BOARD OF REGENTS and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Student Union, Ballrooms B & C
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas
Thursday, December 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.

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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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1. PUBLIC COMMENT – *(continued)* **INFORMATION ONLY**

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Committee Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

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 September 3, 2026, meeting minutes. *(Ref. ARSA-2a)*

2b. PROGRAM DEACTIVATION, M.S. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, UNLV **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNLV will request approval to deactivate the Master of Science (M.S.) in Curriculum and Instruction due to low enrollment. The department has a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction that has been more popular. This deactivation will aid the department in focusing its efforts on creating and maintaining the best possible degree by only having one to manage. A teach-out plan is provided for the remaining students. *(Ref. ARSA-2b)*

2c. PROGRAM ELIMINATION, A.A.S. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES, COMPUTER PROGRAMMING EMPHASIS, GBC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

GBC will request the elimination of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Computer Technologies, Computer Programing Emphasis due to low enrollment and diminished market demand and industry support. A teach-out plan is provided for the remaining students. *(Ref. ARSA-2c)*

2. CONSENT ITEMS – *(continued)* **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

2d. PROGRAM ELIMINATION, A.A.S. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES, NETWORK SPECIALIST EMPHASIS, GBC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

GBC will request the elimination of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Computer Technologies, Network Specialist Emphasis due to low enrollment and diminished market demand and industry support. A teach-out plan is provided for the remaining students. *(Ref. ARSA-2d)*

2e. PROGRAM ELIMINATION, B.A.S. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES, DIGITAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EMPHASIS, GBC **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

GBC will request the elimination of the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Computer Technologies, Digital Information Technology Emphasis due to low enrollment and diminished market demand and industry support. A teach-out plan is provided for the remaining students. *(Ref. ARSA-2e)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *5 mins.*

3. NEW PROGRAM, PH.D. HEALTH AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION, UNR **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR will request approval of a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in Health and Science Communication jointly offered by the Reynolds School of Journalism and the School of Public Health. The interdisciplinary program's curriculum fosters a holistic understanding of the role of communication in promoting science and health among individuals, communities, and the public. Graduates will gain expertise in human information processing and decision-making in various contexts, quantitative and qualitative research methods, strategic advocacy, while engaging in hands-on experiences. *(Ref. ARSA-3)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 mins.*

4. NEW PROGRAM, B.S. CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, UNR **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR will request approval of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Construction Engineering and Management to be housed in the College of Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Students will gain knowledge of the basic engineering problem-solving process, force analysis, materials, structures, soils, construction processes, equipment, planning, scheduling, safety, and cost analysis. The program will also teach basic management topics, including economics, business, accounting, communication, and leadership. The 126-credit-hour program will seek accreditation from the ABET Engineering Accreditation Commission and will be the only accredited Construction Engineering program in Nevada. *(Ref. ARSA-4)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 mins.*

5. NEW PROGRAM, B.S. OUTDOOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT, UNR **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

UNR will request approval of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Outdoor Recreation Management. This program will replace the current specialization of Outdoor Recreation Management in the B.S. Environmental Science program. The new degree will enable students to pursue careers in outdoor recreation. Graduates will have knowledge and skills in environmental science, business, and communication necessary to contribute to the rapidly expanding economic sector. *(Ref. ARSA-5)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 mins.*

6. NSHE PLANNING REPORT/ ACADEMIC MASTER PLANS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Terina Caserto will request approval of the *2027-2031 Planning Report*, which outlines each NSHE institution's plans for new academic programs, student services and, where applicable, research initiatives over the next four years. This report satisfies the requirements of *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 396.505. *(Ref. ARSA-6)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *10 mins.*

7. NEW PROGRAM REVIEW — INFORMATION ONLY

Academic and Transfer Policy Analyst Dave Singleton will present the *New Program Review* as required by Board policy *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6)*. This report includes reviews from the universities, state university, and community colleges comparing originally projected program enrollments and expenses to actual first-, third-, and fifth-year figures. *(Ref. ARSA-7)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *25 mins.*

8. EXISTING PROGRAM REVIEW — INFORMATION ONLY

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Terina Caserto will present the report on institutional reviews of existing programs as mandated by Board policy *(Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 6)*. In addition, representatives from UNLV and CSN will present reviews conducted for at least one program at their respective institutions. The presentations will include, but are not limited to, the process for evaluating existing programs generally, indications of quality, whether programs are meeting employer expectations, improvements in student learning outcomes, and any action steps identified based on the review of programs and the status of action steps. *(Refs. ARSA-8a, ARSA-8b and ARSA-8c)*

ESTIMATED TIME: *40mins.*

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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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
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