

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Truckee Meadows Community College
Red Mountain Building, Room 256
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Thursday, September 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

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BOARD

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Stephanie Goodman, Chair	_____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
Mr. Aaron Bautista	_____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
Mrs. Susan Brager	_____
Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
Ms. Heather Brown	_____
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs	_____
Mr. Carlos D. Fernandez	_____
Mr. Pete Goicoechea	_____
Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath	_____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Chair	_____
Mr. Pete Goicoechea, Vice Chair	_____
Mr. Aaron Bautista	_____
Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath	_____

In addition to the Academic, Research and Student Affairs 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 of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Academic, Research and Student Affairs and Business, Finance and Facilities committees. The Board's committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those committees. Regents who are not members of the committee may attend the committee meeting 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.

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 attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (702) 889-8426 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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. CONSENT ITEMS

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Committee.

2a. MINUTES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Committee will consider approval of the June 11, 2026, meeting minutes. ([Ref. ARSA-2a](#))

**2b. PROGRAM ELIMINATION,
PH.D. LEARNING SCIENCES, UNLV**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

UNLV will request approval to eliminate the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Learning Sciences due to low enrollment. This program has a reasonable overlap with the existing Ph.D. Educational Psychology. With the elimination of the Ph.D. in Learning Sciences, a new Learning Sciences concentration will be added to the Ph.D. Educational Psychology program to allow students to continue to specialize in this area. Any current students in Ph.D. Learning Sciences will be allowed to complete their degree per the terms of the teach out plan. ([Ref. ARSA-2b](#))

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (continued)

**2c. PROGRAM AND NAME CHANGE, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PH.D. EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
AND LEARNING SCIENCES, UNLV**

UNLV will request approval to make program and name changes to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Psychology. If approved, the new name will be Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Educational Psychology and Learning Sciences and the curriculum will unify all concentration areas. These changes include adding two new concentrations related to Learning Sciences. ([Ref. ARSA-2c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**3. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PH.D. BUSINESS, UNLV**

UNLV will request approval of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business that will be housed in UNLV's Lee Business School. The program covers theoretical foundations, empirical topics, and methodological tools essential for success in academic and research institutions. Students will be able to specialize in three areas: finance, information systems, or marketing. Career opportunities include tenure-track academic positions as well as research roles in industry and public sectors, including think tanks, research institutes, and consultancies. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**4. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PH.D. SPORT SCIENCE, UNLV**

UNLV will request approval of an interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sport Science to be housed in the Graduate College and governed by participating units, including the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering, College of Education, William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, College of Liberal Arts, School of Integrated Health Sciences, and the School of Public Health. Specifically, this program will provide doctoral-level coursework and research training in sport science that will allow students to focus on measurement and analysis of sport success across economic, sociological, health, and performance domains. Graduates of the program may pursue careers in academia, research, coaching, sports medicine, sports management, and other related fields. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**5. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
M.S. ATHLETIC TRAINING, UNR**

UNR will request approval of a Master of Science (M.S.) in Athletic Training preparing graduates to become licensed Certified Athletic Trainers capable of providing high-quality care across various healthcare settings. The program will emphasize evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, and patient-centered care. Graduates will be equipped with the skills necessary to meet the sports medicine, industrial, and clinical healthcare needs of a growing Nevada population. ([Ref. ARSA-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**6. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (B.S.W.), GBC**

GBC will request approval of a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) structured to allow students to complete their education online while remaining in place and then working in their communities upon graduation. The program will prepare students for generalist social work practice while integrating rural populations and rural practice considerations throughout the curriculum to address the unique challenges of rural social work. The B.S.W. provides a direct pathway to state licensure. ([Ref. ARSA-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**7. PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
B.S. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS, GBC**

GBC will request approval of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Behavioral Health and Wellness preparing entry-level behavioral health practitioners to work under clinical supervision in community, outpatient, and integrated care settings. Graduates will be equipped to serve diverse populations with particular attention to health equity, social determinants of health, and underserved communities while maintaining documentation practices that meet professional, legal, and ethical standards. Students completing this program will be eligible for licensure through the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners. ([Ref. ARSA-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

8. ASSEMBLY BILL 345 UPDATE

INFORMATION ONLY

Assistant Vice Chancellor Terina Caserto will introduce staff members from the Department of Academic and Student Affairs who will provide updates on NSHE's work on Assembly Bill (AB) 345 of the 2025 Session of the Nevada Legislature, including how the System has met the various requirements of the bill. ([Refs. ARSA-8a](#) and [ARSA-8b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45mins.

9. 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.

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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
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
System Administration, 4300 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
System Administration, 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, NV 89512