

**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballroom A
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Chair	_____
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
Mrs. Susan Brager	_____
Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
Ms. Heather Brown	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
Ms. Stephanie Goodman	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
Vacancy, District 2	_____
Vacancy, District 8	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Chair	_____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins, Vice Chair	_____
Ms. Heather Brown	_____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____

In addition to the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to attend to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, including moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 18, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee; the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; the Security Committee; and the Workforce Committee). The Board's Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee, unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents' agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

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Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Reference material may be accessed on the electronic version of the agenda by clicking the reference link associated with a particular item. The agenda and associated reference material may also be accessed on the Internet by visiting the Board of Regents' website at: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/regents/upcoming-meetings/>

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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

Land Acknowledgment

Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that here in Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; Nuwe – Western Shoshone; and Nuwu – Southern Paiute. We take a moment to recognize and honor their stewardship that continues into today. With this recognition, we state an intention to rightfully include their voice and respect them as the 27 sovereign tribal nations of Nevada.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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2. CONSENT ITEMS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Committee will consider approval of the minutes from the September 5, 2024, meeting. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. NSU – PROGRAM
ELIMINATION,
B.A.S VISUAL MEDIA**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

NSU will request approval of the elimination of the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Visual Media due to low enrollment. A teach-out plan is provided for the current student. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. **UNLV – ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT PROPOSAL, SANDS INSTITUTE FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV will request approval to establish the Sands Institute for Chinese Language and Culture as a site for teaching, research, and community engagement and a vital resource for the Las Vegas community, state of Nevada, and beyond. This institute is intended to foster understanding between the people of the United States and those of the People’s Republic of China by bolstering Chinese language instruction and cultural programming at UNLV, and educational exchanges between students and faculty of UNLV and Chinese partner institutions. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

4. **NSU – PROGRAM CHANGE, M.S. SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

NSU will request approval of a change of degree type in its master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology from a Master’s of Education (M.Ed.) to a Master’s of Science (M.S.). An M.Ed. degree type in Speech Language Pathology is unfamiliar to most and creates a recruitment issue as the degree is not a teaching field but an allied health field with training in medical, community and school settings. There will be no change to the program faculty, courses, or degree plan; however, for the purpose of improving recruitment of both students and faculty, and marketability, a change to the degree type will clarify the intended field. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. **TMCC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, A.S. GEOLOGY** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC will request approval of an Associate of Science (A.S.) in Geology, a two-year transferable program that includes a core of courses in math, science, and general education that will prepare students for transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Geology at UNR. It will also meet various course requirements for these Bachelor of Science degrees at UNR: Geological Engineering, Geophysics, and Hydrogeology. This is a degree designed for transfer and the start of an educational path that will prepare students for a career in a high-demand industry, particularly locally. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. NSHE PLANNING REPORT/ ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Director of Policy Terina Caserto will present for approval the *2025-2029 Planning Report* that highlights the institutional plans for the next four years of each NSHE institution, including plans for new academic programs, student services and research initiatives. This report satisfies the requirements of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 396.505. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

7. NEW PROGRAM REVIEW **INFORMATION ONLY**

Academic and Transfer Policy Analyst Dave Singleton will present the new program review as required by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6*). This report includes reviews from the doctoral-granting universities, state university, and community colleges comparing originally projected program enrollments and expenses to actual first-, third-, and fifth-year figures. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

8. EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW **INFORMATION ONLY**

Director of Policy Terina Caserto will present the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6*). In addition, representatives of UNLV and TMCC will present the reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentations will include, but are not limited to, the process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether programs are meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes, and any action steps identified based on the review of programs and the status of action steps. ([Refs. ARSA-8a](#), [ARSA-8b](#) and [ARSA-8c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

9. NEW BUSINESS **INFORMATION ONLY**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 and NRS 241.020(3)(d) *et seq.*).

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

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DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSU, Rogers Student Center, 1st Floor, 1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89002
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities Building (FDH), 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
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