

From: [NSHE](#)
To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026
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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item #3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am wholeheartedly in favor of option 1 of agenda item #3:

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)

I currently work with Chris in the Office of the President at UNLV and can say without a doubt that I believe he is the most qualified candidate for the position of permanent President of UNLV. I have seen first-hand the unyielding effort he has put in to improve relationships with stakeholders over the past year and advance the important work done by this institution. The momentum Chris has built is incredible, and it would be a shame to toss that aside by opening a national search. Chris is not someone who seeks fanfare or desires a pat on the back for a job well done – some of the reasons I truly enjoy working with him. He just wants to advance this university and the community we serve.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3. Office of the President, UNLV

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I support the appointment of Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D., as permanent President of UNLV. His prior role of Provost earned him well-deserved respect within the University. Despite being in an interim role, he has been tirelessly engaged with members of the government, business, financial and athletic communities, all in an effort to continue to make UNLV a world-class university, and to make Las Vegas a better place to live. I am confident that Chris will also make a seamless transition into the permanent role, thus obviating the lengthy national search and subsequent getting-to-know-you periods. I have always been impressed with Chris being a good listener- a very important quality for leadership. I'm confident that Chris will continue the important work of President of UNLV with great energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Ted Quirk

Past Chair, UNLV Foundation

Recipient of NSHE "Distinguished Nevadan" Award

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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April 27, 2026

To the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents,

I am writing to offer my strongest support for Dr. Christopher Heavey as the next President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. As Dean of the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Heavey since my arrival at UNLV, and I can say with complete confidence that he possesses the leadership, vision, integrity, and institutional understanding necessary to lead our university into its next chapter.

As Provost, Dr. Heavey was instrumental in hiring me into my role as Dean, and from my first day at UNLV, he has been an unwavering source of support, not only for me personally, but also for our entire college and the strategic direction we are pursuing. His commitment to academic excellence, faculty success, and institutional progress has been evident in every interaction. He has played a critical role in helping us advance major strategic initiatives, and his support has enabled our college to continue strengthening its position as a global leader in hospitality education and a worldwide ambassador of the UNLV brand.

Dr. Heavey understands the unique and vital role that hospitality, gaming, and tourism play in Las Vegas and throughout the State of Nevada. He recognizes that these industries are not only economic drivers, but also central to the identity and long-term success of our community. He understands the importance of ensuring that UNLV remains deeply connected to these industries and continues preparing the next generation of leaders who will shape their future.

As a longtime Rebel, Dr. Heavey brings an exceptional understanding of UNLV's history, culture, and mission. Beginning his career as an assistant professor and rising through the institution's leadership ranks, he has witnessed firsthand the university's growth and evolution. This deep institutional knowledge gives him a unique perspective on both our opportunities and our challenges.

Having worked under many university presidents throughout my career, I understand the delicate balance required to lead a major institution of higher education. A successful president must respect and champion faculty and academic excellence while also understanding the university's responsibility to serve and elevate its broader community. Dr. Heavey has that balance. He understands shared governance, values faculty leadership, and recognizes the broader civic and economic role UNLV plays in Southern Nevada and beyond.

Most importantly, Dr. Heavey has the temperament, character, and ethical foundation required of a great president. He leads with professionalism, humility, and purpose. He listens carefully, makes thoughtful decisions, and consistently puts the institution first. I firmly believe he has the ability not only to be an effective president, but to elevate UNLV to even greater heights.

I offer my full and enthusiastic support for Dr. Christopher Heavey's appointment as the next President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Kind Regards,



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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Chris Heavey should not be named permanent President of UNLV. Most faculty are confused by your confidence in his abilities, as many don't see him as having abilities. We are currently trying to undo the damage he did as Provost, by appointing his friends to permanent positions who are unqualified for the roles they were picked for. If he is made President, you will have a hard time removing him.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

Please, do not name him permanent President. He blames others, and must surround himself with sycophants to be in charge. He can't handle criticism or disagreement. Make him permanent President at your own risk and at the students experience.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I support the permanent appointment of Chris Heavey as the President of UNLV. His commitment to the University and our student during his time as provost and interim President has been remarkable and I truly believe he is the best person to serve as our President.

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Name: Alyssa Crittenden

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 3: Appoint Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D., as permanent President of UNLV

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input as the Board of Regents considers the future leadership of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. My name is Alyssa Crittenden, and I serve as Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate College at UNLV, as well as a faculty member and research scientist in Anthropology and Human Biology. From this vantage point, I see how leadership decisions shape our ability to attract and develop talent, drive research that advances Nevada's economy and communities, and position UNLV as a globally engaged research institution.

I write in strong support of appointing Dr. Chris L. Heavey as permanent President. From the perspective of graduate education and research, continuity in leadership is particularly important at this moment. UNLV's progress as a Carnegie R1 institution depends on sustained alignment across graduate training, research infrastructure, and faculty support. Over the past year, Dr. Heavey has demonstrated a clear understanding of this ecosystem and the discipline required to advance it.

Dr. Heavey also brings a deep and longstanding connection to UNLV. Having served the university for many years in multiple academic and leadership roles, he understands both its history and its trajectory. This kind of institutional knowledge, paired with a sustained commitment to UNLV's mission, cannot be easily replicated. He has also earned the trust of

faculty and academic leaders, whose work drives the university. That trust is essential to sustaining momentum and growth.

At a critical point in UNLV's development, a prolonged leadership search would introduce unnecessary uncertainty. The Board has the advantage of evaluating a respected leader already tested in the role and proven effective. For these reasons, I strongly support the appointment of Dr. Chris L. Heavey as permanent President of UNLV. Thank you for your consideration.

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Appoint Chris L. Heavey, Ph.D., as permanent President of UNLV

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Dr. Heavey is the right president for UNLV at this critical moment. Over the past year, his leadership has brought a level of stability that the university has needed for quite some time. He has demonstrated a clear commitment to faculty, staff, and students, fostering an environment that supports growth, collaboration, and academic excellence.

His vision positions UNLV to continue advancing as a strong R1 institution, while also expanding its impact locally, nationally, and internationally. Through his focus on resources, programming, and strategic partnerships, UNLV is gaining greater visibility and recognition as a leading institution for both education and collaboration.

Dr. Heavey's leadership reflects the direction UNLV needs to reach its next level of success.

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

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Name: Heather Torgersen

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Chris Heavey Appointment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

As someone who has known and worked with Dr. Heavey for over a decade, I can say with complete confidence that he is the right person to lead UNLV forward. His commitment to this institution is not temporary, it has defined his career. He consistently puts the mission first, along with our students, faculty, and staff, and he leads with a clear vision for a stronger, more unified university.

Dr. Heavey's leadership is not abstract, it is visible every day. He stops to help lost visitors on campus, introduces himself to students, and personally recognizes faculty accomplishments. He knows the names of groundskeepers and remembers milestones of staff he worked with years ago. These actions reflect a leader who genuinely values people and understands that a university's strength comes from its community.

He believes deeply in higher education and in UNLV's power to transform lives. He has dedicated his career to building the momentum we are experiencing today. At a time when stability and trust are critical, we already have a leader who understands our campus, our challenges, and our potential.

No leader is perfect, but Dr. Heavey's motivations are rooted in service, not personal advancement. That distinction matters. UNLV does not need a transitional leader; it needs someone fully invested in this community and committed to its long-term success.

I urge you to consider what is at stake. Disrupting this progress risks the stability and trust we have worked so hard to build. Now is the time to move forward with confidence.

Please vote to remove the interim title and appoint Dr. Chris Heavey as the permanent

President of UNLV.
Thank you.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Mr Heavey has done a fantastic job as interim and should be hired as President.

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Please appoint Chris Heavey as permanent president of UNLV. Chris is the leader we need to see us through this period of uncertainty in higher education.

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Representing someone other than yourself?: Jewish Nevada/Hillels of Nevada

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

On behalf of Jewish Nevada and Hillels of Nevada, we are pleased to offer our strong support for Dr. Chris Heavey as the next President of University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Dr. Heavey's leadership is defined by presence, accessibility, and genuine care for students. He consistently goes beyond expectations—attending small gatherings, engaging directly with students, and fostering a sense of belonging across campus.

His impact on the Jewish community has been especially meaningful. Jewish student life has been part of UNLV for over 50 years, yet Dr. Heavey is the first president-level leader in decades to actively prioritize outreach to Jewish students and the broader Southern Nevada community. He has built authentic relationships and demonstrated through action that these students are valued.

He has further shown thoughtful leadership by participating in the Academic Engagement Network Signature Seminar and supporting UNLV's involvement in the Hillel Campus Climate Initiative—both important steps in strengthening Jewish inclusion and campus climate.

Dr. Heavey understands that a university's strength lies not only in academics, but in the wellbeing and belonging of its students. Naming him President is the right decision for both the present and future of UNLV.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Michelle G Paul

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: #3 Office of the President, UNLV

In Favor / Opposed / Other: No Position stated – Concerned or Neutral

Comment:

Chair Brooks and Members of the Board of Regents,

I am writing in strong support of appointing Dr. Chris L. Heavey as the permanent President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

In my role as Assistant Vice President of Mental & Behavioral Health, and as a faculty member at UNLV for over 21 years, I have had the opportunity to observe leadership across multiple administrations. Interim President Heavey has demonstrated a rare combination of thoughtful, deliberate decision-making and the ability to act with clarity and compassion in complex and often challenging circumstances. That balance is not easily found, and it is precisely the leadership that I believe is good for UNLV.

Equally important, Dr. Heavey brings a deep and genuine commitment to UNLV and to the state of Nevada. This is not a transient leadership position for him—Nevada is his home, and his investment in the success of this University and its surrounding community is evident in both his actions and his priorities. Too often, institutions like ours experience leadership turnover from individuals who do not fully understand the regional landscape or who view the role as a temporary step. Continuity of leadership rooted in place and purpose matters, and Dr. Heavey provides that.

From an operational standpoint, I have directly experienced his effectiveness. In advancing behavioral health workforce development initiatives—an area of critical need for our state—Dr. Heavey has been a strong and proactive partner. His ability to make timely decisions, remove barriers, and support strategic progress has accelerated work that would otherwise have taken significantly longer to implement.

At a pivotal time for UNLV, stability, institutional knowledge, and values-driven leadership are essential. Dr. Heavey embodies these qualities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Board to appoint Dr. Heavey as permanent President of UNLV.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Michelle Paul

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

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Representing someone other than yourself?: community relations council of Jewish Nevada.

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Dr. Chris Heavey as the permanent President of University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

My name is Abbie Friedman, and I serve as Chair of the Community Relations Committee and Security Committee for Jewish Nevada.

Since October 7th, the work of our committee has taken on increased urgency as we have partnered closely with community leaders, law enforcement, and institutions to advocate for the safety, inclusion, and wellbeing of the Jewish community. In this role, I have seen firsthand the importance of strong, engaged leadership—particularly within our institutions of higher education.

Dr. Chris Heavey has demonstrated that kind of leadership. He has been a consistent and thoughtful partner, prioritizing outreach, engagement, and support for Jewish students at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His presence, responsiveness, and willingness to engage meaningfully have made a difference at a time when it matters most.

Leadership today requires not only vision, but the ability to listen, to show up, and to foster an environment where all students feel safe and supported. Dr. Heavey has embodied these

qualities.

I respectfully encourage you to support his appointment as President of UNLV.

Sincerely,
Abbie Friedman

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Name: Roberta Sabbath

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: #3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I have been at UNLV since 2000. We have had many presidents. Chris Heavey continues to lead our best years, building on the contributions of our former presidents. There is a sense of energy on the campus as seen through our improved student graduation rates (from 29%-50% in the last 12 years), cutting edge research in the sciences, medical, and hospitality fields, new buildings (Hospitality, Lee Business, Fine Arts), new international facing institutes (The Sands Institute), and most importantly our Tier 1 status that has become even more solid. Also, as a community university, UNLV prides itself with working with community partners such as the Southern Nevada Interfaith Council, Las Vegas Business Partners, and political leaders. All this could not be done without an administrator who can "do the numbers," be a good organizer, and, perhaps most importantly, who has had long years of growing a relationship one person at a time with students, faculty, administrators, community leaders as well as to national and international resources. One thing that stands out with Chris is that he is energetic and always looks like he is having fun and sharing in the sheer joy of interacting with students knowing they come to UNLV to build and achieve their dreams for a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Rochelle Hamatian

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Reagent President

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I would like to state my support for Chris Heavey as President Thank you.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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April 28, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my support for Dr. Chris Heavey's appointment as President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

During his time as Interim President, Dr. Heavey has demonstrated steady leadership and a clear focus on results. Under his direction, UNLV has reached record enrollment and graduation levels, expanded high-demand academic programs, and continued to grow its research capacity, including maintaining its Carnegie R1 designation. These are meaningful outcomes that reflect both strong execution and a clear vision for the university's role in Nevada's future.

Just as important, Dr. Heavey understands the connection between higher education and economic development. His emphasis on student success, workforce alignment, and research growth directly supports Nevada's ability to attract businesses, develop talent, and compete nationally. Initiatives underway in health sciences, technology, and industry partnerships position UNLV as a key driver of the state's economy.

From GOED's perspective, we value partners who are focused, collaborative, and forward-looking. Dr. Heavey has shown all three. His leadership has strengthened UNLV's engagement with industry and community partners, while keeping the institution centered on outcomes that matter for students and the state.

I am confident Dr. Heavey will continue to build on this momentum and serve as a strong, steady leader for UNLV. I respectfully support his appointment as President.

Sincerely,



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Governor Joe Lombardo
Executive Director Thomas J. Burns

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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**Public Comment for the ad hoc NSU Presidential Search
Committee, April 30, 2026**

***Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026**

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: ad hoc NSU Presidential Search Committee, April 30, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In favor of Chris Heavey for president

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**Public Comment for the ad hoc NSU Presidential Search
Committee, April 30, 2026**

***Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026** 

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Name: Barbara Silverberg

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: ad hoc NSU Presidential Search Committee, April 30, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I support the president

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Name: Carolyn Estevez

Representing someone other than yourself?: Chris Heavey

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Carolyn, and I'm here today not just as a community member, but as someone who deeply cares about the safety and future of students in our city. Leadership right now matters more than ever. We are living in a time where students especially within the Jewish community are facing real concerns around safety and belonging. Interim President Chris Heavey has shown up with consistency, support, and a clear commitment to protecting students and fostering a stable environment. That kind of leadership should not be temporary. We need continuity. We need strength. And we need someone who has already proven they are willing to stand with the community. I strongly support offering him a full term as president. Thank you.

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Name: Jenna Heath

Representing someone other than yourself?: College of Liberal Arts, Dean's Student Advisory Council

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

On behalf of the Dean's Student Advisory Council in the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, we write to express our strong support for Chris Heavey in his candidacy for President of UNLV.

As student leaders who are deeply engaged in the academic and co-curricular life of the university, we have experienced firsthand the importance of leadership that prioritizes students not just in words, but in action. Dr. Heavey has consistently demonstrated a genuine commitment to student success, well-being, and belonging. His approach to leadership reflects a clear understanding that universities exist to serve students, and that meaningful progress happens when student voices are heard, valued, and acted upon.

What distinguishes Dr. Heavey is his ability to connect with students in authentic and accessible ways. He shows up, listens, and engages with intention. His leadership fosters an environment where students feel seen and supported, and where their experiences are considered in decision-making processes that shape the future of the institution. This level of student-centered leadership is not only impactful, but essential in today's higher education landscape.

We also recognize Dr. Heavey's dedication to creating opportunities that enhance student

learning beyond the classroom, including support for mentorship, experiential learning, and community engagement. These efforts directly contribute to student growth, career readiness, and a stronger sense of connection to the university.

As representatives of the student voice within the College of Liberal Arts, we believe that Dr. Heavey embodies the values that matter most to our community. His leadership aligns with our aspirations for a university that is inclusive, forward-thinking, and deeply committed to student success.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge the Board of Regents to support Dr. Heavey's appointment as President of UNLV.

Sincerely,
Dean's Student Advisory Council

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Email: jenna.heath@unlv.edu

Name: Jenna Heath

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item- Interim President Heavey

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Good afternoon Chair and members of the Board of Regents,

My name is Jenna Heath, I serve as the Director of Student and Community Engagement for the College of Liberal Arts at UNLV. I have had the privilege of serving at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for nearly twelve years. Over that time, I have worked under multiple presidents and senior leadership teams, giving me a strong perspective on what effective, student-centered leadership truly looks like in practice.

I am here today in support of Interim President Chris Heavey.

What has stood out most to me during his time in this role is his genuine care for the UNLV community. That care is not just something he says, it is reflected in how he shows up, how he listens, and how he makes decisions. He leads with intention, transparency, and a clear understanding of the needs of both our students and our employees.

UNLV is at an important moment, and strong leadership is critical. I believe Dr. Heavey brings not only stability, but also the ability to make thoughtful, necessary changes that will continue to move our institution forward. He understands our culture, he values our people, and he is committed to the long-term success of this university.

Based on my experience and perspective, I strongly support his appointment as President of UNLV. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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**Public Comment for the ad hoc NSU Presidential Search
Committee, April 30, 2026**

***Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026** 

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Name: Liat Bodaker

Representing someone other than yourself?: Myself

Meeting: ad hoc NSU Presidential Search Committee, April 30, 2026

Agenda Item: General Public Comment

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I support Chris Heavey's leadership and his commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. His engagement with and support of the Jewish community is meaningful and appreciated.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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April 28, 2026

Nevada System of Higher Education
Board of Regents

Dear Board of Regents:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Dr. Chris Heavey and my strong hope that he will be appointed as the next President of UNLV.

I have served at UNLV since 2001 and as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts since 2019. In my twenty-five years at the university, I have never felt more inspired by or optimistic about the future leadership of our institution than I do at the prospect of Chris Heavey serving as our permanent president.

Throughout his years at UNLV, Chris has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and commitment to our institution. He leads with transparency and compassion, bringing people together around shared goals while maintaining a clear focus on academic excellence and student success.

What stands out most to me is the tone Chris sets for the institution. Especially during this challenging and turbulent period, his leadership as Interim President has been both steady and humane. His communications consistently reflect an ethic of care, kindness, and inclusivity while never losing sight of institutional excellence. He remains deeply optimistic about UNLV's future and continually emphasizes our unique mission to transform the lives of first-generation college students and their families.

As a clinical psychologist, I also have tremendous respect for Dr. Heavey as a scholar, teacher, and administrator. His background in psychology gives him the emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills necessary to navigate the complex political and social landscape of higher education, including NSHE, the Board of Regents, community stakeholders, donors, and the broader Nevada community. Those qualities are especially critical during periods of uncertainty and transition.

Equally important is Dr. Heavey's deep institutional knowledge. His experience as a faculty member, dean, and senior administrator gives him a unique understanding of UNLV's strengths, challenges, and opportunities. Unlike an outside candidate, he already knows this institution, its people, and its mission intimately. I can think of no one else with his level of experience and commitment to our institution.

Under his leadership as Provost and Interim President, UNLV has continued to make measurable progress. Student enrollment reached a record high of more than 34,000 students last fall, reflecting successful recruitment and retention efforts. Research expenditures grew to an unprecedented \$134 million, reinforcing UNLV's standing as a Carnegie R1 research institution. Graduation rates have also risen to the highest levels in

our institution's history, with students completing degrees more quickly and entering the workforce sooner.

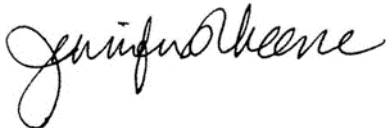
As you know, Chris has also prioritized the expansion of workforce-driven academic programs in areas critical to Nevada's future, including cybersecurity, insurance and risk management, healthcare, and mental health services. In addition, his vision for campus modernization and strategic investment is evident in major infrastructure initiatives, including plans for a new Lee Business School building, expanded preschool programming, and additional campus facilities.

At the same time, UNLV has retained its Carnegie Community Engagement classification, reaffirming our national reputation as both a top-tier research university and a deeply engaged public institution serving Southern Nevada and the state as a whole. Each of these accomplishments is attributable to Chris' leadership and vision and it is crucial that he become president so that we do not lose momentum as an institution.

In short, I strongly recommend that you appoint Dr. Chris Heavey as the next President of UNLV. His record of service, institutional knowledge, compassion, and vision are unmatched. Most importantly, he genuinely loves this university and the community we serve. I have every confidence that he will continue to lead UNLV with integrity, wisdom, and purpose. There is no one else who can compare to his level of service and commitment to UNLV and our community's success.

Chris Heavey is exactly the leader UNLV needs at this moment. For the good of our students, faculty, staff, and the greater Las Vegas community, I urge you to appoint him as President of UNLV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Keene". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Keene

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To: [Keri Nikolajewski](#); [Winter Lipson](#)
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Name: Sam Leif

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: UNLV Presidency, Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I work at UNLV. I think Dr. Heavey is a competent and well-respected individual who will bring stability in a time of instability. I support his contract as the permanent President of UNLV.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Robert Bazak

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

In favor of Chris Heavey for president

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Chris heavey for president

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Public Comment for the Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

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Name: Kyle Ethelbah

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: UNLV Presidency (Item 3)

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

My name is Kyle Ethelbah, Associate Vice President for Institutional Engagement & Experience at UNLV and I support Dr. Heavey's appointment as president of UNLV.

Dr. Heavey has already demonstrated the steady, trusted, and forward-looking leadership the university needs at this moment. Since becoming interim president after more than 30 years of service to UNLV, he has provided continuity through transition while advancing record enrollment, record graduation outcomes, renewed Carnegie R1 and Community Engagement recognition, and major progress on workforce-aligned academic programs, online learning, micro-credentials, and the Rebel AI Initiative. His leadership has also helped position UNLV for long-term institutional growth through major capital and funding milestones, including the Lee Business School project, campus infrastructure improvements, and continued investment in student success and research capacity.

Dr. Heavey's candidacy combines operational experience, academic credibility, community commitment, and an understanding of UNLV's mission as a public urban research university. During his interim tenure, UNLV advanced regional partnerships such as the Intermountain Health children's hospital at the Harry Reid Research and Technology Park, renewed its national standing for community engagement, and moved forward with the Healing Garden and December 6 Memorial in a way that reflects institutional accountability and care for the campus community. These accomplishments show that Dr. Heavey is not merely maintaining

momentum but is strengthening UNLV's foundation, elevating its public purpose, and preparing the university for its next era of impact.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Esther Langston

Representing someone other than yourself?: No

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Opposition

Comment:

A national search for President of UNLV must be done.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: UNLV Presidency (Item 3)

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I have known Interim President Heavey for more than 28 years at UNLV. He is a caring, exceptional and thoughtful leader – dedicated to students, faculty and staff at UNLV. He has been exceptionally supportive of our UNLV Veteran community and instrumental in trying to get us the appropriate staff to serve the 6% of our students population that are veterans. As our Provost, President Heavey led our campus with confidence throughout the pandemic, the December 6, 2023 shooting and every major event throughout his tenure. He is the right leader to be in the "Arena" to lead UNLV to greatness.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Office of the President University of Nevada, Las Vegas

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

UNLV is at a pivotal moment, and strong, steady leadership matters more than ever. Interim President Dr. Chris L. Heavey brings a deep understanding of the university's culture, mission, and community. This is something that cannot be quickly replicated through an external search. His long-standing service to UNLV has given him insight into both the institution's strengths and the areas where continued progress is needed.

Throughout his time at UNLV, Dr. Heavey has been a consistent and valuable presence, supporting strategic initiatives, fostering collaboration, and maintaining continuity during periods of transition. He understands the unique identity of UNLV as an institution that serves a diverse and dynamic student population, and he has demonstrated a commitment to advancing that mission.

Conducting a national search can be time-consuming, costly, and disruptive. In contrast, appointing a leader who already knows the campus, the community, and the challenges at hand allows UNLV to maintain momentum and focus on its priorities without interruption.

For these reasons, appointing Dr. Heavey as the permanent President offers stability, institutional knowledge, and a clear path forward. These are qualities that position UNLV and NSHE as a whole to continue building on its progress and serving its students and community effectively.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: item 3: UNLV presidency, appointment of Chris Heavey to full term as president

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am a faculty member of 28 years at UNLV, and I've served in a variety of roles in administration, faculty leadership, and community engagement. I've known and worked directly, in some capacity, with 7 of the 8 presidents who have led UNLV in that period. I've experienced directly the disruption that results from abrupt departures of presidents (which has been a frequent occurrence) and understand the difficulty of bringing in a new president. This disruption and difficulty are sometimes necessary, but it has almost always set back the university to some degree, including community relationships, academic mission, and faculty cohesion.

The one salve has been having a leader who knows the campus and the community, and even more so knows the System and the state. In this respect, there is no president of the 8 who stepped in with a better understanding of the campus and the community than Chris Heavey. That readiness — given the substance of agenda item 3, which is not whether he should be president but whether he should be named to a full term as president — is the primary factor that must be considered by the Regents. The Board has never hesitated to be involved with the management of the university, and with making changes in leadership when it felt that necessary. There is no reason to think it would not be able to do so again if Regents become aware of problems with Dr Heavey's leadership in the future, of which they are not aware today.

I therefore suggest that the Board should look, without concerns about process, to the merits of to the merits of interim president Heavey and the potential for enhancing the university by taking this action today.

Gregory Brown, Professor of History

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Representing someone other than yourself?: ADL

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Appointment of Dr. Chris Heavey

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

Dear Nevada Board of Regents,

I write in my capacity as Regional Director of the Desert Region for the ADL (Anti-Defamation League), the nation's leading anti-hate organization, to offer my strong support for Dr. Chris Heavey's appointment as President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. For more than a decade, Dr. Heavey has partnered with ADL on issues related to campus climate, antisemitism, and inclusion. Through that partnership, I have seen his leadership during both moments of progress and challenge. He has consistently demonstrated integrity, thoughtfulness, and a deep commitment to the UNLV community.

UNLV has experienced inconsistent leadership in recent years, and that instability has been particularly felt by Jewish students and faculty during a time of heightened concern on campuses nationwide. As a key community partner, I have seen the importance of steady, trusted leadership in moments like these. Dr. Heavey has provided exactly that.

Dr. Heavey has been a trusted and responsive partner who understands that creating an environment where students feel respected and supported requires more than rhetoric. It requires engagement, partnership, and the courage to lead through difficult issues with clarity and conviction.

He has also made clear that as President, he will lead an administration committed to the ongoing work necessary to ensure Jewish students and all members of the UNLV community can learn in an environment free from hate and discrimination.

At a time when university leadership matters more than ever, I believe Dr. Heavey is the

steady, principled, and community minded leader UNLV needs.

I respectfully urge the Board to appoint Dr. Chris Heavey as the next President of UNLV.

Sincerely,

Jolie Brislin

Regional Director, Desert Region

ADL

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Emily King

Representing someone other than yourself?: Hillel at UNLV

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: UNLV Presidency, item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I strongly support the election of our current interim president at UNLV. My name is Emily King, and I serve as the President of Hillel at UNLV. During his time in leadership, he has demonstrated a clear commitment to fostering an inclusive, respectful, and safe campus environment for all students. His support for Jewish students and his engagement with Hillel Las Vegas have been especially meaningful, ensuring that Jewish life on campus is not only protected, but able to thrive.

At a time when antisemitism is rising on college campuses across the country, his leadership has been especially important in reinforcing that hate and discrimination have no place at UNLV. His commitment to inclusion has helped foster a campus climate where Jewish students feel supported, safe, and proud of their identity.

At a time when many students are seeking reassurance and a sense of belonging, his leadership has been steady, responsive, and compassionate. He has taken tangible steps to create a campus climate where students feel heard, valued, and secure in expressing their identities. Electing him as president would continue this positive momentum and reinforce UNLV's commitment to supporting diverse communities and promoting student well-being.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Kristopher Kendrick

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda Item #3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I approve of Selecting Dr. Chris Heavey as Permanent President for University of Nevada-
Las Vegas UNLV

Reasons

- 1) He has risen from Professor, Dean, Vice Provost, Executive Vice President & Provost and now President he is an Example of how leadership is !
- 2) Dr. Heavey has seen UNLV through the good times and the challenging Times!
- 3) Dr. Heavey has brought UNLV into the High Tech Era!!!
- 4) Dr. Heavey Puts Students First!!!

Thank you I support Selecting Dr. Heavey as President

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Lori Church

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: #3. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am writing in strong support of appointing Chris Heavey as the permanent president of University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Dr. Heavey brings more than 30 years of dedicated service to UNLV, with a distinguished record as a faculty member and in numerous senior leadership roles, including senior vice provost, vice provost for undergraduate education, dean, and executive vice president and provost. Throughout his career, he has consistently demonstrated a deep commitment to student success, academic excellence, and institutional advancement.

I joined UNLV in June 2017 in the Financial Services department and have had the opportunity to observe Dr. Heavey's leadership and stewardship of public resources over the past eight-plus years. From my perspective, he has consistently demonstrated sound fiscal judgment, a strong commitment to accountability, and a clear understanding of how financial decisions align with the university's academic mission. His approach reflects both responsibility and transparency—qualities that are essential in leading a complex public institution.

Over the past year as interim president, Dr. Heavey has provided steady, thoughtful, and effective leadership during a critical time for the university. He has shown an ability to balance strategic priorities with operational realities, while fostering collaboration across divisions and maintaining a focus on long-term institutional success. His deep understanding

of UNLV's culture, people, and mission allows him to lead with both clarity and purpose.

At a time when continuity, stability, and vision are essential, Dr. Heavey is uniquely qualified to serve as UNLV's permanent president. His proven leadership, institutional knowledge, and unwavering commitment to the success of UNLV make him the right choice to guide the university into its next chapter.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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Name: Miriam Borvick

Representing someone other than yourself?:

Meeting: Board of Regents Special Meeting, May 1, 2026

Agenda Item: Agenda item 3

In Favor / Opposed / Other: In Favor

Comment:

I am a medical student at UNLV and also received my undergraduate degree from UNLV. I am writing in favor of Chris Heavey being appointed permanent president of UNLV. I have attended UNLV now for 8 years. Chris Heavey has distinguished himself as a true leader on campus. He leads with integrity, thoughtfulness and compassion. He makes an effort to really hear students and show his support to them. UNLV will benefit from having Chris Heavey continue to lead our university.

Agreed that all the information above is true and accurate: Yes

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