

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the March 5-6, 2026, meeting

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
Thursday, September 4, 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, McMullen Hall Room 102

Members Present: Ms. Stephanie Goodman, Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager, Vice Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mr. Carlos D. Fernandez
Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath

Other Regents Present: Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Mr. Pete Goicoechea

Others Present: Mr. Matt McNair, Chancellor
Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance/
Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic &
Student Affairs
Ms. Carrie Parker, Assistant System Counsel
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Dr. Stacy S. Klippenstein, CSN President
Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Interim President
Dr. Amber Lopez Lasater, NSU Officer in Charge

Chair Stephanie Goodman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with all members present. Regent Goicoechea led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chair Goodman provided the Land Acknowledgement.

1. Information Ony-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the March 6, 2025, meeting minutes (*Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Vice Chair Brager moved approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2025, meeting. Regent Fernandez seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Stephanie Goodman stated that there are developments underway between UNLV and UMC (University Medical Center), including progress towards a tenth amendment and a potential new affiliation agreement with UMC. She also noted an ongoing partnership between CSN and UNLV (to be presented in an upcoming item). Chair Goodman emphasized her commitment to success in the space of health sciences within the NSHE.
4. Information Only-GBC Health and Sciences Program – Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Interim President, and Dr. Staci Warnet, Dean of Health Sciences and Behavioral Health, presented highlights on key health sciences programs at GBC and their impact on serving rural Nevada (*Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Interim President Donnelly and Dr. Warnet presented an overview of GBC's health sciences programs which included: new programs: Diagnostic Medical Imaging – Sonography, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, and EKG (MAPE), Cardio-Respiratory Care Science (Respiratory Therapy), and Paramedic/LPN Bridge to Nursing Pathway; innovative instructional modalities; leveraging funding sources; stakeholder and community impact; and student impact.

Vice Chair Brager and Interim President Donnelly discussed outreach and recruitment efforts targeting middle and high school students. Interim President Donnelly described the dual enrollment pathways and certificate programs that lead to associate degrees, along with online bachelor's degree opportunities. She noted that these pathways support a smooth transition from high school to GBC and encourage continued educational attainment.

Regent Carol Del Carlo commended the presenters on the strength of the four new health science programs and its impact on rural communities.

Regent Carvalho asked if students who earn certifications continue their education toward associate or bachelor's degrees. Dr. Warnet responded that many students pursue additional coursework and degree pathways after completing certification programs.

Regent Goicoechea inquired about program capacity and the number of available openings. Dr. Warnet explained that capacity varies by program and is largely dependent on available clinical sites. She noted that the Sonography program requires approximately 400–500 hands-on clinical hours per semester, limiting enrollment to approximately 15 students. The MAPE program currently enrolls 33 students, and the nursing program has capacity

4. Information Only-GBC Health and Sciences Program – (*Continued*)

for expansion. Regent Goicoechea stated that expanding clinical placements will be key to increasing program capacity and commended GBC for its work in rural Nevada.

Chair Goodman provided concluding remarks, commending the presenters for their work and emphasizing the importance of these programs to rural communities throughout Nevada.

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Dental Medicine and CSN Dental Sciences Collaboration – Dr. James Mah, Dean of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine; Dr. Janice Glasper, Dean of the CSN Engelstad School of Health Sciences; Dr. James McCoy, CSN Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs; Clarissa Cota, CSN Vice President of Campus Operations and External Relations; and Lisa Bakke, CSN Vice President of Finance and Administration provided an update on the CSN and UNLV Dental Collaborative. The presentation included an overview of the progress toward increasing Nevadans’ access to affordable, quality dental care and strengthening the dental workforce, including specific goals for collaboration that have been prioritized for implementation and a preview of next steps (*Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board Office*).

Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, CSN President, introduced the presenters and expressed appreciation to Dr. Chris Heavey, UNLV Interim President, for supporting the collaboration between UNLV’s School of Dental Medicine and CSN’s dental programs.

The representatives from CSN and UNLV provided an overview of the collaboration which included: a summary of the CSN and UNLV dental collaborative MOU; collaboration goals – overview of progress; the leadership team structure: senior leadership collaboration team and the operational leadership collaboration team; student clinical training collaboration – signed Clinical Affiliation Agreement; shared patient medical records system – implementation of Axium; exchange opportunities; specialty dental services at CSN DFP – UNLV to rent bays at CSN DFP for Specialty Care; institutional commitment to success – UNLV and CSN investments; UNLV space at CSN Dental Faculty Practice (lease agreement underway); CSN consultant support – overview of scope of work; and looking to the future – collaboration strategies to come.

Chair Stephanie Goodman inquired about the fiscal health of the program. Ms. Lisa Bakke, CSN Vice President of Finance and Administration, provided an overview of the financial framework supporting the collaboration. She explained that the partnership is intended to stabilize CSN’s Dental Faculty Practice through cost efficiencies, revenue generation from expanded specialty services, shared clinical rotations, and planned lease arrangements for dental operatories. She also noted planned equipment and infrastructure modernization.

In response to questions regarding billing, Dr. Glasper clarified that billing is currently handled separately by each institution, with the potential for future integration to ensure funds are appropriately allocated based on services provided, location, and assigned students.

5. Information Only-UNLV School of Dental Medicine and CSN Dental Sciences Collaboration – (*Continued*)

Vice Chair Brager stated that she plans to request a thorough audit related to billing practices and asked about open positions at both institutions. She also recommended increased public outreach to raise awareness of UNLV's dental services and inquired about patient capacity, particularly in relation to staffing levels and access to dental care in rural communities. Dr. Glasper provided information regarding current vacancies and recently filled positions. Dr. Mah reported that UNLV has acquired a mobile dental RV that is being programmed for service and will support outreach to rural communities. Ms. Bakke further reported that a process is underway to engage an external consultant to review operations, billing, staffing, patient acquisition, and clinical capacity.

Regent Carlos Fernandez commented on the strength of CSN's and UNLV's dental programs, noting his personal connection to the institutions and expressing support for their continued growth.

Chair Goodman thanked the presenters and Committee for the discussion and emphasized the importance of continued oversight, transparency, and progress as the collaboration moves forward.

6. Information Only-NSHE Health Sciences Update – Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, provided an overview of strategic NSHE health sciences initiatives that are currently underway. Additionally, Dr. Turner shared an update on key bills enacted during the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session related to specific NSHE health sciences programs.

Dr. Marcia Turner expressed appreciation for the growth and success of health sciences across NSHE and referenced the prior presentations from GBC and the collaboration between CSN and UNLV as examples of systemwide progress. Dr. Turner reported that NSHE currently offers 204 health sciences degree and certificate programs. She explained that NSHE is conducting a deeper analysis to understand programs, strengthen coordination, and identify opportunities for collaboration, efficiency, and shared resources. She referenced ongoing work supporting major partnerships, including the UNLV and CSN dental collaboration and continued efforts involving UMC and the UNLV School of Medicine, including discussions related to future affiliation agreements and expanded clinical coordination.

Chair Goodman inquired if Dr. Turner works with the Board of Examiners to see where there are shortfalls in providing services needed within the community. Dr. Turner responded there is ongoing work with the Department of Health and Nevada Health Authority, as well as the licensing boards, that utilize data for statewide data-driven planning and alignment with community and industry needs.

Vice Chair Brager requested a discussion at a future meeting regarding cross training and support staff in dental and clinical settings.

6. Information Only-NSHE Health Sciences Update – *(Continued)*

Dr. Turner discussed the following: key legislation funding initiatives affecting NSHE Health Sciences, including the Governor's reorganization of the state health structure, which created the Nevada Health Authority while maintaining the Department of Human Services, and noted the importance of these changes for NSHE; continued state investment in nursing program expansion, including an additional \$20 million in the most recent Legislative Session following \$20 million in a prior Session, along with efforts to strengthen coordination across nursing programs statewide; legislative funding from SB165 that provides a \$6.4 million distribution among NSHE institutions to support the development of a mental and behavioral health profession, as well as \$2 million in scholarship funding to support graduate-level supervision capacity required for clinical training; and \$9 million funding for Graduate Medical Education expansion to be administered through the Nevada Health Authority, with both NSHE medical schools monitoring the implementation.

Regent Boylan asked to clarify the \$6.4 million funding. Dr. Turner explained it is to start a new track within the bachelor's program for mental healthcare at UNLV, GBC and NSU, and to develop micro-credentials to offer further certifications and internship programs.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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