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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2025
TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Matt McNair, NSHE Chancellor
CC: Keri D. Nikolajewski, Board of Regents Chief of Staff
RE: Nevada State University President Vacancy

On July 11, 2025, Nevada State University President DeRionne Pollard notified me of her intent to step down as President of NSU effective on September 5, 2025.

In accordance with Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5(d) of the Board of Regents Handbook, on September 3, 2025, Chair Byron Brooks, Vice Chair Stephanie Goodman, and I, along with Chief of Staff Keri Nikolajewski, met with NSU's major constituencies including academic and administrative faculty, classified staff, students, administration, donors, and community leaders to hear their input for the appointment of an acting or interim President.

There was broad consensus among constituents that a national search be conducted to select the next president of NSU, and that an acting President be named to lead the campus until a permanent President is selected through the national search.

After consulting with Chair Brooks and Vice Chair Goodman, I recommend that the Board of Regents appoint an acting President to lead the campus for a period of up to twelve (12) months while a search for a permanent President is conducted.