

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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

Friday, May 1, 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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<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	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/>.

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 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.

Please note that written public comment may be submitted online at this link: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/regents/public-comment/>. Written comments will be distributed to the Board of Regents and included in the permanent meeting record.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT – (continued)**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

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*TIME ALLOTTED: 60 mins.*

**2. APPOINTMENT, PRESIDENT OF NEVADA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Pending a recommendation from the Regents’ ad hoc Nevada State University Presidential Search Committee that may result from its April 30, 2026, meeting, the Board of Regents will consider the appointment of one of the following individuals as the next President of Nevada State University:

- Susan L. Elrod, Ph.D. ([Ref. BOR-2a](#))
- Timothy J. Purnell, Ed.D. ([Ref. BOR-2b](#))
- Sandra B. Richtermeyer, Ph.D. ([Ref. BOR-2c](#))
- Suzanne R. Smith, Ph.D. ([Ref. BOR-2d](#))

If more than one nominee is recommended by the Regents’ Presidential Search Committee, the Board of Regents will have an opportunity to interview the candidates before considering the appointment of an individual as President. The Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, in consultation with the Chancellor and search consultants, shall develop no more than three (3) interview questions to be asked of each nominee recommended by the Search Committee.

The Board may also approve an Employment Agreement for the next President of Nevada State University and grant authority to the Chancellor to execute the Agreement.

If the Board determines not to appoint a nominee recommended by the Committee, the Board may direct the Committee to continue the search process and to recommend an additional nominee or nominees for consideration by the Board at a future meeting.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.*

**3. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

In April 2025, the Board of Regents appointed Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D., as interim President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) for a term of three years commencing April 25, 2025, and ending April 24, 2028, or upon the appointment of a permanent President, whichever is earlier.

Pursuant to the NSHE Code (Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.5.5(d)(2)), an interim President must serve at least one year before the Board may consider making the appointment permanent, and the Board shall, at a public meeting, first allow and consider input from the institution's major constituencies including representatives of faculty and classified senates or their equivalents, and student government.

The Board will discuss the UNLV presidency and may take action on one of the following options:

1. Appoint Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D., as permanent President of UNLV, approve a new Employment Agreement, and grant authority to the Chancellor to execute the Agreement (Ref. BOR-3); or
2. Direct that a search for a permanent President be conducted, during which the interim President is eligible to apply, and determine:
  - a. when to commence the search for a permanent President;
  - b. whether to conduct a national, regional, or in-state search; and
  - c. whether to engage the services of a search consultant to assist the presidential search committee; or
3. Defer consideration of this matter to a future date.

*ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.*

**4. LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP: ONE NSHE INFORMATION ONLY**

Tom Skancke, Chief Executive Officer, MetroMotion, LLC, will lead an executive leadership workshop to forge a unified vision for the future of public higher education in Nevada, cultivating authentic communication and strategic alignment with the Board of Regents, Chancellor, and institutional presidents. (Ref. BOR-4)

*ESTIMATED TIME: 5 hrs.*

**5. 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.*

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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CSN, Building D, 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119  
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512