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BOARD OF REGENTS and its SECURITY COMMITTEE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
Thursday, February 26, 2026

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:	Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Chair Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair Mr. Aaron Bautista Ms. Heather Brown Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Other Regents Present:	Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho Mrs. Carol Del Carlo Mr. Pete Goicoechea
Others Present:	Mr. Matt McNair, Chancellor Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor of Budget and Finance/Chief Financial Officer Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents Mr. Chris Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents Dr. Stacy S. Klippenstein, President, CSN Dr. Amber Donnelli, President, GBC Dr. Chris Heavey, Interim President, UNLV

Chair Patrick J. Boylan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all members present. Regent Bautista led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the November 18, 2025, meeting minutes *(Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office).*

Regent Downs moved approval of the November 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Arrascada seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Patrick J. Boylan provided general remarks on activities, including emergency management trainings, held since the last meeting of the Committee.

4. Information Only-University Police Department External Evaluation – Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel James Martines presented an update on the University Police Department External Evaluation required by the Board of Regents *Handbook*, *Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12.14* *(Ref. SEC-4 on file in the Board Office).*

Mr. Martines announced that the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) was selected to conduct the review due to their competitive proposal and familiarity with the System. He noted that the evaluation will be executed in three phases: an assessment of the Northern Command, followed by the Southern Command, and concluding with a review of the overall reporting structure as requested by the Board. Chief General Counsel Martines noted that IACLEA is currently planning site visits, with his office serving as the primary point of contact to ensure efficient communication between the evaluators and campus leadership. He stated that the final executive report is expected to be presented to the Board during the June 2026 quarterly meeting.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Chief General Counsel Martines discussed the scope and confidentiality of documentation to be provided to IACLEA. Mr. Martines clarified that while a comprehensive range of records (e.g. budgets, statistics, call volumes, and staffing levels) will be shared, any sensitive or confidential information will be redacted or provided under privilege to ensure legal compliance. Additionally, Chief General Counsel Martines requested that any recommendation for potential changes to the reporting structure include a detailed fiscal impact assessment to provide a clear understanding of the financial implications for future consideration.

Chair Boylan voiced opposition to external evaluations of the University Police. He asserted that the chiefs are experts, outside reports represent a significant cost, and recommendations are not followed. Regent Boylan proposed that the chiefs conduct an assessment and report their findings to the Chancellor, using existing expertise rather than hiring outside consultants. Chancellor McNair confirmed for Chair Boylan that the System followed current policy. Chris Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents, advised that if there is an interest in reviewing the current policy, it can be raised under New Business.

Chief General Counsel Martines clarified that many recommendations from the 2018 IACLEA evaluation were implemented, including a consolidation of services in the north and in the south. He explained that full statewide consolidation under a commissioner model was delayed due to budget concerns and the Board's preference to wait for the next external evaluation to confirm the best reporting structure moving forward.

Chair Boylan expressed appreciation for Regent Carvalho's leadership and guidance on these matters during and since that time.

5. Information Only-University Police Department, Southern Command – Arnold Vasquez, Chief of Police, University Police Services, Southern Command, presented the Southern Command's 2025 Annual Activity Report related to public safety activities including grants, hiring and recruiting, events, activities, police academy operations, and personnel matters. Additionally, Chief Vasquez presented the 2025 Annual Security Report outlining crime statistics that have occurred at NSHE campuses served by Southern Command, pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (20 USC 1092) *(Refs. SEC-5a and SEC-5b on file in the Board Office).*

Chief Vasquez noted that the 2024 annual security reports for CSN, NSU, and UNLV have been published. The department recorded nearly 49,000 dispatch events, with a significant 15% increase in officer-initiated activity, such as proactive patrols and field contacts. Chief Vasquez attributed a 5% decrease in calls for service to officers being more visible on campus. He also noted fraud and vandalism cases saw reductions of 32%. Chief Vasquez acknowledged that bicycle and scooter theft remained a challenge and the department is addressing that through strategic arrests and campus-wide prevention education.

Chief Vasquez reported a successful reduction in the department's vacancy rate from 22% in 2024 to approximately 8% in 2025. He highlighted the rigorous recruitment process and noted that in a recent cycle only one out of 145 applicants moved through all background and agility checks to enter the academy. Chief Vasquez also noted that the department is committed to community engagement and participated in 184 events over the past year, nearly doubling previous activity. He announced plans to launch a new citizens police academy to strengthen ties with the campus community.

Chief Vasquez concluded with a summary of the department's successful grant awards of approximately $427,000 for initiatives including license plate readers, traffic safety, and mental health support for staff and their families. He also celebrated the "Excellence in Blue" recognition ceremony, where several officers were honored for life-saving actions, including administering Narcan, de-escalating self-harm incidents, and delivering a baby while on duty. Chief Vasquez also shared his excitement to launch a new traffic enforcement unit featuring motorcycle patrols to improve response times and safety across all southern campuses.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Chief Vasquez discussed whether there is a potential correlation between a significant increase in narcotics arrests and theft. Chief Vasquez confirmed that data was not readily available but speculated that a connection is likely as individuals arrested for narcotics are often involved in theft. Chief Vasquez clarified that the rise in statistics is largely due to increased proactive officer contacts. He added that most trespassing incidents occur in open campus areas rather than dormitories or apartments, following prior citations or policy violations. Chief Vasquez committed to providing a more detailed breakdown of those incidents by location and percentage in future reports.

Chief Vasquez confirmed for Chair Boylan that the emergency management team completed several tabletop exercises over the past year, including two with CSN policy groups and one with NSU. The exercises followed FEMA protocols and drew from real

5. Information Only-University Police Department, Southern Command – *(Continued)*

campus incidents. Chief Vasquez added that future trainings will include smaller leadership subdivisions and an upcoming session planned for UNLV.

6. Information Only-University Police Department, Northern Command – Eric James, Chief of Police, University Police Services, Northern Command, presented the Northern Command's 2025 Annual Activity Report related to department initiatives, the campus security officer program, organizational resilience, and internal department highlights. Additionally, Chief James presented the 2025 Annual Security Report outlining crime statistics that have occurred at NSHE campuses, with the exception of DRI, served by Northern Command, pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (20 USC 1092) *(Refs. SEC-6a and SEC-6b on file in the Board Office).*

Chief James highlighted that 99.8% of 31,000 citizen contacts were resolved without any force. He detailed several key infrastructure and safety improvements, including the installation of a restrictive fence at DRI and the development of an ICE response protocol with TMCC. Chief James also celebrated the successful removal of all remaining radioactive materials from TMCC in coordination with the Department of Energy. Northern Command also benefited from significant equipment upgrades, such as a new patrol vehicle provided by TMCC and $160,000 in officer-driven grants used for preliminary breath tests, speed trailers, and security cameras.

Chief James emphasized the department's commitment to specialized training and community engagement. He highlighted the successful management of a seven-day "Hot August Nights" event. Chief James expressed pride in the drone program which logged numerous hours conducting building searches and finding lost children. He also highlighted the victim services program which handled over 84 cases across multiple jurisdictions. Chief James noted that outreach efforts were extensive, including 106 active assailant classes, 47 women's self-defense sessions, unique collaborations like "Coffee with a Cop" and a partnership with a popular local photographer to document campus life.

Chief James observed that organizational resiliency and emergency preparedness also saw significant advancements. He noted the acquisition of Starlink units to ensure Wi-Fi connectivity during emergencies, and the distribution of trauma kits to all campuses, including the UNR Extension in Pahrump. Chief James noted the naming of a local parkway to honor the memory of fallen Officer George Sullivan. Additionally, he celebrated current staff achievements, including several life-saving and meritorious awards. Chief James concluded with updates on the Community Service Officer program that is growing under new leadership.

Regent Brown acknowledged the professionalism and character of the police officers, detectives, and lieutenants during challenging campus calls. She emphasized the importance of the rapport they build within the community and thanked them for the dedicated care they provide to students across both the northern and southern campuses. Chair Boylan echoed those remarks and further inquired about police dogs. Chief James announced Sapa's retirement and the appointment of Saza, a shorthaired pointer. He also

6. Information Only-University Police Department, Northern Command – *(Continued)*

acknowledged Officer Wasser's handling of the dogs and the tens of thousands of calls they respond to annually.

7. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – Thomas Dobbert, Chief Information Security Officer, System Computing Services, presented an update on NSHE cybersecurity, including current industry trends, NSHE-specific challenges, and preventative measures and opportunities.

Mr. Dobbert noted the successful conclusion of the NIST CSF 2.0 safeguard rules self-assessment. He warned of payroll pirates who target software service platforms (e.g. Workday) and use phishing to hijack accounts. Mr. Dobbert highlighted the recent completion of guidelines for the use of virtual note-takers, allowing the System to control narratives as owner of records. Additionally, he announced a recently implemented loaner program for international travel, as SCS does not want its equipment to leave the United States. Mr. Dobbert also described proposed updates to the *Handbook* that would anchor cybersecurity awareness training into policy, and would require all technology purchases to be run by local IT departments. He also noted the decision not to pursue an AI policy, as it would require constant updates to match the speed of AI innovation.

Mr. Dobbert highlighted the release of a new state policy for data classification using a four-tier structure: public data, sensitive data, confidential, and restricted data. The policy is being reviewed and he will provide updates if Board action is required. Mr. Dobbert noted that a workgroup is discussing the feasibility of using Workday Learning to save costs by centralizing and deploying training more rapidly. He also observed that short micro-training on a frequent basis provides much better results than the current annual training. Mr. Dobbert also discussed Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act safeguard rules and noted that institutions are implementing information security plans to protect financial information.

Mr. Dobbert provided an update on current threats. He acknowledged that phishing attempts remain the number one threat which requires a stronger human firewall (i.e. staff use of the phish button). He cautioned that the System should take careful consideration before implementing or using others' AI tools since third parties don't disclose where the data goes; the Information Security Council is currently discussing these issues. Mr. Dobbert also highlighted a classic supply chain attack involving Notepad++ that compromised an automatic update, but was resolved. He closed with a positive note that eduroam has expanded to over 250 locations in Nevada, and that Derek Eyler was appointed chair of the U.S. eduroam Advisory Committee.

Vice Chair Arrascada and Mr. Dobbert discussed centralizing training through Workday and the laptop loaner program for international travel. Regent Downs addressed phishing tests, to which Mr. Dobbert recommended using the phish button to report an e-mail if in doubt.

8. Information Only-New Business – None.

9. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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