

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ad hoc NSU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Nevada State University
Rogers Student Center, Ballroom
1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson

Thursday, April 30, 2026, 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: Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Chair _____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada _____
Mr. Aaron Bautista _____
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs _____
Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath _____

ADVISORY

ROLL CALL: Mr. Glenn Christenson, Trustee Emeritus, NSU Foundation _____
Ms. Sonnya DeBonis, Chair, NSU Foundation _____
Dr. Katherine Dockweiler, President, NV Board of Education _____
Dr. June Eastridge, Dean, School of Nursing _____
Ms. Kaytee Johns, Administrative Faculty, Career Services Center _____
Dr. Pete Martini, Academic Faculty, LASB _____
Mr. Matt Morris, Alumnus/Holland & Hart _____
Mr. Scott Muelrath, President and CEO, Henderson Chamber _____

ADVISORY

- ROLL CALL:** Dr. Michelle Oddi, Academic Faculty, Nursing _____
 Ms. Lahana Pearce, President, NSSA _____
 Dr. Gregory Robinson, Vice Provost, Student Academic Success _____
 Ms. Astrid Silva, Executive Director, Dream Big Nevada _____
 Dr. Raul Tapia, Academic Faculty, LASB _____
 Dr. Sandip Thanki, Assoc. Vice President, Institutional Effectiveness _____
 Ms. Stacy Wallace, Vice Chair, Classified Council _____
 Dr. Kinsey Wright, Academic Faculty, Education _____

In addition to the ad hoc NSU Presidential Search 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’s committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas posted for those committees. Regents who are not members of the committees may attend the committee meetings 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.

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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 (775) 784-4958 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

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2. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Committee will consider approval of the minutes from the February 6, 2026, meeting. ([Ref. NSU PSC-2](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. CHAIR’S REPORT

INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Amy J. Carvalho and representatives of Academic Search will provide a brief review of the search process to date and announce the finalists for President of Nevada State University.

- Susan L. Elrod, Ph.D. ([Ref. NSU PSC-3a](#))
- Timothy J. Purnell, Ed.D. ([Ref. NSU PSC-3b](#))
- Sandra B. Richtermeyer, Ph.D. ([Ref. NSU PSC-3c](#))
- Suzanne R. Smith, Ph.D. ([Ref. NSU PSC-3d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

4. INTERVIEW PROCESS AND QUESTIONS **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Amy J. Carvalho and representatives of Academic Search will provide a brief overview of the interview process. Chair Carvalho will assign interview questions to be asked of each finalist by Advisory Committee and/or Regents' Committee members.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

5. OPEN FORUM REPORTS AND FINALIST INTERVIEWS **INFORMATION ONLY**

The Committee will interview the finalists for President of Nevada State University. Prior to each interview, representatives of Academic Search will provide an overview of the candidate, including background and qualifications, and a report of reference checks conducted. A summary of feedback gathered from open forums held on April 28 and 29, 2026, will also be discussed.

ESTIMATED TIME: 6 hrs.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND ASSESSMENT OF FINALISTS **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chair Amy J. Carvalho will provide Advisory members an opportunity to discuss the finalists for President of Nevada State University and provide the Regents' Committee with their assessment of the candidates.

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 min.

7. REGENTS' COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Regents' Committee will discuss and assess the finalists for President of Nevada State University and may recommend a nominee or nominees for consideration of appointment by the Board of Regents at a special meeting to be held on Friday, May 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 min.

8. 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.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

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