

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Friday, February 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

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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:	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	_____

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.

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.

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/>.

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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in the meeting. Please call the Board Office at (702) 889-8426 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person. Persons making comment are asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name.

Public comment will be limited to a maximum of sixty (60) minutes under this agenda item. Public comment will rotate among the meeting sites, beginning with individuals participating from the remote sites, then moving to individuals participating from the host site, and concluding with individuals providing public comment via telephone. At his/her discretion, the Board Chair may extend the total time allotted for public comment under this agenda item. The Board Chair may also elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT – *(continued)*

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Board Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

TIME ALLOTTED: 60 mins.

**2. AUTHORIZATION TO DEVIATE FROM
PROCESSES DEFINED IN BOARD OF REGENTS
POLICY, NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This agenda item comes forward at the request of Regent Carol Del Carlo, Regent Heather Brown, and Regent Carlos D. Fernandez, consistent with [Title 1, Article V, Section 7](#) of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*.

Pursuant to [Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5\(d\)\(1\)](#) of the NSHE Code, “If the Chancellor makes a recommendation to the Board for the appointment of an acting President, the specified term of the acting President shall not exceed twelve (12) months and a search for a permanent President will be conducted.” The Code further states, “The acting President will not be eligible for consideration as a candidate for the appointment of a permanent President.”

Regents Del Carlo, Brown, and Fernandez will request authorization by the Board of Regents to deviate from the processes defined in [Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5\(d\)\(1\)](#) of the Code in order to deem Nevada State University Acting President Amber Lopez Lasater eligible to apply during the search for a permanent President of NSU.

Any such deviation from processes defined in the above referenced Code provision shall require an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board. [\(Ref. BOR-2\)](#)

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

3. *BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISIONS, ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE CHANCELLOR*

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This agenda item comes forward at the request of Vice Chair Stephanie Goodman, Regent Susan Brager, and Regent Jennifer J. McGrath, consistent with [Title 1, Article V, Section 7](#) of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents*.

Vice Chair Goodman and Regents Brager and McGrath will request approval of a revision to Title 1, Article VII, Section 3(b) of the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* to provide for the participation of the Board Vice Chair in the annual evaluation of the Chancellor.

Pursuant to [Title 1, Article VIII, Section 1](#), the *Bylaws of the Board of Regents* “may be amended at any meeting of the Board by affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board, provided that notice of any proposed amendment has been provided in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.”

Corresponding revisions to the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, Chapter 2, Section 2(4), concerning the process for annually evaluating the Chancellor are also presented for approval. ([Ref. BOR-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

4. STUDENT ACCESS FUNDS

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board of Regents will discuss, for information only, current policies that require allocating a portion of registration fees and differential fees to Student Access Funds, and the policy specifying the allowable uses of those funds. The discussion may include institution-specific information initially presented at the January 23, 2026, special meeting of the Board. The discussion may inform a future agenda item for possible action that proposes changes to Student Access Funds policies. ([Ref. BOR-4a](#) and [BOR-4b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

5. STAFFING AND POSITION DATA, NSHE

INFORMATION ONLY

The Board of Regents will discuss, for information only, campus staffing data prepared in response to Regents’ request including, but not limited to, position headcounts for Academic Faculty, Part-Time Instructors, Administrative Faculty, Classified Staff, and Technologists. The Board may provide direction to staff regarding an assessment of staffing levels and organizational structure. ([Ref. BOR-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

6. 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.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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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
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