

BOARD OF REGENTS HANDBOOK

Overview & Bylaws Update Plan

October 2026 Special Meeting

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Authority and Responsibility

- **Nevada Constitution:** The Board of Regents shall “control and manage the affairs” of the System. Article 11, Section 7.
- **NRS 396.110:** The Board may “prescribe rules for its own government.”
- **Bylaws of the Board of Regents:** First enacted in 1964.



The Framework for NSHE Governance

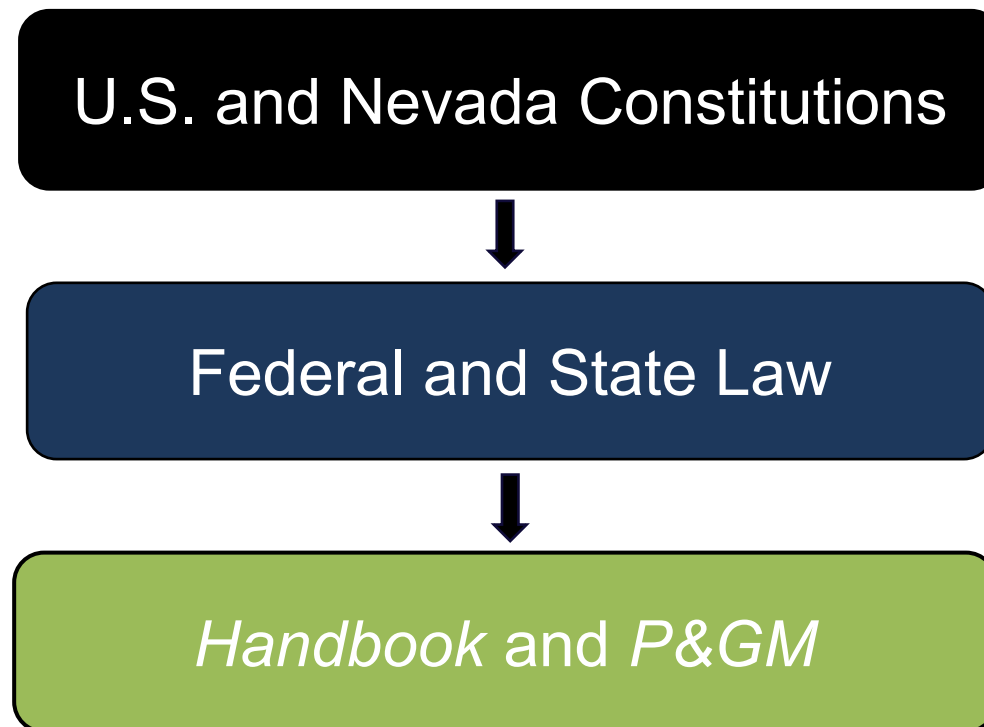
1. **Board of Regents *Handbook***: Board policies and rules.
2. **NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual (P&GM)***:
System procedures and guidelines.

Codified and published on the NSHE website at [Policies – NSHE Board of Regents](#).



Handbook and P&GM: Scope and Hierarchy

Together, the *Handbook* and *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* establish the substantive and operational rules governing the Board of Regents and NSHE, subject to the following hierarchy:



Handbook Structure: Four Titles

- **Title 1:** Bylaws of the Board of Regents
- **Title 2:** NSHE Code
- **Title 3:** Legal Status of the University
- **Title 4:** Codification of Board Policy Statements



Title 1: Bylaws of the Board of Regents

- **Purpose:** Establishes the Board's internal governance structure and operating procedures.
- **Key Topics:** Board Officer roles and responsibilities, meeting procedures, committees, and evaluation and discipline of the chancellor and presidents.
- **Amendment Requirement:** 9 affirmative votes.



Title 2: NSHE Code

- **Purpose:** Establishes policies governing the organization and administration of NSHE.
- **Key Topics:** Tenure, personnel matters, rules and disciplinary procedures for faculty, and rules of conduct for students.
- **Legal Authority and Interpretation:** Has the force and effect of law; incorporated into every employment contract; questions of interpretation directed to System General Counsel.
- **Amendment Requirement:** Two readings with no less than 30 days between meetings or 30 days' notice to named stakeholders; 7 affirmative votes.



Title 3: Legal Status of the University

- **Purpose:** Provides a concise overview of the University's legal foundation and status.
- **Key Topics:** Constitutional provisions, relevant *Nevada Revised Statutes*, and Nevada Supreme Court decisions.
- **Amendment Requirement:** 7 affirmative votes.
- **Recently Revised:** Updated by the Board of Regents at its June 2026 quarterly meeting.



Title 4: Codification of Board Policy Statements

- **Purpose:** Establishes policies and regulations governing the day-to-day administration, operations, and activities of System Administration and NSHE institutions.
- **Key Topics:** Ethical code of conduct for Regents, collective bargaining regulations, business and financial management, research and intellectual property, academic planning and admissions, registration fees and tuition, financial aid, and intercollegiate athletics.
- **Amendment Requirement:** 7 affirmative votes.



Revisiting the Bylaws: Recommended Priority Areas for Review and Revision

- **Standing Committees:** Structure, duties, and effectiveness.
- **Chancellor/President Evaluation and Discipline:** Procedures, expectations, and accountability.
- **Internal Governance:** Recourse procedures and resolution of concerns.
- **Meeting Attendance:** Expectations for in-person and remote participation, and considerations for a consistent approval process.
- **Quorum:** Thresholds and voting requirements in preparation for reduced Board membership under AB 118.



Proposed Timeline

- **October 16, 2026:** Discuss and receive direction on proposed plan and timeline.
- **October-November 2026:** Solicit input from Regents individually.
- **December 3-4, 2026:**
 - Present for approval the first set of proposed Bylaw revisions, if ready.
 - Board action to create a special committee to review/revise Titles 2 & 4.
- **March 11-12, 2027:** Present for approval the second set of proposed Bylaw revisions.
- **June 8-9, 2027:** Present for approval the third and final set of proposed Bylaw revisions.



Questions?

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