

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
SECURITY COMMITTEE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Desert Research Institute  
Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building, Rotunda  
755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas  
Friday, September 10, 2021

Video 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. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr., Chair  
Dr. Jason Geddes, Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Members Absent: Mr. John T. Moran

Other Regents Present: Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Board Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada  
Ms. Amy J. Carvalho  
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo  
Dr. Mark W. Doubrava  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present: Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs  
and Community Colleges  
Dr. Constance Brooks, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs  
and Advancement  
Mr. Caleb Cage, Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development  
and Chief Innovation Officer  
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Joseph Reynolds, Chief General Counsel  
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst, Academic & Student Affairs  
Ms. Renee Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor and  
Director of Student Affairs  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President  
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President

Others Present: Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President  
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President  
Dr. Vincent R. Solis, WNC President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Dr. Julian Smit, CSN; Dr. Dave Rhode, DRI; Dr. Samantha Jewell, NSC; Mr. Glenn Heath, System Administration; Dr. Virginia Irintcheva, TMCC; Ms. Shannon Sumpter, UNLV; Dr. Amy Pason, UNR; and Mr. Jim Strange, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Zachary Johnigan, CSN; Ms. Lauren Porter, NSC; Ms. Darian Richards, TMCC; Ms. Caren Yap, UNLV-CSUN; Mr. Austin Brown, UNR-ASUN; Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA; and Ms. Andrea Sanchez De Loza, WNC.

Chair Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with all members present except for Regent Moran.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2021, meeting (*Ref. SEC-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Brooks moved approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2021, meeting. Regent Tarkanian seconded. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Chair McMichael, Vice Chair Geddes, Regent Brooks and Regent Tarkanian voted yes. Regent Boylan and Regent Moran were absent.

(Regent Boylan was in attendance via BlueJeans; however, his vote could not be heard on the record as he was experiencing technical difficulties with his microphone. The issue was resolved shortly thereafter.)

3. Information Only-Chair's Report – Chair Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. expressed his appreciation to all the health directors providing for everyone's health and safety during the meeting. He further expressed his appreciation for the security personnel and K9 members that have contributed to the security during the Board meeting.
4. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – Adam Garcia, Director, NSHE Southern Command, presented an update on the Southern Command's security activities.

Director Garcia provided a report which included: the establishment of a university public safety advisory board which fosters relationships and partnerships for all stakeholders; grant funding applications and awards including traffic safety; police activity updates including training (the ABLE Project and HOPE Unit), accountability, community outreach and recent public events and activities with officers; updates on the NSHE southern campuses; and the National De-Escalation Training Center, and the Southern Command being invited to house and become the regional De-Escalation Center.

4. Information Only-NSHE Southern Command – *(continued)*

Regent Del Carlo commented on a statement that Director Garcia made during his presentation which was: “most accidents are preventable.” She shared that during her time with General Motors the company adopted a program with the tagline: “all accidents are preventable” and Regent Del Carlo believes that is an important mindset to have. Director Garcia agreed and thanked Regent Del Carlo for her insight.

Regent Brooks and Regent Boylan congratulated Director Garcia on the regional De-Escalation Training Center, and offered sincere thanks and support to Director Garcia and his team for their dedication and professionalism during these times when heightened security seems to be a necessity.

5. Information Only-NSHE Northern Command – University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval introduced Eric James, Director, NSHE Northern Command. Director James presented an update on the Northern Command’s security activities *(Ref. SEC-5 on file in the Board Office)*.

Director James congratulated Todd Renwick on his retirement and provided a report which included: department initiatives: officer health and wellness, peer support continues to be robust and active, and supervisor development; updates on the northern NSHE campuses; community initiatives: social work interns, Nevada’s Jewish Federation recently held a lunch for UPSNC staff and officers, virtual workplace safety presentations, de-escalation training to the UNR Student Services division, WNC civilian staff and Disability Resource Center’s Peer Mentor Summer Bridge, involvement in the Diversity Summit and Equity and Inclusion subcommittees and veteran assistance at UNR; orientation and Nevada FIT; Peer Support and Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM); K9 teams; Clery compliance; Dean’s Future Scholars program; and Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.).

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor, offered her deep gratitude to both Director Garcia and Director James for their work on security planning for the Board, SCS and System Administration.

Chair McMichael thanked Director James for his informative presentation.

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – Theresa Semmens, NSHE Chief Information Security Officer, provided an update and overview of cybersecurity matters, including efforts to protect the integrity of data and issues raised by greater reliance on technology due to COVID-19.

Chief Information Security Officer Semmens provided an update which included: completed and ongoing projects on governance, prevention, testing and monitoring; information on “patching”; reviewing vulnerability to the System and the effective provisions, measures, training, workshops and focus given to

6. Information Only-NSHE Cybersecurity – *(continued)*

ransomware attacks; and a recently conducted external penetration test (related to network vulnerability) with results that found the NSHE’s network to be properly protected.

Chair McMichael inquired about the number of cyber-attacks the NSHE receives in a 24-hour period. Chief Information Security Officer Semmens answered the NSHE is constantly bombarded with attacks and attempts; however, there is security in place to prevent those and she will provide detailed data on that to the Committee.

Chair McMichael thanked Chief Information Security Officer Semmens and shared that he is pleased with her team’s work.

7. Information Only-New Business – None.

8. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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**Approved by the Board of Regents at its March 3-4, 2022, meeting.**