

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the December 4-5, 2025, meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND TITLE IX 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: Mrs. Susan Brager, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Bautista
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Mr. Pete Goicoechea

Other Regents Present: Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs

Others Present: Mr. Matt McNair, Chancellor
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance/
Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Carrie L. Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Ms. Kelly Scherado, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer
Ms. Lauren Tripp, Chief Internal Auditor
Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, CSN President
Dr. Amber Donnelly, GBC Interim President
Dr. Amber Lopez Lasater, NSU Officer in Charge

Chair Susan Brager called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Dylan Hinton expressed concerns regarding systemic discrimination and corruption within the NSHE institutions. Based on information received from an NSHE-wide audit they initiated for each of the institution's reporting systems, they believe the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee should request launching a full investigation on each institution.

2. Approved-Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the following consent items:

- (2a.) Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes. *(Ref. AC-2a on file in the Board Office)*
- (2b.) Approved-Follow-Up: Disability Resource Center, UNR – The Committee recommended approval of the follow-up responses to the audit report of the UNR Disability Resource Center for the period of July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024. *(Ref. AC-2b on file in the Board Office)*
- (2c.) Approved-Follow-Up: Purchasing Card Program, NSHE-SCS – The Committee recommended approval of the follow-up responses to the audit report of the NSHE-SCS Purchasing Card Program for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. *(Ref. AC-2c on file in the Board Office)*

Regent Boylan moved approval of the consent items.
Regent Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Susan Brager did not provide a report.

(Audit Summary on file in the Board Office)

4. Approved-Change in Leadership, GBC – The Committee recommended approval of the report and institutional response to the GBC Change in Leadership audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Chair Brager stated that the former GBC President took care of an outstanding debt and that should not reflect on the upcoming report. She went further to comment that this audit, and all audits, are not easy tasks and are conducted with integrity and honesty.

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the report and institutional response to the GBC Change in Leadership audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024.

Regent Goicoechea shared his concern about the length of time it took to address the oversight that Chair Brager referenced. In the future, he would like to see these types of issues identified in a timelier manner. Chair Brager agreed and restated that the former GBC President has graciously resolved the issue. She added that there have been new procedures implemented that will be beneficial for the future.

Regent Goicoechea moved approval of the report and institutional response to the GBC Change in Leadership audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. Regent Boylan seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved-Special Course Fee and Differential Program Fees, UNLV – The Committee recommended approval of the report and institutional response to the UNLV Special Course and Differential Program Fees audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025.

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the report and institutional response to the UNLV Special Course and Differential Program Fees audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025. Regarding the audit findings noted during this engagement, Chief Internal Auditor Tripp highlighted recommendations in the following areas: 1) create additional program accounts to improve transparency of transactions; 2) continue to review accounts with excessive reserves to develop plans for complying with Board policy; 3) strengthen controls and clearly communicate guidance on expenditures of funds; and 4) strengthen the review of existing fees including a more formalized periodic review with a committee to provide a better assessment of the fees and stakeholder input.

In response to an inquiry from Regent Goicoechea, Chief Internal Auditor Tripp confirmed that UNLV accepted recommendations and will implement those when appropriate.

Regent Goicoechea moved approval of the report and institutional response to the UNLV Special Course and Differential Program Fees audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2025. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

6. Approved-Internal Audit Department Work Plan and Status Report – The Committee recommended approval of the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six-month period ending December 31, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025. *(Ref. AC-6 on file in the Board Office)*

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six-month period ending December 31, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, which included the following: determining which areas to audit within the institutions by utilizing a risk assessment matrix, soliciting input from business officers and other constituents, NSHE hotline submissions, requests made during meetings, and actively engaging in the ACUA (Association of College and University Auditors) forum which covers current and upcoming issues at institutions nationwide; the budget for training; feedback surveys sent to clients post-audits that will assist with improvements within the department; collaboration with the Legal and HR departments; supporting the NSHE hotline; ongoing discussions regarding potentially utilizing software and AI to assist with efficiency; adding staff members to the Internal Audit team; and the charts and graphs tracking open findings regarding institutional and policy audits.

Regent Goicoechea asked about the reporting frequency for the Internal Audit Work Plan. Chief Internal Auditor Tripp said that shifting the work plan from a

6. Approved-Internal Audit Department Work Plan and Status Report – (continued)

yearly basis to bi-annually has allowed more flexibility in how the Internal Audit team performs their work, and also provides the Committee a more realistic estimate and snapshot of monitoring projects (upcoming and current). Chair Brager added that NSHE also works with an external auditor.

Regent Boylan moved approval of the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six-month period ending December 31, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025. Regent Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

7. Information Only-Internal Audit, Compliance and Title IX Updates – Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp provided general remarks which included departmental updates. Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Kelly Scherado provided updates related to Title IX.

Chair Brager shared that she believes there should be a Title IX Committee and plans to discuss it with staff.

Internal Auditor Tripp provided departmental updates which included: the ongoing work with the external auditors and nearing the conclusion of the student financial aid project which will be presented at the next Committee meeting; audit software upgrade discussions; and staffing issues/upcoming recruitments.

Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Scherado provided updates related to Title IX which included: ongoing meetings among the institutions' Title IX offices to review policy, share best practices and ensure consistency in how unlawful discrimination and harassment is addressed; finalizing proposed revisions to policy related to the statutory definition of power-based violence under NRS 396.1285; for FY26, the collective work of the Title IX offices will continue with regular updates in the four priority areas: 1) policy revisions to ensure alignment with federal and state requirements; 2) education, training and communication – expanding strategies to strengthen Title IX literacy and increase confidence in reporting across all campuses; 3) complaint procedures and awareness; and 4) accessibility of resources.

Regent Boylan asked Interim Chief Human Resources Officer Scherado what her opinion is on establishing a committee solely for Title IX to which she responded she thinks it would be a great benefit to the System.

8. Information Only-New Business – Regent Boylan requested staff to look into the research/information Dylan Hinton collected from the NSHE-wide audit they initiated for each of the institution's reporting systems regarding discrimination.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – Dylan Hinton requested the Board look into establishing Systemwide requirements for tracking information on Title IX and non-Title IX discrimination case demographics.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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Submitted for approval by: Keri D. Nikolajewski
Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents