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**To:** [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Angela Palmer](#); [Winter Lipson](#)  
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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

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**Name:** DONALD P STEWART

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

**Comment:**

Perhaps the members of the Board could explain to the public the behavior of the UNLV President and the head of the College of Medicine that led to the Engelstad Foundation withdrawing its extraordinarily generous support?

**Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate:** Yes

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Email:** jim.new@nevadafacultyalliance.org

**Name:** Jim New

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** Nevada Faculty Alliance

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 10

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** In Opposition

### Comment:

The Nevada Faculty Alliance urges the Board of Regents to postpone item 10, the resolution to delegate authority in litigation matters to the Chancellor, for further refinement. The NFA does not disagree that delegation is often necessary because the Open Meeting law makes it untenable for the full Board to deliberate issues within deadlines set by the court, but as presented, the resolution gives far too much control to the Chancellor and Chief General Counsel. Since any decision under this resolution must be "consistent with the advice of the Chief General Counsel," the delegation gives real authority to the Chief General Counsel, not the Chancellor. Furthermore, it does not mandate that the Chancellor and the Chair must be in agreement nor that the full Board even be informed of these decisions. This resolution would apply to all litigation, including lawsuits initiated by NSHE on behalf of the Board, not just those where NSHE is a defendant.

We encourage revising the resolution to authorize delegation ONLY when time does not allow consideration by the full Board. It should also require that the Board Chair approve decisions by the Chancellor, not just be consulted, and that the full Board be informed once a decision has been made. The Board Chair should retain the right to seek additional legal counsel and not rely solely on the advice of the NSHE Chief General Counsel. If the Board Chair disagrees with the Chancellor on an issue pertaining to litigation, the matter should automatically go before the full Board. Furthermore, NSHE should not initiate any legal action without consideration by the full Board of Regents.

Regents have the fiduciary responsibility for the Nevada System of Higher Education. A blanket delegation of authority over litigation abdicates a significant portion of that responsibility. It should not happen.

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Email:** jon.carpineta@csn.edu

**Name:** Jon Carpineta

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 2- APPOINTMENT OF DR. WILLIAM L. KIBLER AS ACTING PRESIDENT, CSN

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

**Comment:**

Although I am not against appointing Dr. William Kibler as Acting President of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), I do find it concerning that the total of the Fees and Housing Allowance for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Term ("or until a permanent President is appointed, whichever is later") for a "Community College" Acting President exceeds Interim Chancellor Charlton's yearly base salary. This has been an unnecessary failure of fiduciary responsibility by the Board of Regents/Chancellor/NSHE. There was sufficient notice by President Zaragoza that he would be leaving. Patrick Villa, the CSN Faculty Senate Chair, has continually reminded everyone at each BOR Meeting Public Comment to start the search for the new CSN President. Now, here we are having to hire a President from "The Registry" for a much higher financial cost than if a President search would have been done in a responsible and timely manner. I am not placing blame on anyone in particular, but as a whole. There may be good people and good intentions, but the NSHE System has become dysfunctional, and fiscally irresponsible (including investing in Real Estate/Property at the height of a market that is closely mirroring what happened in 2007-2008 while in-person student enrollment is declining).

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 23, 2024

**Email:** benjamin.sagman@gmail.com

**Name:** Benjamin Sagman

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**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

**In Favor / Opposed / Other:** No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

### Comment:

Hello Regents. My name is Ben Sagman, I am a rising sophomore music education major here at the UNLV Honors College. I am writing in today because I am currently on a plane back from, you guessed it, Israel! I was there for a week helping volunteer with wartime efforts. I bring this up because at last weeks graduation ceremony Yvette Mercado gave a speech about the “apartheid” and “genocide” that Israel is supposedly committing against Palestinians in Gaza. This speech was very cute, and a nice try, but I was just in Israel and I would like to refute her comments as false and antisemitic. I personally spoke with people in Israel about the war, and have spoken with them in the past about the conflict. I visited the site of the Nova music festival, where a memorial stands for the 364 people who were murdered by Hamas Terrorists on October 7th. I also visited Hostage square in Tel Aviv, where I personally met friends and family of the 128 hostages that are still in Gaza, held captive by Hamas, who protest everyday, calling for the swift return of the hostages. The claims that Israel is committing a genocide against Palestinians, or that Israel in an apartheid regime are despicable antisemitic lies. I have ridden buses and walked down Israeli streets alongside Arabs and Muslims. I have volunteered at hospitals and bought medication from Arab Muslims, in Israel! Come to Israel and see for yourself. I hope that by the time we come back in the fall, the hostages will be returned and Unlv students will stop spreading lies about the Jewish people. The big anti-Israel rallies on campus are a massive waste of time and resources. To all the people screaming “give us back our stolen land!” I suggest looking up the Kingdom of Israel, the Abraham accords, or the book of Mormon musical. Please, put this all to bed. Its really

hurts when supposed intellectuals accuse my people, the minority Jewish people, of false war crimes. So much for our liberal diverse campus. – Ben Sagman

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