

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

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
SECURITY 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: Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Bautista
Ms. Heather Brown
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs

Other Regents Present: Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mr. Pete Goicoechea

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. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance/
Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Dr. Marcia Turner, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Dr. Stacy S. Klippenstein, CSN President
Dr. Amber Lopez Lasater, NSU Officer in Charge

Chair Patrick J. Boylan called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – Dylan Hinton provided public comment relating to the lack of viable ADA emergency escape plans at UNLV, which became evident during the December 6th shooting, and urged the Board to address the deficiencies in ADA escape plans at the institutions.

James Morrow offered written public comment expressing his support for the University Police Department to pay the officers' entire retirement contribution to PERS in an effort to recruit and retain high quality officers.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the March 6, 2025, meeting minutes (*Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Brown moved approval of the minutes from the March 6, 2025, meeting. Regent Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report –Chair Boylan thanked Board Chair Brooks and Board Vice Chair Goodman for appointing him as Chair of the Security Committee. At the request of Chair Boylan, Vice Chair Arrascada recited the duties of the Committee. Chair Boylan thanked the Committee members for their support and dedication to the Committee's important work and stated the focus of the Committee will not only be to bring important updates on security matters to the Board but also to provide relevant action items to drive progress and ensure the safety of the campus communities.
4. Information Only-University Police Department, Southern Command – Arnold Vasquez, Chief of Police, Southern Command, presented and update from the Southern Command (*Ref. SEC-4 on file in the Board Office*).

The presentation included statistics for quarters 1 and 2 involving Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) events, total calls for service, total officer initiated activity, and total reports generated; all activity year to year for 2024 and 2025 (quarters 1 and 2); hiring and recruiting; CSN – Police Academy (Southern Desert Regional Police Academy) graduates and recruits; community engagement year to date; ; grants including TVTP-NSHE Systemwide Grant - Joining Forces, DOJ C.O.P.S. Western Region De-escalation training; internal department highlights; and the Community Service Officer (CSO) Program expansion.

Regent Brown shared her excitement for the increase in community events and commended Southern Command's presence on social media. She discussed with Chief Vasquez Southern Command's current critical labor shortage hires and opportunities involving laterals and academy recruits so there is the ability to keep the staffing up. Chief Vasquez confirmed Southern Command is no longer moving forward with critical labor shortage positions due to currently being at capacity, and shared plans with business partners across the institutions for backfilling positions.

Regent Brown asked if there have been any developments with MACTAC. Chief Vasquez answered that officers receive that type of training in the academy initially, followed by subsequent annual training. There is a valley-wide law enforcement response team that undergoes consistent tactical training for the purpose of seamless integration to address emergency situations. Due to a provision in Board policy, the formation of tactical teams within the department is not permitted.

Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel, cautioned not to go too far off the agenda item updates, and confirmed the policy referenced states that no tactical special operations units shall be formed within the UPD.

4. Information Only-University Police Department, Southern Command – *(continued)*

Regent Downs asked if something like the CSN ghost students issue is reflected in the crime statistics for the Southern Command. Chief Vasquez confirmed that specific issue is included in the statistics report and mitigations have been put in place in partnership with CSN to address this type of activity going forward.

In response to an inquiry from Regent Goicoechea, Chief Vasquez confirmed police academy graduates are POST-certified.

5. Information Only-University Police Department, Northern Command – Eric James, Chief of Police, Northern Command, presented an update from the Northern Command (*Ref. SEC-5 on file in the Board Office*).

The presentation included January 1 – June 30, 2025, statistics involving arrests, total citizen contacts, total CAD incidents, and total foot patrol hours; campus partnerships; updates and grant awards; Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO) statistics and highlights; Victim Services and Advocacy; community outreach and initiatives: classes, training and campus/community events; organizational resilience highlights; and internal department updates.

Chief James stated that quarterly reports on crime statistics for Northern Command will be provided to the Regents prior to the September quarterly meeting.

Regent Brown congratulated Chief James on the podcast and establishment of the drone team. She inquired if an approach had been developed between UPD and the NSHE presidents to fill some of the security gaps. Chief James said there was discussion at the most recent Public Safety Council meeting and there is currently work being done on an equitable funding formula to distribute grant money among the campuses. He also confirmed that Northern Command does not utilize any critical hiring and the true need is more positions in northern Nevada.

Chief Vasquez added there are requirements for UPD to staff certain events that are outside of the normal scope of duties; however, the cost of services is also incorporated

into the contract at the event so that particular funding does not always come out of the overtime budget within the respective Commands. He agreed that both Commands will need to look at additional positions as NSHE institutions expand.

Regent Del Carlo asked about UOR (University Organizational Resilience Northern Command). Chief James clarified that it is the new branding for business resiliency within the Northern Command.

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

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

The update included tabletop exercises at CSN and WNC; the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act; the federal landscape related to cybersecurity matters and the EU AI Act; and the recent state of Nevada cybersecurity incident.

Regent Brown requested an update on the mandatory cybersecurity training. Mr. Dobbert said there has been an uptick in participation but can only speak for System Computing Services and System Administration, which are in the 70 and 80 percent range. His team is working on obtaining the same statistics from all institutions. Mr. Dobbert shared one of his current projects is working on a policy proposal for mandatory cybersecurity training.

Regent Brown asked if the participation of AI notetakers in meetings is still problematic and inquired about paycheck fraud in Workday. Mr. Dobbert said that, pending approval, a guideline will be rolled out which does not allow third-party notetakers in meetings. As for Workday, there have not been any new attempts to reroute paychecks; however, the matter is still being monitored.

7. Information Only-New Business – Regent Brown requested unified statistics for Northern and Southern Commands and asked staff to develop a rubric for reporting consistency. She also requested the Board reassess policy to allow UPD to organize a tactical unit and train with local, state, and federal agencies.

Vice Chair Arrascada requested quarterly reports from all institutions on campus safety and crime statistics. He also requested an update on the allocation of the \$11 million from AB 567 and the formation of the Public Safety Council.

Regent Downs requested exploration of a policy that would allow enhanced training of employees to act in conjunction with law enforcement in campus safety.

Regent Carvalho proposed a discussion regarding statewide consolidation of police services.

8. Information Only-Public Comment – Dylan Hinton provided public comment related to gender-based statistics disparities in the Clery Act reports provided by the Southern and Northern Commands.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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