

BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Handbook Revision, New Section 13, Public Safety Council

MEETING DATE: March 6 - 7, 2025

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

As a result of discussions and recommendations from members of the Chancellor's ad hoc Public Safety Committee the creation of a Public Safety Council is proposed to support the Board's Security Committee.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Chancellor Patricia Charlton respectfully request approval of revisions to the *NSHE Handbook, TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, New SECTION 13 Public Safety Council*, to create The Public Safety Council (PSC), which would support the Board's Security Committee.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

Chancellor Patricia Charlton and members of the Chancellor's ad hoc Public Safety Committee agreed there is a need to establish a stable and effective council to address public safety matters.

5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:

- ☐ Access (Increase access to higher education)
- ☐ Success (Improve student success)
- ☐ Close Institutional Performance Gaps
- ☐ Workforce (Meet workforce needs in Nevada)
- ☐ Research (Increase solutions-focused research)
- ☒ Coordination, Accountability, and Transparency (Ensure system coordination, accountability, and transparency)
- ☐ Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

6. INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

N/A

7. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- Evaluate safety issues for all NSHE institutions
- Seek funding for continuing safety improvements
- Encourage consistent safety training in developing, recommending, and maintaining security protocols across all NSHE institutions, ensuring that each campus follows uniform safety standards.
- The Public Safety Council would support the Board's Security Committee and may provide reports supported by research, data, etc.

8. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

There are no foreseen arguments against passage

9. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends approval of the creation of the Public Safety Council.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- ☐ Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- ☐ Amends Current Board Policy: Title # _____ Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- ☐ Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # _____ Section # _____
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Fiscal Impact: Yes _____ No X _____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL - *HANDBOOK*
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 1, *New* SECTION 13
Public Safety Council

Additions appear in ***boldface italics***; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

The Public Safety Council (PSC) is established to review, evaluate, and, as needed, make recommendations to the Chancellor to address safety and security matters across the System. The PSC will work to enhance the safety and security of all NSHE institutions by making recommendations to ensure consistent safety standards, equitable resource distribution, and effective implementation of safety protocols. The PSC shall report to the Chancellor and shall be appointed in conformity with Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.4.11 of the Code, to include representatives from each NSHE institution. The charge of the PSC shall be established by the Chancellor and may include, without limitation, the following tasks:

- 1. Evaluate safety and security issues impacting NSHE institutions regularly, including current practices, emerging concerns, and the effectiveness of implemented measures, and provide comprehensive reports and recommendations to the Chancellor.*
- 2. Actively seek, leverage, or recommend financial funding sources, including federal, state, local, and private grants, to support and implement safety improvements across all NSHE institutions.*
- 3. Encourage all safety enhancements, including infrastructure improvements, training, and protocols, to be distributed equitably across NSHE institutions so that campuses of all sizes and locations have access to necessary resources.*
- 4. Encourage consistent safety training, education programs, and security protocols across all NSHE institutions, ensuring that each campus follows uniform safety standards.*
- 5. Support the Board of Regents' Security Committee with regular reports, supported by current research and related data, on the charges outlined in the Committee's mission.*

Renumber Sections 13 through 41.