

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEE  
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Student Union, Ballroom  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas  
Friday, December 3, 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:

Ms. Amy J. Carvalho, Vice Chair  
Mr. Byron Brooks  
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.  
Mr. John T. Moran  
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Other Regents Present:

Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Board Chair Pro Tem  
Dr. Jason Geddes  
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo

Advisory Members Absent:

Mr. Randy Robison, CSN IAC Chair  
Mr. John Tierney, GBC IAC Chair  
Ms. BJ North, TMCC IAC Chair  
Mr. Rob Hooper, WNC IAC Chair

Others Present:

Dr. Melody Rose, Chancellor  
Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Student Affairs  
and Community Colleges  
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board  
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 for  
Academic & Student Affairs  
Ms. Tina Russom, Deputy General Counsel  
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President

Others Present:                   Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President  
  Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President  
  Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President  
  Dr. Jeffrey Alexander, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs  
  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; Mr. Kevin Seipp, GBC; 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; Mr. Zachary Stamp, GBC; Ms. Lauren Porter, NSC; Ms. Darian Richards, TMCC; Ms. Caren Yap, UNLV-CSUN; Ms. Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA; Mr. Austin Brown, UNR-ASUN; Mr. Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA; and Ms. Andrea Sanchez De Loza, WNC.

Vice Chair Amy J. Carvalho called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. with all Regents' Committee members present.

1.     Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2.     Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the July 30, 2021, meeting (*Ref. CC-2 on file in the Board Office*).

Regent Perkins moved approval of the minutes from the July 30, 2021, meeting.  
Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried.

3.     Information Only-Chair's Report – Vice Chair Carvalho provided a brief update on the October 2021 ACCT Leadership Congress including Regent and institutional leadership attendance, WNC's presentation on the Prison Education Program, and Chair Pro Tem Del Carlo's recent appointment to the ACCT Board.
4.     Information Only-Community College Workforce Certificate Productivity – Pursuant to the request of the Committee at its July 30, 2021, meeting, NSHE community college representatives presented information on what strategies and efforts will be taken to increase the productivity of skills certificates and certificates of achievement in order to support student success (*Ref. CC-4 on file in the Board Office*).

Ms. Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges, provided a recap of the degree productivity report presented at the September 2021 Board meeting. She discussed and commended the community colleges for their collaboration on the upcoming report.

4. Information Only-Community College Workforce Certificate Productivity – (continued)

CSN Vice President of Academic Affairs James McCoy, GBC Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs Jake Hinton-Rivera, TMCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Jeffrey Alexander, and WNC Provost and Senior Vice President Kyle Dalpe presented information on what strategies and efforts are being taken to increase the productivity of skills certificates and certificates of achievement at the community colleges in order to support student success. The presentation included credential definitions, awards by type by institution, academic master planning framework, how employer and student demands are being met, workforce development industry input, challenges encountered, current national data and trends, non-credit to credit pathways, and consideration and next steps.

The Committee members, Board Chair Pro Tem Del Carlo and the NSHE community college representatives discussed and addressed the following topics: general semester schedules for the programs; possible opportunities for skills certificates to be eligible for financial aid; local and national aid and scholarships available for students pursuing skills certificates; open-entry course offerings and data; and the upcoming ACCT National Legislative Summit in February 2022.

5. Information Only-Interim Study Committee – Chancellor Melody Rose provided an overview of the composition and work to date of the interim study committee established pursuant to Assembly Bill 450 (Chapter 246, *Statutes of Nevada 2021*) concerning opportunities to align the need for workforce training and the programs offered by community colleges to meet the needs of the evolving economy in Nevada. She confirmed that the Governor has officially appointed the committee members.

Regent Perkins asked if any students are involved in the AB 450 committee. Chancellor Rose said the composition of the committee is expressed in statute and it is not within the NSHE authority to establish; however, the AB 450 committee meetings will be public, and the hope is that students who are affected by the work of the committee will be present and the committee will create opportunities in the meetings to hear from students.

Board Chair Pro Tem Del Carlo agreed with Regent Perkins' comments and expressed the importance of student involvement at the AB 450 committee meetings.

6. Approved-Bylaw Revision, Community College Committee Charge – The Committee recommended approval of a proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents (*Title 1, Article VI, Section 3g*) revising the Community College Committee charge. Specifically, the proposed revisions reframe the Committee with a focus on the workforce efforts of the community colleges and strategic efforts of the community colleges that support the Board's access, success, and workforce goals (*Ref. CC-6 on file in the Board Office*).

6. Approved-Bylaw Revision, Community College Committee Charge – (continued)

Vice Chancellor Abba provided a brief overview of the proposal.

Regent Moran moved approval of  
the proposed Bylaw amendments.  
Regent Perkins seconded.

Board Chair Pro Tem Del Carlo thanked Regent McAdoo for her work on the Community College Committee charge. Regent McAdoo gave credit to the NSHE team and community colleges for working with her on the charge.

Vice Chair Carvalho, Regent Brooks, Chancellor Rose and Vice Chancellor Abba discussed the proposed Bylaw amendments including how the proposed amendments would affect the Committee as it currently sits, the history of when changes such as these have been made to Board committees in the past and how the constitution of the Committee remains the same with the exception of the shift in focus – the purpose in changing the name of the “Community College Committee” to the “Workforce Committee” will not take away from the focus on the NSHE community colleges, but will include in that focus a way to more robustly address the workforce challenges in Nevada, and aligning the Committee with the goals of AB 450.

Motion carried. Regent Brooks  
voted no.

7. Information Only-New Business – Regent Perkins requested the Committee investigate possible opportunities for skills certificates to be eligible for financial aid.
8. Information Only-Public Comment – Dr. Sondra Cosgrove, CSN, offered comments regarding workforce development, the ability of students to obtain jobs, mental health issues with students and the importance of being aware of individual circumstances and ensuring students are not inadvertently denied financial aid because of extenuating circumstances.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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**Approved by the Board of Regents at its June 9-10, 2022, meeting.**