

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

Great Basin College
Fitness Center
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Thursday, September 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

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| Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Chair | _____ |
| Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Vice Chair | _____ |
| Mr. Aaron Bautista | _____ |
| Ms. Heather Brown | _____ |
| Mrs. Carol Del Carlo | _____ |

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 Academic, Research and Student Affairs and Business, Finance and Facilities committees. The Board's committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those committees. Regents who are not members of the committee may attend the committee meeting 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 a subsequent 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 Winter Lipson at (702) 889-8426; 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 attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (702) 889-8426 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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.

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 June 12, 2025, meeting minutes. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. PROGRAM ELIMINATION,
A.S. DENTAL HYGIENE, CSN**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

CSN will request approval of the elimination of the Associate of Science (A.S.) in Dental Hygiene as this degree was transitioned to an entry-level Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene in Fall 2024. The last cohort of A.S. Dental Hygiene students graduated in May 2024. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**3. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT
ELIMINATIONS, UNLV**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV will request approval of the elimination of the following organizational units:

- **APPLIED GEOPHYSICS CENTER**
The Applied Geophysics Center has no current or pending activity and a lack of faculty for continuing the Center. The Center does not offer courses. ([Ref. ARSA-3a](#))
- **CENTER FOR GAMING RESEARCH**
The core activities of the Center for Gaming Research more closely align with Special Collections and Archives. The Center does not conduct research but focuses on collection development. ([Ref. ARSA-3b](#))
- **CENTER FOR MECHANICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**
The Center for Mechanical and Environmental Systems Technology has no current or pending activity and a lack of faculty for continuing the Center. The Center does not offer courses. ([Ref. ARSA-3c](#))
- **ENERGY MATERIALS INTERACTION TECHNOLOGY OF NEVADA/PULSED POWER LABS**
The Energy Materials Interaction Technology of Nevada/Pulsed Power Labs has no current or pending activity and a lack of faculty for continuing the Center. The Center does not offer courses. ([Ref. ARSA-3d](#))
- **HIGH PRESSURE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CENTER**
The High Pressure Science and Engineering Center has no current or pending activity and a lack of faculty for continuing the Center. The Center does not offer courses. ([Ref. ARSA-3e](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT PROPOSAL, CENTER FOR WATER INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH, UNLV **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV will request approval to establish a Center for Water Intelligence and Community Health within the College of Sciences. The goals of the Center include implementing advanced detection systems for chemicals and microbes in water and pioneering Las Vegas's first wastewater-to-drinking water system. The Center will also provide students opportunities to advance their knowledge in microbial analysis, mass spectrometry and membrane technology, preparing them for high-value roles in water, energy, and health sectors. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. PROGRAM CHANGE, PH.D. EDUCATION POLICY, ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND HIGHER EDUCATION, UNLV **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV will request approval of a program change to expand the current Ph.D. in Higher Education to a Ph.D. in Education Policy, Organizational Leadership and Higher Education. This expansion includes PreK through 12 education policy and an organizational leadership emphasis. Curricular changes will include reorganization of existing courses and the addition of new courses. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, PH.D. MULTILINGUAL EDUCATION, UNLV **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV will request approval of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Multilingual Education designed with an emphasis on developing and extending knowledge around theories and equitable practices that support preschool through 12th grade language and literacy development for multilingual learners. Program graduates will be prepared for research and teaching careers in higher education, as policy leaders in school district and state leadership positions, and language specialists in various settings. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

7. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
B.M. COMPOSITION, UNR

UNR will request approval of a Bachelor of Music (B.M.) in Composition designed to prepare students to be well-equipped to enter the music industry or pursue advanced degrees in music composition, performance, music production, or education. The curriculum's emphasis on practical composition, performance, and professional development ensures that students are prepared for a wide range of career opportunities in the music industry. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

8. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
B.S. POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNR

UNR will request approval of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Political Science that will provide students with advanced training in political analysis and quantitative methods. The program will combine coursework in statistics, calculus, and research design with a comprehensive study of political institutions and behavior. The program prepares graduates for professional positions in policy research, program evaluation, campaign analytics, and political consulting. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

9. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
A.A. SECONDARY EDUCATION, GBC

GBC will request approval of an Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Secondary Education designed to streamline the transition from an associate-level degree to a four-year education program. The proposed degree will provide students with a well-defined route to secondary education teaching, whether at GBC or another NSHE institution. Additionally, the degree allows the dual enrollment student who completes the Certificate of Achievement in General Studies to easily transition to the A.A. ([Ref. ARSA-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**10. FOSTER YOUTH FEE WAIVER AND
PROGRAM REPORT**

INFORMATION ONLY

Fostering Success Initiative Manager Laura Obrist will present on the NSHE Foster Youth Fee Waiver adopted by the Board of Regents in 2018. The fee waiver policy permits qualifying NSHE undergraduate students to register for eligible courses without being charged registration or certain laboratory fees. The report will provide an overview of the fee waiver, information on the requirements of the fee waiver, number of recipients and total fees waived, recipient demographics, and student success metrics. Additionally, a high-level review of the NSHE Fostering Success Initiative grant-funded activities and accomplishments for the last year will be provided. ([Refs. ARSA-10a](#) and [ARSA-10b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 mins.

11. 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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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, McMullen 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 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512