent Brown commended Chief James and all of Northern Command on the positive influence they have on the campuses and in the community. They discussed current grants awarded to the Northern Command and the Great ShakeOut training that takes place every October.

Regent Brown encouraged institutional presidents to continue to engage with both Chiefs for the Northern and Southern Commands to address security gaps across the System.

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – Thomas Dobbert, Chief Information Security Officer, System Computing Services, presented an update on NSHE cybersecurity, including current industry trends, NSHE-specific challenges, and preventative measures and opportunities. *(Ref. SEC-6 on file in the Board Office)*

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – *(continued)*

The report included: current projects: NIST cyber security framework review, phasing out text messaging for MFA, revisions to Board policy for cyber awareness training and inclusivity of AI; future projects: ongoing privacy efforts, high risk vulnerabilities, tabletop exercises for the NSHE institutions, and Eduroam; and what to expect in 2025: increase in phishing sophistication, need for continual training on emerging threats, deep fake video chats, and social media information campaigns.

Regent Brown and Mr. Dobbert discussed upcoming policy revision proposals in relation to the cybersecurity training for the System; concerns about AI notetakers; Eduroam highlights; and increased attempts by cyber threat actors to log into Workday to re-route paychecks.

7. Approved-Handbook Revision, Public Safety Council – The Committee recommended approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 1, new Section 13*) establishing a Public Safety Council to review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the Chancellor to address the safety and security of all NSHE institutions. (*Ref. SEC-7 on file in the Board Office*)

Ms. Patty Charlton, Interim Chancellor, provided a brief overview of the policy revision.

Vice Chair Boylan and Interim Chancellor Charlton discussed including a Regent in the Council membership since the last Regent who was involved is no longer on the Board.

Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel, and Interim Chancellor Charlton informed Vice Chair Boylan that although the reporting structure for the Council is not currently agendaized, a recommendation will be brought to the Board as soon as possible.

Regent Brown acknowledged the hard work in getting the Public Safety Council established.

Regent Brown moved approval of the policy revision. Vice Chair Boylan seconded. Motion carried. Regent Goicoechea was absent.

Interim Chancellor Charlton thanked those in the System and community for their work on setting up the Public Safety Council.

8. Information Only-New Business – Chair Arrascada requested quarterly reports from all institutions on campus safety and crime statistics.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – Doug Unger thanked the Security Committee for making campus safety a priority and highlighted the Committee's approval of establishing the Public Safety Council. He encouraged the Board to act quickly on urgent Council recommendations. He also thanked the Interim Chancellor for her leadership on this.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – *(continued)*

Kevin Osorio-Hernandez thanked the Board and Chancellor for being responsive to the Nevada Student Alliance’s resolution passed last year related to public safety.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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