

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Video or Telephone Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:

System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

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ROLL CALL:	Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Chair	_____
	Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Vice Chair	_____
	Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
	Mr. Aaron Bautista	_____
	Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
	Mrs. Susan Brager	_____
	Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
	Ms. Heather Brown	_____
	Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
	Mr. Carlos D. Fernandez	_____
	Mr. Pete Goicoechea	_____
	Ms. Stephanie Goodman	_____
	Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath	_____

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.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 12, a quorum may be gained by telephonic, video, or electronic transmission provided that notice to that effect has been given.

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/>.

Many public libraries have publicly accessible computer terminals. Copies of the reference material and any additional support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available as follows: 1. Copies of any such materials are available at the Board of Regents Offices at 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, Nevada, and 4300 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling Angela Palmer at (775) 784-3465; 2. Copies of any such materials will also be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 Board of Regents.

2a. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board of Regents will consider approval of the minutes from the January 16-17, 2025, and January 31, 2025, special meetings. ([Refs. BOR-2a1](#) and [BOR-2a2](#))

2b. APPOINTMENTS, TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton will request approval of the appointment of two members to the Task Force on Power-based Violence at Institutions of Higher Education, as required by Nevada Revised Statute 396.141(1). Accordingly, the Board of Regents will consider the appointment of the following individuals: ([Ref. BOR-2b](#))

- Luisa Bautista, NSU
- Tara Marjerrison, TMCC

FISCAL IMPACT: No appropriation was made by the Nevada Legislature in conjunction with the passage of AB 245 creating the Task Force. The cost associated with the work of the Task Force is unknown.

2c. TENURE, NSU

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Nevada State University President DeRionne P. Pollard will request approval to award tenure to Dr. Jamie Palmer who has met the standards for tenure as outlined in the NSHE Code ([Title 2, Chapter 7](#)). Dr. Palmer was inadvertently not included in the NSU tenure recommendations considered by the Board of Regents at the March 6-7, 2025, meeting. ([Ref. BOR-2c](#))

2d. PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISION, STUDENT FEES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chief Financial Officer Chris Viton will request approval of a correction to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 11) concerning the UNR Counseling Services fee. A fee increase was approved by the Board of Regents at the December 4-5, 2024, meeting. The proposed correction changes the applicability of the fee. ([Ref. BOR-2d](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (continued)

2e. 2026 BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Board of Regents will consider approval of the following meeting dates and locations for calendar year 2026:

Quarterly meetings

- March 5-6, 2026 – CSN Charleston Campus
- June 11-12, 2026 – UNR
- September 3-4, 2026 – TMCC
- December 3-4, 2026 – UNLV

Special meetings – System Administration

- January 16, 2026
- February 20, 2026
- April 17, 2026
- May 15, 2026
- July 17, 2026
- August 27, 2026
- October 16, 2026
- November 20, 2026

If the Board Chair determines a special meeting is unnecessary on any given date, such meeting shall not be held.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. APPOINTMENT, INTERIM PRESIDENT, UNLV **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton, in consultation with Board of Regents Chair Amy J. Carvalho and Vice Chair Jeffrey S. Downs, will recommend the appointment of Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D. to the position of Interim President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Pursuant to the NSHE Code ([Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5](#)), the recommendation is brought forward following a series of listening sessions held on March 28, 2025, with major constituencies of UNLV to receive their suggestions and input regarding the appointment of an acting or interim President.

The Board of Regents will consider the recommendation and may appoint Dr. Heavey to the position of Interim President of UNLV. The Board may also approve the proposed Employment Agreement and grant authorization to the Interim Chancellor to execute the Agreement. ([Refs. BOR-3a](#) and [BOR-3b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

4. **AB 191, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR “PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES”** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton will provide background regarding Assembly Bill 191 (AB 191) which would provide for collective bargaining for individuals defined by the bill as “professional employees,” including faculty and graduate student assistants, among others. The Board of Regents will discuss its authority, background on graduate student assistants and how such positions are funded, and policy related to the collective bargaining process for faculty, including comparisons of faculty and state classified and unclassified employees. The Board will consider the potential policy and fiscal impacts of AB 191 and may request input from the institutional presidents regarding how to address the anticipated fiscal impact and how it may affect their respective institution’s mission. The Board may take action to support, oppose, or provide other direction to the Interim Chancellor regarding a formal position on AB 191. ([Refs. BOR-4a](#) and [BOR-4b](#))

FISCAL IMPACT: *NSHE’s fiscal note for AB 191 anticipates a fiscal cost of \$839,650 (FY25-26), \$1,726,042 (FY26-27), and a total \$6.2M in future biennia. This does not include fiscal needs that would be bargained, such as increased salaries or benefits.*

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

5. **2025-27 GOVERNOR’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET UPDATE AND LEGISLATIVE REPORT** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton, Chief Financial Officer Chris Viton, and Director of Government Relations Alejandro Rodriguez will provide an update on the 2025-27 Governor’s Recommended Budget and will present a summary of legislative measures and a list of legislative measures on which the Chancellor has taken a position on behalf of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The Board of Regents may consider approval or revision of a position. ([Refs. BOR-5a](#) and [BOR-5b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

6. FIRE RESCUE TRAINING FACILITY, TMCC FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Truckee Meadows Community College President Karin M. Hilgersom will request approval to move forward with the construction of a Fire Rescue Training Facility – Phase 1 of 2. In Phase 1, TMCC will construct the Fire Rescue Training Tower, Fire Academy Training Grounds, and Fire Academy Running Trail, with a total estimated cost of \$1,454,000 and completion estimated in Fall 2026. ([Refs. BOR-6a](#) and [BOR-6b](#))

FISCAL IMPACT: *The TMCC Foundation has funds for completion of Phase 1. Completion of Phase 1 will save TMCC \$65k per year in leasing fees with the Carson City Fire Department.*

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

7. ALLOCATION OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FEES TO UPGRADE CAMPUS NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE, UNLV FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Officer in Charge Chris L. Heavey will request approval to allocate \$4.3M in General Improvement Fees to upgrade the campus network infrastructure in order to maintain secure, reliable, and modern digital services. ([Ref. BOR-7](#))

FISCAL IMPACT: *The request includes a one-time payment in FY25 of \$2.9M and annual renewal costs of \$200k over the next 7 years.*

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

8. DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING TRANSGENDER FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETE PARTICIPATION IN COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS INFORMATION ONLY

At the request of Regents Brager, Brooks, and Goodman, Nevada System of Higher Education staff will present information on developments regarding transgender female student-athlete participation in collegiate athletics. The information will include background on relevant policies and the current legal landscape. ([Ref. BOR-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 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.*).

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CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
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
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
System Administration, 4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512