

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

High Tech Center, Room 120
Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Thursday, April 27, 2017

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Regents Present:

Mr. Rick Trachok, Chairman
Ms. Allison Stephens, Vice Chair
Dr. Andrea Anderson
Dr. Patrick R. Carter
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
Dr. Jason Geddes
Mr. Sam Lieberman
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo
Mr. John T. Moran
Mr. Kevin J. Page

Regents Absent:

Mr. Cedric Crear
Mr. Trevor Hayes

Others Present:

Mr. John V. White, Chancellor
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Nicholas Vaskov, Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs
Mr. Dean J. Gould, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board
Mr. Frank R. Woodbeck, Executive Director, Nevada College Collaborative
Mr. Bart J. Patterson, President, NSC
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Len Jessup, President, UNLV
Dr. Marc A. Johnson, President, UNR
Mr. Chet Burton, President, WNC

Chairman Rick Trachok called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present except Regents Crear, Hayes and Moran. Regent McAdoo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Information Only – Public Comment – None.
2. Approved – Handbook Revision, In-State Tuition for Certain Veterans and Their Family Members (Agenda Item 3) – The Board approved a revision to Board policy regarding in-state tuition for certain veterans living in Nevada and their family members (Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3). (*Ref. BOR-3 on file in the Board Office.*)

Congress recently amended Section 702 of the federal Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (“Choice Act”) to include: 1) Covered individuals using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, regardless of the time of the service member’s death; and 2) Covered individuals using transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits when the transferor is a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty. Board policy must be revised before July 1, 2017, to include these covered individuals as well to ensure Nevada remains compliant with federal law and NSHE institutions do not risk the loss of federal veteran educational assistance dollars.

Regent Geddes moved approval of a revision to Board policy regarding in-state tuition for certain veterans living in Nevada and their family members (Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3). Vice Chair Stephens seconded. Motion carried. Regents Crear, Hayes and Moran were absent.

3. Approved – Appointment, President, GBC (Agenda Item 2) – The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Joyce M. Helens, M.A. as President of Great Basin College (GBC) and the salary and contract terms as presented. (*Refs. BOR-2a, BOR-2b, BOR-2c and handouts on file in the Board Office.*)

Committee Chair Lieberman thanked the GBC President Search Committee for an open and collaborative process. He also thanked President Mark A. Curtis for his leadership. He introduced Ms. Joyce M. Helens, M.A. as the next President of GBC.

Regent Lieberman moved approval of the appointment of Ms. Joyce M. Helens, M.A. as President of Great Basin College (GBC) and the salary and contract terms as presented. Regent McAdoo seconded.

Chancellor John V. White presented the employment agreement and contract terms.

Motion carried. Regents Crear, Hayes and Moran were absent.

Regent Moran entered the meeting.

3. Approved – Appointment, President, GBC – (Continued)

Ms. Helens stated she looked forward to assisting GBC in reaching the next level of excellence.

4. Information Only – New Business – None.

5. Information Only – Public Comment – On behalf of the GBC faculty, staff, students and the community, Lynn Mahlberg, Vice President of Student Services, GBC, welcomed President Helens.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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Approved by the Board of Regents at its September 7 & 8, 2017, meeting.