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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 8, 2025

**Email:** kenneth.roman@csn.edu

**Name:** Kenneth Roman

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** Only myself

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Increase in Retirement Percentage

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

**Comment:**

The continued increases for mandatory withdrawal for retirement has a detrimental effect on the financial stability of NSHE employees in two ways. First, The cost of living in the current state of the economy has put a strain on working Americans which require more funds to meet monthly financial obligations (rent/mortgage, food, gas, etc.) Mandatory increases that go towards retirement decreases monthly income and in-turn decreases the funds needed for these obligations. Second, mandatory increases for retirement withdrawal counteracts the adjusted COLA increases.

**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 8, 2025

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**Name:** Amber Anaya

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 2

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

**Comment:**

I would like to see Dr. Jeffrey Alexander as our next TMCC President. He is a delight to work with and has been a breath of fresh air at TMCC. He arrived during COVID and has been the medicine we needed to get back on track. We are lucky to have gained him.

Dr. Alexander strives to work with Faculty Senate leadership for the best outcomes for our students, faculty, and staff. He answers questions directly, timely, and most importantly he also shows great care and understanding of our institution and NSHE. We deserve fresh air and we deserve high quality leadership. Please appoint Dr. Jeffrey Alexander as our next president.

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Email:** cliff@campagniautogroup.com

**Name:** Cliff Sorensen

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** TMCC President search

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

**Comment:**

It is my opinion that hiring President Kyle Dalpe to be the next TMCC President would be a smart move for Higher Education in Northern Nevada and the State as a whole. Selfishly, I would miss him in the position as WNC as he has proven that he knows how to run and advance an institution. I felt the same way when Dr. Solis left to go to Texas and I did not think he would be easily replaceable, but I admit I was wrong. I have seen an incredible transformation for WNC, its public perception, its student initiatives and in the quality of education throughout Carson City and the rurals. Dr. Dalpe has made being part of WNC rewarding yet fun. I know that he could do the same thing, if not more, for TMCC at a time when TMCC appears to need the proper attention. He has a working knowledge already of the operational process of TMCC and could hit the ground running. To be truthful, it is my humble opinion that he could manage both colleges and make them both financially solvent and operate efficiently. If the economists are correct, Nevada is facing financial difficulty over the next two legislative sessions, so I do not think there will be a windfall of money, but I do think that Dr. Dalpe has the political and community support coupled with the proven knowledge to make the tough sound financial decisions that both colleges will be soon facing. Now is the time to be backing a proven tenured sitting president. It is not the time to be training a person that has not filled these shoes before. There are times for those, but now is not one of them. Please, as a respected member of this community and as a partner of Nevada education, I urge you to vote for President Kyle Dalpe as the next TMCC President.

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**Name:** Giovanni Jones

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General comment

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

**Comment:**

Dr. Cota, in her role as Vice President, has shown remarkable dedication to the entire student body. She consistently promotes equity, academic growth, and student empowerment. Her leadership style is inclusive and responsive, recognizing the unique challenges and aspirations of a diverse student population. As the current Student Body Vice President at CSN, I've had the opportunity to observe her commitment up close. Based on her strong leadership, collaborative nature, and forward-thinking approach, I believe Dr. Cota would be an outstanding candidate for the presidency.

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**Name:** Amber Anaya

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** myself

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 2

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

**Comment:**

The President Search Committee favored Dr. Alexander and Clarissa M. Cota, J.D. who each received 14 votes from the advisory committee. J. Kyle Dalpe, Ph.D received 7 votes and was clearly not a preferred choice. Why do you bother with an advisory committee if you are not taking the advice of the committee?

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**Email:** evanskc585@gmail.com

**Name:** Kenneth Evans

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item #2, Comments to Support Clarissa Cota, J.D.

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

**Comment:**

My name is Ken Evans and I am the former President for the Urban Chamber of Commerce (UCC). I am submitting comments today to support Clarissa Cota to be selected as the next President for Truckee Meadows Community College. During my nine-year tenure as President of the Urban Chamber, Ms. Cota served as the Vice President for the North Las Vegas campus for the College of Southern Nevada (CSN). I found Ms. Cota to be a consummate professional as well as a conscientious partner between the academic community and the business community. As such, we were able to pursue and implement some very innovative programs and partnerships that both created opportunities for CSN students as well as positively contributed to the regional economic development and diversification efforts for Southern Nevada.

She regularly interacted with many of our Urban Chamber business members, both large (corporate) and small businesses. By doing this, she was able to identify workforce needs and incorporate these communicated needs into both credit and non-credit programs for CSN students. For example, she knew there was a nursing shortage so she made it a point to develop a "hands-on" practicum experience in CSN classrooms plus pursue private sector equipment and accompanying teaching software so her students would be best prepared to pursue opportunities in the local medical community. In addition, she made it a point to regularly attend regional chamber and other business organization events. This ensured she always had a fresh and current perspective regarding regional business, workforce and

economic development needs.

It was indeed a personal and professional pleasure to work with Ms. Cota during my tenure as UCC President. I'm confident that should she be selected as the next TMCC President, she will be both a solid leader for the community college as well as a consistent advocate for the actions necessary for the TMCC to positively contribute to regional economic development efforts.

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Item 2: Appointment, President of Truckee Meadows Community College

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

**Comment:**

It has been apparent since the beginning of the presidential search that some members of this board have pursued their own agenda— an agenda that does not reflect the best interests of Truckee Meadows Community College or the broader community it serves.

The original recommendation put forward by the search committee appears to have been undermined by the very individuals entrusted with upholding the integrity of this process.

What we are witnessing is an attempt to preserve the status quo and reinforce a “good old boys club,” rather than support bold, inclusive leadership. TMCC deserves more!! TMCC must remain an innovative, student-centered institution that reflects the evolving needs of our region.

I strongly urge you to vote in support of Clarissa M. Cota as TMCC’s next President. She represents the future this college and its community deserve. Please do not let this search process become yet another reason the public loses trust in this board’s ability to make thoughtful, transparent, and educated decisions to govern higher education in the state.

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**Name:** Lisha Allison

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 6

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

**Comment:**

Dear Chancellor, Regents, and Chair,

As a former SGA President, I write to express my strong support for a particular candidate in the search for the next President of Truckee Meadows Community College: Jeffery Alexander.

In his role as Vice President of Academic Affairs, Mr. Alexander has worked closely alongside President Dr. Hilgersom, gaining deep insight into both the internal and external operations of our institution. He is a familiar and respected presence on campus, known for his dedication and active involvement in fostering our vibrant community.

Mr. Alexander has consistently attended key meetings alongside Dr. Hilgersom and has even served as her proxy when she was unavailable—demonstrating his preparedness and understanding of the responsibilities required of the presidency. Among all candidates, he is uniquely informed about the demands and expectations of this role.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage his selection as the next President of TMCC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Email:** imitch119@gmail.com

**Name:** Ian Mitchell

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**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** President search committee

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

**Comment:**

The candidate that was brought forward at the last minute is extremely unqualified for the job. Please think about the education that you are giving rather than your “boys club” nonsense.

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**Name:** Taylor Easley

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**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

As a student of TMCC I feel Clarissa represents what TMCC needs and stands for, please vote for Clarissa

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## Public Comment for the ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

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**Name:** Paula Gomez

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**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

After reviewing all the candidate profiles and listening to their interviews I strongly agree that Clarissa M. Cota is a great person for the president position. She showed care for students and mentioned she always wanted to improve things in any possible way. I also agree that Jeffrey W. Alexander is a great candidate for the president position, he is part of TMCC and I always see that he is involved in celebrations and events.

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## Public Comment for the ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Email:** lincolnzimmerman97@gmail.com

**Name:** Lincoln Zimmerman

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**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

As a member of this community that really cares about workforce development and tackling some of the biggest issues facing our region, Clarissa Cota is the best suited for the job at TMCC and as a community member, I support her.

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**Name:** Martha Johnson-Olin

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

I would like to know why a candidate who did not receive the full support of the search committee was forwarded to the board. Dr. Alexander and VP Cota had far more support from the advisory committee. Dr. Dalpe should not be a finalist.

I believe that Dr. Jeff Alexander should be the next president of TMCC.

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## Public Comment for the ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Email:** fernaned@yahoo.com

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**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** TMCC President Search

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

**Comment:**

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Clarissa Cota as the next president of Truckee Meadows Community College. Clarissa is a seasoned leader with a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing community colleges today.

Throughout her career, she has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to student success, academic excellence, and institutional integrity. Her ability to foster collaboration among faculty, staff, and community partners has led to meaningful improvements in educational outcomes and campus operations.

Clarissa's leadership style is characterized by transparency, accountability, and a focus on results. She is adept at navigating complex organizational structures and has a proven track record of implementing effective strategies that enhance both student learning and institutional performance.

Her dedication to the mission of community colleges and her unwavering focus on practical solutions make her an ideal candidate to lead TMCC into its next chapter.

I urge the Board of Regents to give full consideration to Clarissa Cota for this pivotal role.

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**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 2

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

**Comment:**

I am writing in support of Dr. Jeffrey Alexander to be the next President of TMCC. Both Dr. Alexander and VP Cota had majority support from the Advisory Committee. Dr. Alexander's support was from a more diverse group of stakeholders including students, student services, faculty (academic and administrative), leadership, classified staff, and community members.

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### Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** TMCC presidential search

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

**Comment:**

I'm writing in favor of Dr. Alexander to be the next president of TMCC and he has the support from students, classified, administrative and academic staff. Both Dr. Alexander and candidate Cota had the same numbers of support from the ad-hoc committee and should have been the only ones brought forth.

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**Name:** Melissa Medina

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**Agenda Item:** TMCC Presidential Search

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

**Comment:**

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**Name:** Isabella Jorgensen

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**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item 2

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

**Comment:**

I think further consideration of Clarissa Cota should be considered. She has plenty of experience and would be a much better suited candidate for this role.

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**Name:** Janeth Vences Balvas

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 2

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

**Comment:**

Hello Regents, Chancellor, and other guests. My name is Janeth Vences Balvas for the record. I'm writing you today not only as the ASCSN Student Body President but also as a first-gen community member. I have to specify being first gen because like many of my peers bridging the gap between higher education and navigating a career while overcoming barriers is something that VP Clarissa Cota has seen throughout her tenure at CSN. Not only does she have the skills and knowledge to bring forth a stronger TMCC institution but has a clear vision of the needs of students. Like many of you agreed during the special meeting yesterday she can be that bridge between ensuring that our southern and northern institutions work collaboratively for the greater good of the student body. She not only has experience inside the classroom but her knowledge of being able to work with various stakeholders within an institution is what makes her the ideal candidate. It's also important to highlight that you won't find someone as dedicated and charismatic who will take pride in supporting and bring support to an institution. Her work both inside and outside of CSNs walls doesn't go unnoticed and many of my peers and I believe that it would be not only beneficial but imperative that you all consider her for this role. She is more than capable to create the necessary strategic plan and work alongside all stakeholders to ensure that TMCC can prosper for generations to come. As always please ensure that you all listen to students and their recommendations. While it's understandable that there are candidates that are locally known or have worked with the institution, bringing change with a larger vision and birds eye view of understanding our system is what's best for the students at TMCC in our humble opinion. Thank you for your



time and commitment to our institutions.

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## Public Comment for the ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

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**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee, May 7, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Agenda Item

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

**Comment:**

Good morning Regents,

I am honored to express my support for Clarissa M. Cota as the next President of Truckee Meadows Community College. Clarissa is a proven, values-driven leader with deep Nevada roots, a track record of impact, and a clear vision for student success.

In her current role as Vice President of External Relations and Campus Operations at the College of Southern Nevada, Clarissa leads with integrity, transparency, and care—strengthening programs, building partnerships, and fostering a campus culture that truly centers students. Her leadership is collaborative and people-first, and she is widely respected for mentoring and empowering those around her.

I had the privilege of being Clarissa's classmate in Leadership Las Vegas Class of 2015 and have worked with her across various other projects and have seen firsthand her wisdom, humility, and ability to bring people together. She is also a member of Latinas in Power, a statewide professional network where she continues to mentor and inspire Latina professionals and others across Nevada.

Clarissa's experience, credibility, and community trust make her uniquely qualified to lead TMCC. There is no one more prepared or more respected to serve as its next President. Thank

you for your time. Ericka Aviles

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Email:** eric.garner@csn.edu

**Name:** Eric Garner

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 2. APPOINTMENT, PRESIDENT OF TRUCKEE MEADOWS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

**Comment:**

Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing to express my support for Clarissa M. Cota as the next President of Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC). As one of the finalists, Ms. Cota demonstrated a deep understanding of the institution during the ad hoc TMCC President Search Committee meeting yesterday. Her exceptional leadership, vision, and dedication to the advancement of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) is evidence of her ability to lead TMCC.

I had the opportunity to watch the committee meeting yesterday and was thoroughly impressed by Ms. Cota's insights and commitment to student success and community engagement. Her extensive experience in higher education makes her an outstanding candidate for this pivotal role.

I have been with CSN and NSHE for 27 years and have observed Clarissa's professionalism in action for more than 20 years, so I can personally attest to the fact that Clarissa supports students and truly believes in shared governance. I was happy to see that she was selected as a finalist for this position and believe that she will do an amazing job as TMCC President.

Clarissa may not have mentioned this, but she has two sons who recently graduated from UNR

and a daughter who is currently in college. Clarissa is a great administrator, leader, wife, and mother who truly understands the value of education. Moreover, having a law degree and nearly 30 years of higher ed experience as an academic faculty, administrator, and a vice president, she is prepared for this role.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Clarissa M. Cota for TMCC President.

Sincerely,  
Eric Garner, MPA  
Director, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Development  
AFA Chair, 2024-2025  
O: (702) 651-4777  
College of Southern Nevada  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Development

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**Name:** Sharif Rumjahn

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

I fully support Dr. Jeff Alexander to be the next President of TMCC. His leadership as TMCC's current VPAA has enhanced student success and academic excellence, as well as promoted many new avenues of faculty support. Dr. Alexander has already built meaningful working relationships with TMCC faculty, students, & administration and is ready to hit the ground running as TMCC's next President.

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**Email:** mindyhsu2002@yahoo.com

**Name:** Mindy Hsu

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Next TMCC president

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

**Comment:**

I am writing in favor of Dr. Alexander to be the next president of TMCC and he has the support from students, classified, administrative and academic staff. Both Dr. Alexander and candidate Cota had the same numbers of support from the ad-hoc committee and should have been the only ones brought forth.

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**Name:** Jeremy Elsmore

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

I'm writing to express my strong support for Dr. Alexander as the next president of TMCC. He has earned the confidence of students, classified staff, administrators, and faculty alike. Given that both Dr. Alexander and candidate Cota received equal support from the ad-hoc committee, they should have been the sole finalists under consideration.

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**Email:** evelyn.garcia.m@gmail.com

**Name:** Evelyn Garcia Morales

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** 2. Appointment of the President of TMCC

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

**Comment:**

I'm writing today in strong support of Dr. Cota. I've had the privilege of working in partnership with her over the the course of six years, and I've seen firsthand the manner in which she leads and communicates. Dr. Cota is an action-oriented and strategic leader who turns vision into reality.

At CSN, she has led expansion efforts that have transformed access to education in our region. But beyond the accomplishments, what stands out most is the culture she has created, a culture of possibility, where students, staff, and partners feel seen, heard, and empowered.

She leads with purpose, kindness, and clarity. Her passion for student success is unmatched, and her ability to align teams around bold goals is exceptional. TMCC would be incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Cota at the helm.

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## Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Email:** wsolorioramirez@tmcc.edu

**Name:** Wendy Solorio

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** General Public Comment

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

### Comment:

I am a proud student at TMCC and an outgoing senator of the Student Government. I'm speaking today to remind us all of something important: at the start of this academic year, 36% of TMCC's student demographic population identified as Latino or Hispanic. That's more than a third of our student body and thousands of students, a significant & vibrant part of our campus community. I feel obligated to state this, as some finalists have publicly said they have yet to get to know the community, our campus, and what we stand for. As an officer of La Raza, which was recently honored as the Outstanding New Club of the Year, and a close bystander of the International Club, which won Best Event of the Year. I've seen firsthand how minorities contribute to campus life beyond the classroom. We are leaders, organizers, and active participants in shaping the student experience & interests. However, the recent months have left many minority students feeling fear and uncertainty for themselves and their families. Sadly, some of the final candidates running for the position on campus have either failed to demonstrate support for these communities through their past or current roles or have remained entirely silent in the past 5 months. That silence speaks volumes, especially when it comes at a time when diversity offices, multicultural services, and programs like TRIO, resources vital to our students, are at risk of being overlooked or even eliminated. Clarissa M. Cota has spoken well about her support in these areas in her past work and during her time here. So I urge you, when choosing the next leader for our campus, remember who 36% of us are. We need a leader who will acknowledge us and stand with us consistently; that leader is Clarissa Cota. She is someone who stands with us, minorities, and all those on campus who

advocate for inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunity for all, because that is what the TMCC campus is all about and what the students not only want but need.

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**Email:** nrussell@tmcc.edu

**Name:** Natalie Russell

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** TMCC President Selection

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

**Comment:**

I am strongly in favor of selecting Dr. Jeffrey Alexander as TMCC's next President. I have been a dean and one of his direct reports for three years. He is the most intelligent, ethical, transformative, and effective Vice President I have worked for in my twenty years in higher education. He is a leader in every sense of the word—collaborative, efficient, organized, responsive, open-minded, approachable, reliable, and steadfast in his word and actions. He arrives before almost anyone else in the morning and leaves last as well. He would represent TMCC to NSHE, the Board, our Northern NV community, and the state in the best ways possible, as a president who serves TMCC as a dedicated and consummate professional. His knowledge of higher education and the state system surpasses all others, and his work ethic is unmatched. Dr. Alexander is the best person for this presidency, and I urge the Board to select him.

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**Email:** KendrickKristopher24@gmail.com

**Name:** Kristopher Kendrick

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Appointment of President of TMCC

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

**Comment:**

Dear Madam Chancellor Dr. Charlton & Board of Regents Members

I am in Support of Dr. Clarissa M.Cota as the Truckee Meadows Community College next President/Chief Executive Officer!

1) Dr. Clarissa Cota she is a person who believes in community and also is listens to the community. When Dr. Cota was the Campus President over at CSN North Las Vegas Campus I have seen her be an amazing leader and she advocates for everyone and shows everyone respect. As a Student of College of Southern Nevada she made education & the campus scene outstanding because not only she advocates and she supports everyone sets people up for success. Thank you Dr. Cota

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**Email:** nancybrune@gmail.com

**Name:** Nancy Brune

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Special Meeting, Item No. 2

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

### Comment:

Good morning, Chair Carvalho and members of the Board of Regents.

My name is Nancy Brune.

I am here today to express my support for Clarissa Cota being named the president of Truckee Meadows Community College.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Clarissa for more than a decade. I initially came to know Clarissa when I assumed the role as the inaugural chair of the CSN Institutional Advisory Council.

Clarissa deeply understands the role of our community colleges and the MANY responsibilities they are tasked to execute and the many interests they are asked to serve. Clarissa has been deeply involved with workforce development at CSN. She was active in getting our West Side Education and Training Center up and running and funded. She has experience with the heavy responsibility of fundraising, program development and oversight, and the development of curricula that effectively serve the needs of employers.

Clarissa is a problem – solver. Whenever she was presented with a hiccup or barrier, she quickly pivoted or found ways to solve the problem

Clarissa is a bridge builder and has established deep ties with other NSHE institutions, CCSD, businesses and nonprofit organizations. In short, she has been an incredible ambassador and public face of the institution she currently serves. I have NO doubt that she will bring that to TMCC.

Most importantly, she is beloved by students, faculty and staff. If you've ever seen her work a

room, you know she has the charisma, warmth, and genuineness to win over and touch each person she meets.

This recommendation is somewhat bittersweet as I know that TMCC's gain is southern Nevada's loss. But I'm comfortable offering my unqualified support because I know without a doubt that the ENTIRE state of Nevada, particularly our students, will be well served by Clarissa Cota leading TMCC.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Nancy Brune, Ph.D.

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**Name:** Amy Williams

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** TMCC President Search

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

**Comment:**

I am writing to express my unequivocal support for Dr. Jeffrey Alexander as the next president of Truckee Meadows Community College. To consider any other candidate at this point would be a significant loss to the college and its future. Dr. Alexander has already proven himself through his leadership, vision, and deep commitment to TMCC's mission, values, and community. Throughout the search process, he stood out clearly as the strongest candidate—one who not only understands our institution but has demonstrated the ability to lead it forward. It is difficult to comprehend why the committee would lean in any other direction when the right choice is so evident. TMCC deserves a president who is ready on day one, who knows us, and who has already earned the respect and trust of our campus. Dr. Alexander is that leader.

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**Name:** Reuben D'Silva

**Representing someone other than yourself?:**

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Public Comment

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

**Comment:**

This statement is in support of Clarissa Cota. She is an effective advocate at the legislature for Higher Ed issues. It has been a pleasure working with her to advocate for community college-higher education matters in this state.

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**Email:** kharrell@tmcc.edu

**Name:** Kim Harrell

**Representing someone other than yourself?:** Dr. Jeffrey Alexander

**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Support of Dr. Alexander

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

**Comment:**

He has been a fantastic, innovative leader for TMCC. I have been a faculty and administrator in three states and in higher education for 30 years. It is important to have a student-centered leader. Our students want him to move into the role as do our faculty. He would be a fantastic president! Please consider him!

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**Email:** pdudz@me.com

**Name:** Paul Dudzinski

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**Meeting:** Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 8, 2025

**Agenda Item:** Trucker Meadows President

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

**Comment:**

Clarissa will be amazing for the position. Her life's hard work will show through and her passion is unmatched.

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