

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

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballroom A
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

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:

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 Bylaws of the Board of Regents, 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 the Bylaws of the Board of Regents, 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 Bylaws of the Board of Regents, 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.

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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 September 11, 2025, meeting minutes. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. PROGRAM ELIMINATION,
A.A. CULINARY ARTS
MANAGEMENT, CSN**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

CSN will request approval of the elimination of the Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Culinary Arts due to no enrollment. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

**2c. PROGRAM ELIMINATION,
A.A.S. FIRE SCIENCE
TECHNOLOGY, CSN**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

CSN will request approval of the elimination of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Fire Science Technology due to no enrollment. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued)

2d. PROGRAM ELIMINATION, A.A.S. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT, CSN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

CSN will request approval of the elimination of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Occupational Therapy Assistant due to no enrollment. ([Ref. ARSA-2d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. PROGRAM CHANGES, CSN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

3a. A.B. ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS, CSN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

CSN will request approval of a program change to the existing Business degree to an Associate of Business (A.B.). Additionally, curricular changes decrease the total credits from 61 to 60. The degree transfers to bachelor programs in Business at other institutions. The change in name and credit requirements does not impact physical or financial resources. ([Ref. ARSA-3a](#))

3b. A.A. CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CSN **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

CSN will request approval of a program change to the Associate of Arts (A.A.) Criminal Justice. The structural changes are a response to changes in Criminal Justice degrees at other NSHE institutions. The changes provide CSN students with a clean transfer with no loss of credits. The change in credit requirements does not impact physical or financial resources. ([Ref. ARSA-3b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

4. PROGRAM CHANGE, A.A.S. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, TMCC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

TMCC will request approval of a program change to the existing Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Architecture and Construction to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Architectural Design. Additionally, curricular changes focus on the architectural aspects of the degree by removing construction curriculum. The curricular change assists in aligning the degree with TMCC's Bachelor of Architecture. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. NSHE PLANNING REPORT

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Director of Policy Terina Caserto will request approval of additions to the [2025-2029 Planning Report](#) originally approved at the December 4-5, 2024, Board of Regents meeting. Current proposed revisions include additional academic programs that may come forward for Board approval within the 2026 calendar year. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. NEW PROGRAM REVIEW

INFORMATION ONLY

Academic and Transfer Policy Analyst Dave Singleton will present the *New Program Review* report as required by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6*). This report includes reviews from the universities, state university, and community colleges comparing originally projected program enrollments and expenses to actual first-, third-, and fifth-year figures. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 25 mins.

7. EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW

INFORMATION ONLY

Director of Policy Terina Caserto will present the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6*). In addition, representatives from NSU and WNC will present reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentations will include, but are not limited to, the process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether programs are meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes, and any action steps identified based on the review of programs and the status of action steps. ([Refs. ARSA-7a](#), [ARSA-7b](#) and [ARSA-7c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 40 mins.

8. 2025 NSHE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAN

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Representatives from the NSHE Research Affairs Council will request approval of the 2025 NSHE Science and Technology Plan. The plan is designed to be a blueprint for both the state and public higher education in setting priorities in science and technology research. ([Refs. ARSA-8a](#) and [ARSA-8b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 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.*).

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

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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
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