

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Las Vegas  
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room  
Thursday, July 30, 2015, 11:00 a.m.

Video and Telephone 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. Rick Trachok, Chairman  
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Andrea Anderson *via telephone*  
Mr. Cedric Crear *via telephone*  
Mr. Robert Davidson *via video conference System Administration, Reno*  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava *via telephone*  
Dr. Jason Geddes *via video conference System Administration, Reno*  
Mr. Trevor Hayes  
Mr. James Dean Leavitt *via telephone*  
Mr. Sam Lieberman  
Mr. Kevin C. Melcher *via video conference Berg Hall, GBC*  
Mr. Kevin J. Page  
Ms. Allison Stephens

Others Present: Mr. Daniel J. Klaich, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs  
Ms. Brooke Nielsen, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs  
Dr. Marcia Turner, Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences  
Mr. Scott G. Wasserman, Special Advisor to the Board  
Mr. Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director Nevada College Collaborative  
Mr. R. Scott Young, Acting Chief of Staff  
Mr. Chet Burton, President, WNC  
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR  
Dr. Maria C. Sheehan, President, TMCC  
Dr. Stephen G. Wells, President, DRI

Also present were faculty senate chairs Dr. Camille Naaktgebore, CSN; Ms. Dana Trimble, DRI; Mrs. Mary Doucette, GBC; Dr. David Sanders, UNR.

Student government leaders present included Ms. Cheryl M. Gabbidon, SGA Vice President, TMCC.

Chairman Rick Trachok called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. with all members present except Regent Doubrava.

Regent Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only - Public Comment (Agenda Item #1) – None.
2. Handbook Revision, Silver State Opportunity Grant (Agenda Item #2) – the Board approved revisions to Board policy concerning the Silver State Opportunity Grant program (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 10*). The revisions direct the Chancellor to establish procedures and guidelines to comply with the requirements of the Silver State Opportunity Grant program pursuant to Senate Bill 227 (Chapter 387, *Statutes of Nevada 2015*). In addition, the policy mandates that the Chancellor report to the Board such steps that have been taken to implement the program.

Regent Geddes moved approval of the revisions to Board policy concerning the Silver State Opportunity Grant program as provided. Regent Page seconded.

Vice Chancellor Crystal Abba presented information on the Silver State Opportunity Grant program and the status of its implementation. The equation engine testing began two weeks ago and staff hopes to run a simulation by the end of next week. The project is still on target for the awarding of grants by mid-August, 2015, with resulting information anticipated to be brought before the Board in September. The new Silver State Opportunity Grant program is a state-supported, need-based financial aid program created by the 2015 Legislature pursuant to Senate Bill 227.

Regent Doubrava entered the meeting.

Ms. Abba continued to explain that under the Silver State Opportunity Grant program, need-based grants will be awarded to eligible low income students who are college-ready to pay for a portion of the cost of education at a community college or state college within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE). The proposed *Handbook* revision is included in the reference materials (*see Reference BOR-2 on file in the Board office*). The revision provides for the very narrow delegation of authority to the Chancellor for the specific purpose of establishing procedures and guidelines to implement the Silver State Opportunity Grant program and report to the Board on the steps taken to implement the program. Ms. Abba concluded her presentation by thanking the financial aid

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directors, the programmers at the NSHE System Computing Services and Ms. Renee Davis, NSHE, for their work on the project.

Regent Geddes asked if the work being done provides the structure needed to address the Silver State Opportunity Grant program on a going forward basis. Ms. Abba affirmed it does.

Regent Stephens expressed her support for the program and its potential to help address need-based financial aid.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Information Only- New Business (Agenda Item #3) – None.

4. Information Only- Public Comment (Agenda Item #4) – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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*Approved by the Board of Regents at the September 10-11, 2015, meeting*