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Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:
System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Mr. Byron Brooks, Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho
Dr. Michelee Cruz-Crawford
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Ms. Laura E. Perkins
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Members Absent:

Mr. Patrick J. Boylan

Others Present:

Mr. Dale A.R. Erquiaga, Acting Chancellor
Ms. Patty Charlton, Acting Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student
Affairs and Community Colleges
Mr. Andrew Clinger, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Lynda P. King, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Keri Nikolajewski, Interim Chief of Staff to the Board
Ms. Carrie L. Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Special Counsel for Real Property
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, President, CSN
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, President, GBC
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, NSC
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV

Others Present: *(Continued)*
Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were Ms. Tracy Sherman, CSN (*Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs*); Mr. Patrick Villa (*incoming CSN Chair*); Dr. Brittany Kruger, DRI; Mr. David Sexton, GBC; Dr. Molly Appel, NSC; Mr. Ed Boog, SA; Dr. Amy Cavanaugh, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; Dr. Eric Marchand, UNR; Dr. Peter S. Reed (*incoming UNR Chair*); and Ms. Rachelle Bassen, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Mr. Pio Rejas, ASCSN President, CSN; Mr. Kevin Osorio Hernández, NSSA President, NSC; Ms. Alexia Rivera Perez (*NSSA Vice President*); Mr. Brayson Gomez, SGA President, TMCC; Ms. Makayla Franklin, CSUN President, UNLV; Ms. Morgan Dunbar (*CSUN Vice President*); Ms. Teresa Marie, GPSA Treasurer, UNLV (*sitting in for Nicole Thomas*); Ms. Alicia Carr, GPSA Secretary, UNLV (*sitting in for Nicole Thomas*); Mr. Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN President, UNR; Mr. Matthew Hawn, GSA President, UNR; Ms. Suzanna Stankute, ASWN President, WNC (*Chair, Nevada Student Alliance*); Ms. Alyssa Butler, (*ASWN Vice President*) and Mr. Benny Buchanan, (*ASWN Treasurer*). Classified council chair in attendance was Ms. Natasha Anderson, WNC.

Deputy Attorney General Greg D. Ott was also in attendance.

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.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all members present except Regents Boylan and Perkins. The University Police Department-Northern Command and Reno Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors, and University of Nevada, Reno student Randy Smith sang the National Anthem. Nevada Student Alliance Chair and ASWN President, WNC Suzanna Stankute led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regent Perkins entered the meeting.

Chair Brooks announced Item 25 (Update on the MG52 Center Development Project on the Nevada State College Campus) was withdrawn.

1. Information Only – Introductions and Campus Updates

Desert Research Institute (DRI) President Kumud Acharya reported DRI's Ice Core Team, Joe McConnell, Ph.D., and Nathan Chellman, Ph.D. are back in Greenland to research methane and carbon monoxide anomalies in ice cores and investigate whether microbial sources cause those anomalies. In a new study, Ph.D.s Abhinav Gupta, Rosemary Carroll, and Sean McKenna show that altered weather patterns impact stream flows across the country, with implications for flooding, drought, and ecosystems. DRI's Justin Huntington, Ph.D., and team, along with Google and federal partners, relaunched ClimateEngine.org, which allows researchers and natural resource managers to quickly

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analyze and visualize complex satellite and climate data, helping users understand Earth's landscape changes over time. DRI's Nevada Robotics is holding Summer Robotics Academy of Nevada Educator training in Las Vegas, Reno, and Elko for K-12 teachers. It includes both classroom and competition training for those new to robotics. Finally, as part of the Northern Nevada and Las Vegas Science and Technology Festivals, DRI held signature events in Reno and Las Vegas. DRI is excited to continue its science community outreach events; DRI Science at the Springs event, the Art of Science, on June 15, 2023; Science Distilled events; and a new Artown event on July 20, 2023.

Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) President Karin M. Hilgersom reported the 2023 Commencement awarded 1,298 degrees and certificates of achievement, including 23 bachelor's degrees, 18 degrees earned by dual-enrolled ACE High School students, 31 degrees earned by dual-enrolled TMCC High School students, and the oldest candidate is 78 years old, and the youngest candidate is 16 years old. TMCC debuted its first Ceremonial Mace made by Manufacturing Technologies Professor Kelly Oswald. The Tesla START "Quality" program graduated 40 students this Spring, and another certificate layer called the Tesla START "Manufacturing" Technicians program will launch this summer. Thirty-four (34) faculty participants are working on updating their curriculum to adopt new Open Educational Resources (OER) this summer. TMCC Librarians are also studying options for a digital OER repository, possibly shared with the College of Southern Nevada. The Theatre Tech Certificate program will launch in Fall 2023. President Hilgersom highlighted that the TMCC Counseling Center hosted a large community Take Back the Night event on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and featured speakers, a unified walk around campus, and Paws4Love Therapy dogs. The Liberal Arts division established TMCC's Inaugural ArtFest to celebrate the arts as a college community and showcase the incredible work created by students and faculty. Highlights included: Student Open Mic, an Annual Student Art and Design Exhibition, an Open Portrait Photography Studio, a Liberal Arts Career Panel, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the set and pre-production work involved in producing the TMCC play "That Day in Tucson." Also, the TMCC Dental Assisting program partnered with the Northern Nevada Dental Health Programs to offer two days of Give Kids a Smile. TMCC served 130 children providing free dental x-rays, screenings, fluoride, cleanings, sealants, and oral hygiene instructions. The annual Operation Battle Born, Ruck to Remember 2023 originated at the Capital in Carson City on May 27, 2023, and ended with a wreath-laying ceremony that included Governor Joe Lombardo at the Fernley Veterans Memorial Cemetery on May 29, 2023.

College of Southern Nevada (CSN) President Federico Zaragoza welcomed ASCSN President Pio Rejas and incoming CSN Faculty Senate Chair Patrick Villa. CSN celebrated the Spring 2023 commencement with two ceremonies and approximately 1500 graduates walking the stage. CSN's commencement speaker was one of the 104 CSN early college high school graduates. Early college students earn both an associate degree and a high school diploma simultaneously. A record number of CSN faculty participated in the commencement ceremony, and just about all of the graduates and their families stayed for

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the conclusion of the ceremony. President Zaragoza thanked the Regents in attendance. CSN's summer enrollment is up 6.22 percent, and the fall enrollment is currently up another 5 percent. CSN is cautiously optimistic and carefully monitoring enrollment recovery efforts. The CSN Nursing program is back to being a high performer. Videography students have received 47 student production Emmy Award nominations for this academic year. President Zaragoza was also pleased to report that the CCSD Board of Trustees approved the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with CSN to expand early college programs to 600 students per year over the next two years. The MOA calls for an articulated goal of enrolling up to 800 students by 2025. The explicit goal of each early college student is to follow a program of study that leads to both an associate degree and a high school diploma. President Zaragoza reported the Vice President of Finance and Administration Mary Kaye Bailey, has decided to transition to a faculty position. CSN will make an interim appointment and plans to begin a national search for a permanent position. After a successful Vice President of Academic Affairs national search, Dr. Juan Avalos will start his tenure at CSN on July 24, 2023.

Great Basin College (GBC) President Joyce M. Helens introduced new Faculty Senate Chair David Sexton. Seven GBC radiology students competed at the Nevada Society of Radiologic Technology Conference Student Bowl, taking home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and returning the Golden Skelton home to GBC (previously held by UNLV). GBC developed three new pathways for dual credit students in Mining, Criminal Justice, and Engineering/Physical Science. The new Baccalaureate in Early Childhood Education has 80 declared majors. GBC sent congratulatory letters to graduating seniors waiving GBC application fees to enroll. Many high school seniors graduated from GBC before their high school commencements. GBC held an Arts and Healing celebration in Elko, a hands-on celebration of the mental health benefits of the arts. The event was free and family-friendly and was made possible by a partnership with Zero Suicide Elko County, GBC Student Government Association, Nevada Gold Mines, and Gaeta Real Estate Group. GBC also launched Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training through the generous support of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant for the NSHE Mental Health Services Pilot Project. The "You Matter Foster Child Campaign" was launched by the GBC Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) National Honor Society. Due to support in Battle Mountain, Elko, Pahump, Ely, and Winnemucca, over 400 foster children in transition from home to foster care received brand-new essential items, including backpacks, diapers, gift cards, and additional items that were delivered to the Rural Division of Child and Family Services in four communities. The GBC PTK students attended Regional and National/International Conferences for the first time. The students received an award for Five-Star status, the New Advisor Paragon Award, the Most Distinguished Officer Team in the Region, Edge Leadership Training Recognition, and 1st place for their Honors in Action Research Project. The GBC students were selected as 1 out of 10 chapters to present their "You Matter Foster Child Campaign" at a national forum. During the conference, the students won the National PTK Advisor Paragon Award, the Distinguished Officer Team Award, and the National Student Recognition for organizing college projects focusing on community partnerships with state, national, and global impact. The GBC Hispanic student headcount represents 25.3 percent of the overall

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headcount, the minority student headcount is 42 percent, and the graduation rate has increased to 48.3 percent. GBC is launching “Men Moving Mountains,” a program aimed at helping GBC men of color “take off” and soar to new heights by improving their retention and degree completion rates. GBC wants to close the gap for men of color to “land” at their intended destination by earning a family-sustaining credential of value.

Nevada State College (NSC) President DeRionne Pollard welcomed new Faculty Senate Chair Molly Appel, NSA President Kevin Osorio Hernández, and NSA Vice President Alexia Rivera Perez. She also recognized reelected Classified Council Chair Phoebe McKnight. During a successful academic year, Nevada State celebrated a record number of graduates, a historic \$5 million-dollar gift, retiring colleagues, and a whole host of things. The end of the fiscal and academic year is full of many highlights and celebratory events, but for Nevada State, the end of our year was marked by profound sadness as we worked to adjust to a loss. For many of us, we have been struggling deeply. The voice of Allison Janney comes to mind as she was the commercial voice that told us that “Thrive” -not surviving or just getting by-was the ethos of Kaiser Permanente’s healthcare products and services. The tagline suggests that there was an intentional effort to offer a broadened and nuanced understanding of health. They also suggested a mutuality to the notion of thrive-that there is a communal strength and importance to policy and practice. We’ve been hearing a lot about mental health, and she admitted that she bristles every time she hears it because to raise awareness of mental health and destigmatize it, we have almost doubled down on that very stigmatization in some ways. She challenged all about how to expand and perhaps embrace a broadened and more holistic notion of health that includes physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual as holistic wellness. It is a pressing matter that affects students, faculty, and staff, as well as our larger community. Without holistic wellness, day-to-day life can be debilitating, impacting personal growth, academic success, and overall well-being, creating a failure to thrive. According to recent studies, Nevada has one of the highest rates of mental illness in the United States and lower rates of access to care. Approximately one in four adults in Nevada experiences a mental health disorder yearly. A waiting list isn’t okay for someone needing to see a professional. Suicide rates in our state have been consistently higher than the national average. Mental health challenges are not limited to Nevada alone; national numbers are equally alarming. It is estimated that one in five adults in the United States experiences a mental illness in a given year. Among college students, rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are rising. Suicide is the second most common cause of death among college students, and this demands attention and prompt action. By increasing awareness, investing in resources, integrating education, and fostering a sense of community, we can significantly support the holistic well-being of our campus and the broader community. If we reframe our efforts to consider health and wellness from head to toe and everything in between, together, we can create an environment where mental health is prioritized, stigma is eradicated, and all individuals can thrive.

Western Nevada College (WNC) President J. Kyle Dalpe introduced Faculty Senate Chair Rachelle Bassen and ASWN President and Nevada Student Alliance Chair Suzanna Stankute. WNC celebrated many graduates as they completed a certificate or degree,

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including over 100 high school students who earned a degree or certificate through dual enrollment programs. WNC held a ceremony at the Fallon Campus and another for the Prison Education program. President Dalpe thanked the Regents who attended. The WNC Jack C. Davis Observatory celebrated 20 years last month. To acknowledge this anniversary, WNC held a lecture series with a star party with custom cookies and other treats. The annual Reach for the Stars fundraiser will be held on August 12, 2023. WNC received a \$150,000 donation from the Skill Up organization for a workforce development staff member for three years to build on our initiatives in this area. SkillUp helps workers transition to a better career with coaching, training, and job resources aligned to the fastest-growing industries. President Dalpe thanked the WNC Musical Theater program for its great year, including the final performance of the season, Newsies. With the help of greenUP, a sustainability grant housed at WNC, the Nevada Green Business Network was able to certify over 40 businesses, with more than 100 more in process. Between 2020 and 2022, businesses were able to save \$200,000, and 510,000 pounds of carbon emissions were kept from entering the atmosphere through green initiatives. WNC was recognized with six awards, including four golds, for outstanding marketing of a community college from the Collegiate Advertising Awards program. He congratulated and thanked the Advancement team for their work to promote WNC. President Dalpe was invited to participate in a discussion on the future of post-secondary education in 2040, held in Washington, DC, at the Urban Institute. While in Washington, he connected with a colleague at the White House. President Dalpe thanked all who visited the Capitol over the past 120 days and a big thanks to those who visited WNC. Please stop by and visit the Wildcat team if you are in town.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) President Keith E. Whitfield introduced Faculty Senate Chair Bill Robinson and CSUN President Makayla Franklin. UNLV welcomed one of the largest-ever cohorts of UNLV graduates this spring, more than 3,500. Commencement included the third class of graduates from the Kerkorian School of Medicine, the first graduating classes from the new doctoral program in Occupational Therapy, and the master's program in Intercollegiate and Professional Sports Management. For the first time in UNLV history, they staged a surprise reunion for master's graduate Pamela Hernandez with her father, Douglas, a US Navy officer who traveled more than 30 hours from the Middle East to greet her on stage. While on duty, he missed Pamela's high school and undergraduate ceremonies but wanted to see his daughter get her master's in public administration. It was a fantastic surprise and made the national news. More than 85% percent of spring graduates are Nevada residents, and more than two-thirds are part of minority groups, which is a good indicator that UNLV is fulfilling its mission. Several UNLV students won national scholarships this spring. UNLV students are as strong or stronger than students at any university he has been a part of. Two UNLV undergraduates won Goldwater Scholarships, the country's top award for STEM majors. For the second year, UNLV represented Nevada with the state's Truman Scholarship winner, a coveted national award for undergraduates pursuing careers in public service. The student, Zachary Billot, is unbelievably talented and UNLV surprised him with the award during an orchestra class. He also was UNLV's first-ever winner of the Udall Scholarship, another high-profile national scholarship that funds graduate students interested in environmental

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policy. UNLV started the President’s Innovation Challenge, an event that brings interdisciplinary groups of undergraduate and graduate students together to highlight innovative solutions to big challenges. An industry panel judges them, and the winners receive a \$25,000 prize package to help develop their concept. The challenge was centered around sustainability within entrepreneurship and the winning team, Lutum Potentia, brought a groundbreakingly new take on composting. They won the competition and secured an additional gift of \$5,000. UNLV continues to advance its growing reputation as a leader in the study of brain health. Dr. Jeffrey Cummings released a pipeline report that tracks the status of every clinical drug trial related to Alzheimer’s and dementia. The report showed that there have never been more clinical trials in the works. Faculty and students in the Nevada Institute for Personalized Medicine published a study in *Nature Scientific Reports* identifying specific bacteria in the digestive system that can help or hinder a person’s chances of developing dementia. This tie between the health of the belly and the brain is an ongoing theory, and this team’s work unlocks new understanding in this critical area. President Whitfield stated he was also proud of UNLV’s Military and Veteran Services team. UNLV was ranked among the nation’s top 10 Military Friendly campuses by *G.I. Jobs Magazine*. More than 1,800 schools nationwide were evaluated for annual rankings, and UNLV was included among the nation’s best in the category of “Tier 1 Research Universities.”

University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) President Brian Sandoval welcomed everyone to campus. He thanked the University Police Department-Northern Command and Reno Police Department Honor Guard Randy Smith. President Sandoval stated the gifts in front of each Regent include a wooden ornament/coaster, a coffee mug, and UNR’s first branded roast called “morning howl” from Hub Coffee Roasters. The coffee is officially licensed through the Nevada Athletics’ licensing company and has special packaging bearing the school’s logos and branding. President Sandoval introduced ASUN President Boris Carpio Guerra, ASUN Vice President Hannah Alquiza, GSA President Matthew Hawn, and UNR Faculty Senate Chair Peter Reed. He thanked outgoing Faculty Senate Chair Eric Marchand for his excellent and thoughtful service. He also acknowledged the recent appointment of Patricia Richard as Interim Vice President for Advancement. Another appointment is Aubrey Flores as Chief of Staff and Director of Special Projects. Recent appointments include Zeva Edmonson, Director of Title IX; Dr. Louise Hope-Weeks, Dean of the College of Science; and Andrew Clinger, Vice President for Administration and Finance. The University conferred 3,130 degrees and certificates during spring commencement. UNR honored three Distinguished Nevadans, including Dr. Susan Desmond-Hellmann, Justice James Hardesty, and Judge Peter Breen. UNR also conferred an honorary doctorate upon Maggie Carlton for her years of public service and commitment to education. Semester at Tahoe was announced and is open to all NSHE sophomores and juniors in the Colleges of Science, Liberal Arts, Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, and Public Health and Journalism Schools. The students will live in one of the most beautiful places on earth, learn about sustainability and the Tahoe environment, have access to outdoor opportunities like skiing, hiking, and the Tahoe beaches, and have the opportunity to broaden their creativity in one of the finest ceramic and art studios in northern Nevada.

2. Information Only – Institutional Student and Faculty Presentations – UNR President Sandoval introduced Elizabeth Everest, student presenter, and Dr. Douglas Boyle, faculty presenter.

Elizabeth Everest was born and raised in Carson City, Nevada. She began her journey at UNR as a Freshman in 2015 after spending a year abroad in Thailand, where she discovered her passion for conservation and biology. As part of the Women in Science and Engineering Living Learning Community and the Honors Program, she built a community at the University that has shaped her career path today. She was enthusiastic about finding research opportunities that took her from the estuaries of California and remote streams of Northern Nevada to the tropical rivers of Cambodia. After graduating in 2019 with her BS in Biology, she continued to work for the University as a research specialist investigating invasive species in Lake Tahoe. In 2021, she accepted a Fulbright award to Cambodia, where she worked with scientists from around the world to understand and conserve the incredible biodiversity of the Mekong River. She returned to UNR in the Fall of 2022 as a master's student in the Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology Program to continue her work in Cambodia in collaboration with the Wonders of the Mekong Project. Most recently, with her mentors Dr. Zeb Hogan and Dr. Sudeep Chandra, she won a Boren Fellowship to fund eight more months of research and intensive language learning in Cambodia starting in June. She is eager to take on this next adventure and return to UNR next spring to complete her graduate studies. Ms. Everest presented a PowerPoint entitled "The end of the beginning..." and spoke of her deep appreciation for the opportunities provided to her from the incredible support she has received through her education at UNR.

Dr. Douglas Boyle is the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Creative Activities at the University of Nevada Reno (UNR). Dr. Boyle is responsible for building research and creative opportunities for faculty and students at the new UNR campus in Incline Village, NV. He supports and manages faculty, staff, and students in their effort to communicate their work, find and secure external funding, partner with collaborators, and broaden their impact. He works with individuals and interdisciplinary teams to develop and expand the relevance of their research and creative activities to and connections with state and federal governments, industry, foundations, and non-profit organizations. Dr. Boyle is a professor and former Chair of the Geography Department at UNR. He is also the former Nevada State Climatologist and the former Director of the Nevada Water Resources Research Institute. Dr. Boyle earned a BS in Aerospace Engineering in 1989 from the University of Southern California, an MS in Hydrology and Hydrogeology in 1996 from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a PhD in Hydrology and Systems Engineering in 2000 from the University of Arizona. Dr. Boyle's research interests involve using integrated computer-based modeling of hydrologic processes to understand the impacts of historic and future climate on water resources in arid and semi-arid environments using paleoclimate information (e.g., pluvial lakeshore dating, glacial moraines, tree ring records, and other climate indicators), global climate model output, and instrumental ground-based information. The National Science Foundation, NASA, USGS, USBR, and many other governmental agencies have supported his research. Dr. Boyle presented a PowerPoint highlighting climate variability and the mountain climate laboratory.

3. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided in-person or written public comment in support of full implementation and funding of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA):

- Ryan Abrahamian (*Abrahamian.Ryan0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- John Aliano (*Aliano.John0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Ashley Andrews (*Andrews.Ashley0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Molly Appel
- Christine Beaudry (*Beaudry.Christine0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Hiren Bhavsar (*Bhavsar.Hiren0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Sarah Binger-Grosjean (*Binger-Grosjean.Sarah0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Adam Burgess (*Burgess.Adam0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Jennifer Byrnes (*Byrnes.JenniferF0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Pam Call (*Call.Pam0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- James Collier (*Collier.James0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Ryan Coulter-Haigh (*Coulter-Haigh.Ryan0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Angie Crowther (*Crowther.Angie0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Courtney Danforth (*Danforth.Courtney0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Dawson Deal
- Seth Dee (*Dee.Seth0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Najat Elgeberi (*Elgeberi.Najat0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Kent Ervin (*Ervin.Kent0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Spencer Eusden (*Eusden.Spencer0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Allison Evans (*Evans.Allison0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Pamela Everett (*Everett.Pamela0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Eelke Folmer (*Folmer.Eelke0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Linzy Garcia (*Garcia.Linzy0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Ryan Garcia (*Garcia.Ryan0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Prisca Gayles (*Gayles.Prisca0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Stephanie L. Gibson (*Gibson.StephanieL0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Cydney Giroux (*Giroux.Cydney0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Ian M. Hartshorn (*Hartshorn.IanM0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Kristin Heath (*Heath.Kristin0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Emily Hobson (*Hobson.Emily0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Zeb Hogan (*Hogan.Zeb0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Keith Hooper (*Hooper.Keith0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Renata Keller (*Keller.Renata0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Agnes Koos (*Koos.Agnes0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Eric Marchand
- Shantel Marshall
- Jim New
- Cara Nine (*Nine.Cara0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Kathryn Pflughoeft (*Pflughoeft.Kathryn0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar (*Rogozen-Soltar.Mikaela0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- David Rondel (*Rondel.David0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Flora Rudacille (*Rudacille.Floro0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Todd Ruecker (*Ruecker.Todd0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Phil Sharp (*Sharp.Phil0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

3. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided in-person or written public comment in support of full implementation and funding of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) – *(Continued)*

- Danny Sierra (*Sierra.Danny0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Erin Stiles (*Stiles.Erin0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Cameron Strang (*Strang.Cameron0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Paul Sumbly (*Sumbly.Paul0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Mark Taormino (*Taormino.Mark0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Gerald Turner (*Turner.Gerald0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Douglas A. Unger (*Unger.DouglasA0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Carolyn Warner (*Warner.Carolyn0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Norman Whittaker (*Whittaker.Norman0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Carla Wright (*Wright.Carla0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Kent Ervin and the Nevada Faculty Alliance provided a signature petition in support of the full implementation and funding of COLAs. (*NFA.Petition0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided written public comment in support of the *Procedures & Guidelines Manual* revision concerning student health insurance rates (Item 21):

- Malia Sanderson (*Sanderson.Malia0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided in-person public comment related to the IDEA Committee and the IDEA Council’s annual retreat:

- Dana Trimble

The following individual provided in-person public comment requesting a comparative investigation into unfair interview practices she received as a candidate for the Vice President of Student Affairs at CSN:

- Dr. Felicia Thomas

The following individual provided in-person public comment expressing his gratitude for the support of Graduate Student Stipends and COLA while increasing the number of graduate teaching assistant lines at both universities while at the Nevada Legislature:

- Matthew Hawn

4. Information Only – Regents’ Welcome, Introductions and Reports

Regent Del Carlo reported she attended 11 commencement ceremonies, and it was a different experience watching family members graduate. She also attended the Women of Achievement luncheon in Reno, where WNC’s Dr. Dana Ryan was honored. UNR President Sandoval was a featured speaker at the Edawn luncheon, and he also won an award for his promotion of education. She also attends the regular meetings of the Northern Nevada Development Authority. Regent Del Carlo announced the early bird registration deadline for the ACCT Leadership Conference in Las Vegas on October 9-12, 2023. She urged the regents to attend. She will attend the ACCT Annual Retreat for the Board of

4. Information Only – Regents’ Welcome, Introductions and Reports – (Continued)

Directors in San Antonio, Texas. She thanked all who provided Public Comment in support of COLA.

Regent Perkins acknowledged past Regent Kevin Melcher, nominated as Alumnus of the Year from the UNR Alumni Association, and Mr. Scott Anderson, Internal Audit Officer in Charge, retiring from NSHE in August.

Regent Carvalho thanked UNLV, NSC, and WNC for the outstanding commencement ceremonies that she attended. She also participated in the Northern Nevada Correctional Center commencement ceremony. It was impactful, and she was proud to be a part of a system that offers education for all. Regent Carvalho attended the DRI inaugural Science at the Springs event, and she participated in the UNR College of Engineering strategic planning process. She enjoyed attending NSC’s Roaring 20s Celebration. She was privileged to be a Voices in Voting Summit panelist at the Springs Preserve. In April at UNLV, she was honored as a Distinguished Alumna from the Department of Anthropology. She thanked the College of Liberal Arts for recognizing her. She thanked Vice Chair Arrascada and Regents Brown and Del Carlo for attending and supporting her.

Regent Downs attended awards ceremonies at TMCC, WNC, and UNR. He enjoyed celebrating students, family, and staff at several commencement ceremonies. Regent Downs believed it was important for the Board to come together and show the voters why they still need a Board of Regents that they can elect.

Regent Brown welcomed the new and returning student body presidents and faculty senate chairs. NSHE had almost 11,000 graduates across the system. She was privileged to attend 14 commencements and witnessed 8,500 students walk across the stage to celebrate their achievements. She took a moment to acknowledge the recently concluded legislative session. It was an incredibly insightful and rewarding experience. The institutional advocates did an outstanding job; their commitment, hard work, and sacrifices are commendable. She attended four of the institutions’ lobby days and witnessed the enthusiasm and passion of the faculty, staff, and students as they engaged with policymakers and advocated for their institutions. Regent Brown recognized recent graduate Amanda Vaskov, who passed two pieces of legislation pending the Governor’s approval. Regent Brown stated she is appreciative of the support she has received, and she looks forward to continued learning opportunities.

Regent Cruz-Crawford shared examples of how the institutions have touched her K-12 and military communities:

- DRI – K-5 students are interacting with the Robotics program for free.
- CSN – Her daughter graduated from the high school program with 38 college credits.
- NSC – She spoke with first-generation immigrant students NSSA President Osorio Hernández and Vice President Rivera Perez, and their stories of perseverance.
- TMCC – A current national guard member is taking the pre-courses to enter the Nursing program. She is now working in the Military Resource Center.
- GBC – Toured the National Guard Building, School of Mines.

4. Information Only – Regents’ Welcome, Introductions and Reports – (Continued)

- WNC – Opening its Veterans Resource Center.
- UNLV – Six of her teachers graduated with a master's degree from UNLV.
- UNR – Daughter will attend in the fall, and President Sandoval showed her some of the history of the buildings.

5. Information Only – Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance Report – Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance (NSA) and WNC ASWN President Suzanna Stankute introduced NSA members. NSA Chair Stankute provided the following highlights:

- UNR ASUN
 - The ASUN Department of IDEA has started partnering with the Northern Nevada Pride Parade and is co-sponsor alongside the University during Pride Month.
 - The ASUN Legislative Priorities are now waiting for the Governor's approval.
 - ASUN has started the new Path to the Pack Program, which reframed the ASUN internship to a partnership to be better inclusive for students.
- UNR GSA
 - The GSA partnered with the Nevada Alumni Association to hold its bi-annual Clothing Drive.
 - The GSA held its first Unity in Diversity Event, celebrating the diversity that makes up Higher Education.
 - GSA President Matthew Hawn was elected to the Chair of the National Graduate Student Coalition – GRAD to help represent issues graduate students face on the National level at the U.S. House of Representatives in the GRAD Caucus.
- TMCC SGA
 - The SGA will continue its Student Scope project, locating and promoting lizard-friendly businesses in Northern Nevada.
 - SGA goals include:
 - Increase its outreach and let the students know they are there for them.
 - Strive to hold more social and engagement events to get their name and voices out there, helping to foster a joint relationship between the SGA and the TMCC student body.
 - To advocate for TMCC’s students, helping amplify their voices at the board meetings or Nevada legislators.
- NSC NSSA
 - NSSA is dedicated to community outreach, addressing food and housing insecurity, and advocating for undocumented and DACAmented students.
 - NSSA is focused on engaging with local communities through educational workshops and volunteer programs.
 - NSSA is committed to raising awareness and collaborating with local community organizations to combat food and housing insecurity.

5. Information Only – Chair of the Nevada Student Alliance Report – (Continued)

- NSC NSSA – (Continued)
 - Through awareness campaigns and policy advocacy, NSSA advocates for inclusive support and equal opportunities for undocumented and DACAmented students.
 - NSSA wants to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - NSSA's commitment reflects its aim to enhance student lives and foster an inclusive academic community.
- UNLV GPSA
 - The GPSA will focus on improving mental health quality for graduate and professional students.
 - The GPSA will foster community through social and service activities for graduate and professional students.
 - The GPSA will update the governing structure and documents for GPSA.
 - The GPSA will create and maintain a new pipeline for students coming into grad school and graduating into the workforce.
 - The GPSA will increase awareness of GPSA and its resources.
- WNC ASWN
 - ASWN held elections, and she is excited to have the opportunity to serve WNC's student body for another year.
 - ASWN attended WNC's Day at the Legislature and advocated for its student's needs.
 - ASWN is working on a resolution to support students' mental health needs.
 - ASWN hosted Awards and Appreciation, an event that highlighted the best and brightest of Western Nevada College.
 - WNC received a \$10,000 Community Support Services Grant from the City of Carson City to support the Wildcat Reserve Food Pantry.
- CSN ASCSN
 - ASCSN will create a student bill of rights. Former ASCSN President Yvette Machado brought the project forward, and her student government postponed the document indefinitely. The new ASCSN Administration devised a plan for the next few months to research information and survey their students so they can put their input into the student bill of rights.
 - ASCSN will engage with their students through the summer and fall, ensuring their voices are heard.

6. Information Only – NSHE Classified Council Report – NSHE Classified Council Secretary and WNC Classified Council Chair Natasha Anderson thanked everyone for their hard work on COLA, which will go into effect starting in July. She voiced concern regarding comp time at the institutions and whether they are equal among all campuses. She also requested clear communication with all classified staff.

7. Information Only – Chair of the Faculty Senate Chairs Report – Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Chairs and CSN Faculty Senate Chair Tracy Sherman stated the Faculty Senate Chairs express thanks to the Chancellor and the Board for their hard work on

7. Information Only – Chair of the Faculty Senate Chairs Report – (Continued)

obtaining a much-needed COLA increase for employees, helping them feel valued and appreciated. Faculty leaders would like to be included in the ongoing dialog about how the remaining necessary funds to complete the COLA process are found and would like the opportunity to work collaboratively with leadership to identify the most sustainable and equitable path forward.

Academic freedom is always necessary for faculty to continue delivering high-quality education to NSHE learners. Per the Code, academic freedom is tantamount to our First Amendment right to Freedom of Speech. Protecting faculty working and teaching conditions means protecting and enhancing student learning conditions. The Board's continued support of faculty rights enhances each campus environment which is necessary for its continuous effort to keep Nevada institutions some of the best in the nation.

Chair Sherman, speaking on behalf of some faculty, but not all, said there is concern that specific Board policies, particularly those relating to employee relations, are being mishandled. These should be clarified to keep administrators from abusing Board policy due to loopholes. This holds the real potential to have repercussions throughout the entire system. Policies should be utilized as the Board of Regents intended.

The Senate Chairs thank the Board for engaging Governor Lombardo regarding institutional remote work policies. Some institutions are concerned that remote work policies might exclude student workers, who contribute significantly to institutional welfare, retention, and success.

Faculty feel encouraged by the Board's dedication to shared governance by including faculty voices in the search for the new Chancellor. Everyone knows the importance of this position. The faculty look forward to meeting the finalists and offering opinions about the future of our system.

Finally, the outgoing Faculty Senate Chairs thank the Board for graciously welcoming our comments and concerns. We strive to represent our unique faculty and the independent needs of each institution. We have been honored to act on behalf of our colleagues.

8. Information Only – Chancellor's Report – Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated there had been discussions about COLA and that the Board must set it for professional employees. There will be a special meeting before July 1, 2023. Classified employees will automatically receive the 12 percent on July 1, 2023. Governor Lombardo signed the Bill creating Juneteenth as a state holiday, effective upon passage and approval. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga commended the Board for its Resolution supporting Juneteenth. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga thanked Andrew Clinger for his service to NSHE.

Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated the students have been his favorite part of the job. He told the Student Body Presidents that one of them would one day sit as Chancellor. He thanked them for giving him hope over the last year.

9. Information Only – Board Chairman’s Report – Chair Brooks reported that May has been busy for Board members, staff, the System Office, and the institutions. As a state, well over 10,000 students graduated in numerous commencement ceremonies. He stated he was privileged to be the keynote speaker at the UNR Veterans Graduation Ceremony. He thanked John Pratt and Veterans Services for the invitation and hospitality. Chair Brooks thanked all the Regents that participated in commencement ceremonies throughout the state and congratulated all the students that graduated. The success of students lies with the institutions and could not be possible without the support of faculty and administrators that work tirelessly to ensure student success.

Chair Brooks stated he had the opportunity to participate in the Operation BattleBorn: Ruck to Remember with the UNLV Rebel Vets. This event takes place over ten days, beginning in Carson City and moving through the state to the Boulder City Memorial Cemetery, where 7,000 service member dog tags are carried. The event is done collaboratively between the Truckee Meadows Veterans Club, the UNR Veterans Services Office, and the UNLV Rebel Vets. He was able to carry dog tags in honor of Aaron Manfredi, former President of the UNLV Veterans Association. It was a beautiful event. He cannot overstate the importance of the work conducted by all the campus veteran organizations.

Chair Brooks stated this Legislative Session was one of the most politically challenging sessions he has witnessed. He thanked the Governor for supporting higher education budget restoration and other funding, particularly graduate student stipends. He found it unfortunate that the amendment to support responsible COLA funding was not heard.

Chair Brooks looks forward to the critical work ahead in the search for a new Chancellor. Long after the members of this Board are gone, the institutions will still be standing and will probably have new challenges to face. The Board’s focus should be entirely on those areas where the Board can make a difference through policy to support enrollment, student success, and the improvement of institutional capabilities.

The meeting recessed at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:48 a.m. with all members present except Regent Boylan.

Regent Downs disclosed he is an employee of Western Nevada College. Because the independence of judgment of a reasonable person could be materially affected, he will abstain from the vote on Item 10e (Collective Bargaining Agreement, WNC NFA). He disclosed the relationship under NRS Chapter 281A.

10. Approved – Consent Items – The Board approved the consent items except for Items 10c (Nomination, Nevada State Board of Education) and Item 10e (Collective Bargaining Agreement, WNC NFA), which were considered separately.
- 10a. Approved – Minutes – The Board approved the March 10, 2023, meeting minutes. (*Ref. BOR-10a on file in the Board Office.*)
- 10b. Approved – Allocations of Grants-In-Aid, 2023-2024 – The Board approved the total number of grants-in-aid allocated to each NSHE institution for academic year 2023-2024.

10. Approved – Consent Items – (Continued)

10b. Approved – Allocations of Grants-In-Aid, 2023-2024 – (Continued)

	<u>IN-STATE</u>	<u>OUT-OF-STATE</u>
UNR	598	598
UNLV	916	916
NSC	215	215
CSN	905	905
GBC	99	99
TMCC	302	302
WNC	112	112

10d. Approved – Appointment, Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education – The Board approved the appointment of Shaun Mabanta to the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education as required by Senate Bill 347 of the 2021 Legislative Session. (Ref. BOR-10d on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Brown moved approval of the consent items except for Items 10c (Nomination, Nevada State Board of Education) and Item 10e (Collective Bargaining Agreement, WNC NFA), which were considered separately. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Regent Boylan was absent.

Consent items considered separately.

10c. No Action Taken – Nomination, Nevada State Board of Education – Discussion was held, but no action was taken.

Regent Brown nominated Regent Cruz-Crawford to serve on the Nevada State Board of Education.

Regent Brown believed the Board would be greatly served by having a subject-matter expert serve in the position.

Regent Cruz-Crawford expressed interest in the position because of her 20 years of experience teaching and leading K-12 institutions. One unique thing about being a principal is that she is in a role that can create policy and legislation and how it touches students. Regent Arrascada has done an excellent job with the Nevada State Board of Education. She would be honored to have the position but wanted to ensure that the Board has healthy relationships.

Consent items considered separately.

10c. No Action Taken – Nomination, Nevada State Board of Education – (Continued)

Deputy Attorney General Greg D. Ott pointed out the language was written to approve an existing nomination. If this item fails, the Board can bring back another nomination at a future meeting.

Chair Brooks appreciated the clarification. If the vote fails, the Board can bring back the item to nominate and approve someone for the position. Typically, the Board has nominated the sitting member for a second term.

In response to a question from Regent Brager, Chair Brooks stated it is an appointment by the Governor. However, the Board makes the nomination, and then the Governor appoints. Chair Brooks clarified the nomination process calls for a one-year term, but the Regent typically serves two years.

Regent Perkins stated she supports the nomination of Regent Cruz-Crawford because of her experience in K-12.

Chair Brooks asked Deputy Attorney General Ott if this item could be brought back at another date with a different nominee. Deputy Attorney General Ott stated the Board does not have to take a vote if it does not want to.

10e. Approved – Collective Bargaining Agreement, WNC NFA – The Board approved the WNC NFA contract negotiated between the WNC administration and the Nevada Faculty Alliance on behalf of the WNC Faculty for the contract period of June 10, 2023, to June 30, 2025. (Ref. BOR-10e on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Perkins moved approval of Item 10e (Collective Bargaining Agreement, WNC NFA). Regent Carvalho seconded. Motion carried. Regent Downs abstained. Regent Boylan was absent.

11. Information Only – 2023-25 Biennial Budget Update – Acting Chancellor Dale A.R. Erquiaga and Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger provided a PowerPoint update on the adoption of the 2023-25 Biennial Budget by the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature and other matters related thereto. (Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Goodman stated she had heard about disparities students see when taking courses at different locations. Acting Chancellor Erquiaga said there are disparities among fees when taking classes at various institutions. Transferability is also a problem in small instances. NSHE needs a Workforce Development plan that coincides with an Economic Development Plan instead of the programs individually working for one another.

11. Information Only – 2023-25 Biennial Budget Update – (Continued)

Regent Perkins agreed with Acting Chancellor Erquiaga that the System needed to work together and not compete against one another. There needs to be one single message that benefits the System.

12. Information Only – 2023 Legislative Session Update – Acting Chancellor Dale A.R. Erquiaga and Director of Government Relations Alejandro Rodriguez provided an update on the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature. (Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Brown thanked Director of Government Relations Rodriguez for his hard work and requested a round of applause.

Regents Goodman and Tarkanian thanked Acting Chancellor Erquiaga and Director of Government Relations Rodriguez.

Acting Chancellor Erquiaga added that the institutions also have their staff in Carson City, as the System Office could not do it alone.

Regent Cruz-Crawford stated that she is excited about AB 323. She is working with Superintendent Ebert to create coherence. She said she also worked on AB 428 from inception to the presentation. AB 428 is her life's work coming to fruition, becoming a licensed teacher with tuition abatement.

13. Information Only – Legislative Audits – NSHE Response, Policy Revision Update – Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger provided an update on the development of policy revisions in response to the 2022 Performance Audits conducted for Capital Construction Projects, Institution Foundations, and the Self-Supporting and Reserve Accounts.

Regent Perkins thanked Chief Financial Officer Clinger and his team for all they do.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:19 p.m. with all members present except Regent Boylan.

14. Information Only – Student Success Programs and Activities – The Board discussed the importance of activities and programs designed to support student success. Student success is a strategic goal of the Board that is intended to direct strategies across the System that support student engagement and the successful accomplishment of every student's educational goal(s). Each President presented the activities, initiatives, and programs designed to support student success at their institution.

Regent Carvalho left the meeting.

14. Information Only – Student Success Programs and Activities – (Continued)

TMCC President Hilgersom shared how TMCC serves TMCC Student Veterans within the Veterans Resource Center and the Veterans Upward Bound Program, supported by a federal grant for 34 years. The mission of the Veterans Resource Center is to assist student veterans in their successful transition from military service to the academic environment and to assist military-connected students with any benefit questions. TMCC President Hilgersom announced that TMCC was awarded \$300,000 from the Nevada Military Support Alliance to help renovate the Veterans Resource Center. TMCC President Hilgersom highlighted TMCC's student success initiatives.

Regent Carvalho entered the meeting.

CSN President Zaragoza shared that CSN is a part of the national Complete College America Guided Pathway group of colleges and universities committed to improving graduation completion and student success rates utilizing guided pathway model components that focus on systemic improvement in four areas. CSN President Zaragoza highlighted CSN's student success initiatives.

DRI President Acharya stated that although DRI does not grant degrees, it has a vital role in student success across NSHE. DRI currently has 24 graduate students working alongside DRI scientists. DRI funds their research, and they gain experience working alongside world-renowned scientists while working on their graduate degrees at other NSHE institutions. DRI also employs undergraduates in some of its labs. DRI's undergraduate research internship program targets diverse students from community colleges and universities from STEM and non-STEM majors.

GBC President Helens shared that GBC has tried to provide an understanding that there must be a student success framework to create a well-lit path for students. GBC was the first institution to start the Second Chance Pell experiment for incarcerated individuals to allow them to take part in eligible postsecondary programs. GBC sought to fill the gap in this framework so no one is forgotten. Secondly, GBC realized that they must reach down into the school districts to address gaps that may arise later.

NSC President Pollard stated at NSC, they define student success in terms of attainment of the degree and the quality of the educational experience. The successful student for NSC is one that graduates but also one that undergoes a transformational experience on their path to graduation. NSC's ultimate goal is to deliver an educational environment and experience that provides students with singular opportunities to achieve their highest possible level. NSC President Pollard highlighted NSC's student success initiatives.

WNC President Dalpe stated WNC's ultimate measure of success is getting students across the finish line. This year, WNC had more than 500 students complete a degree or certificate; each student has a unique story. WNC President Dalpe highlighted the Disability Support Services Office. At WNC this past semester, more than 200 students accessed services, and the most common accommodations are extended exam time, alternative textbooks, and note-taking. Students can also access read-and-write software

14. Information Only – Student Success Programs and Activities – (Continued)

(WNC – Continued)

that offers text-to-speech and speech-to-text options. The office ensures all students can access visual content in an audio format. Other services are based on need.

UNLV President Whitfield stated as an access university with a high number of first-generation Pell-eligible students and as a federally recognized Minority-Serving Institution (MSI), Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) UNLV is dedicated to advancing equity and inclusion and committed to ensuring every student receives the support they need to succeed. UNLV has a holistic approach to student success. UNLV President Whitfield highlighted UNLV's Rebel Ready Week program and a comprehensive onboarding program that lasts the whole first-year experience.

UNR President Sandoval stated UNR is committed to student success in all aspects of its mission. Goals are set in UNR's 2023-2027 strategic plan, Wolf Pack Rising. Goal one is to strengthen the Pack and enable inclusive excellence for students. UNR President Sandoval highlighted the following initiatives to improve student success: NevadaFIT; Digital Wolf Pack Initiative; decreased student-advisor ratio; increased access to open educational resources; academic recovery program; Navigate; transfer student support service; and the Disability Resource Center.

15. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, GBC – Great Basin College President Joyce M. Helens presented data and metrics on GBC's progress in achieving the strategic goals adopted by the Board designed to compare the performance of NSHE and its institutions to other states or respective peers in five key areas: 1) increasing access to higher education; 2) improving student success; 3) closing institutional performance gaps; 4) meeting workforce needs in Nevada; and 5) increasing solutions-focused research. *(Ref. BOR-15 on file in the Board Office.)*

Regent Goodman thanked GBC President Helens for the presentation and her enthusiasm.

Regent Carvalho clarified that page ten was a great example of additional information and data showing that 17 ½ percent of first-time, full-time degree-seeking students graduated. She noted this type of information could be shared by all the institutions. GBC President Helens responded that Regent Carvalho is correct, which is why context is so critical in data analysis. GBC President Helens agreed that seeing the most complete information at community colleges is good.

Regent Del Carlo thanked GBC President Helens for a great report. One size does not fit all. It is good to have a System, but the difference among institutions must be recognized, especially in a rural Community College.

Regent Brown agreed that a one size fits all presentation is just more fodder for the argument that there should be two boards: one for the community colleges and one for the

15. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, GBC – (Continued)

Universities. She noted she has an item for New Business because she thinks the System must do better and ask for information that tells the whole story.

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – The motion failed to commence a search for the Chief Internal Auditor without the assistance of a search firm, to be conducted by a search committee comprised of the Chair of the Board of Regents and the members of the Audit Compliance and Title IX Committee with the final appointment to be made by the full Board at a future meeting. (Ref. BOR-24 on file in the Board Office.)

Pursuant to the *Board of Regents Handbook*, Title 4, Chapter 9, A, Section 4, the Chief Internal Auditor shall have a dual reporting responsibility directly to the Chair of the Board of Regents and the Chair of the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee on all substantive matters. The Chair of the Board of Regents shall administratively supervise the Chief Internal Auditor, including overseeing all aspects of employment. Additionally, any search to fill a vacancy in the Chief Internal Auditor position shall be jointly conducted by the Chair of the Board of Regents and the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee members.

Regent Perkins suggested that the Board appoint an interim Chief Internal Auditor to give the Committee time to perform a search.

Chair Brooks added that Scott Anderson came in as interim when Joe Sunbury left. Mr. Anderson will retire on August 6, so the Board has until then to fill the position. Chair Brooks believed the agenda language provided options to begin the search process. He added that he is not a CPA and that there are people much more qualified to hire a Chief Internal Auditor.

Regent Perkins clarified that Mr. Anderson is an Officer in Charge because the Board did not appoint him.

Regent Carvalho asked about a succession plan within the Audit Department. Chair Brooks offered that successors are a System challenge. When Mr. Sunbury left, he performed his due diligence to ensure that someone was in place temporarily.

Regent Brown stated that based on her limited time on the Board, she would favor an interim.

Regent Del Carlo asked whether Regent Perkins has someone in mind to fill the interim position. Regent Perkins stated there is an employee with over ten years of experience that would serve the System well as an interim. Regent Del Carlo agreed with an interim appointment because searches take time.

Deputy Attorney General Ott clarified that while the discussion is fine at this point, the Board could not appoint an interim today.

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – (Continued)

Regent Brager asked if there was a policy in place. Chair Brooks stated the policies are attached to the agenda item as reference material. His thought was that a search should begin now, and if the search does not yield the results that would benefit the Board, then it could come back so the Board for further discussion.

Regent Brager noted she had read the policy, which is laid out exactly as Chair Brooks stated. She asked if he was asking for a motion. Chair Brooks said he was looking for a recommendation on a specific type of search, whether that includes a search firm, Human Resources, or an internal search committee.

Regent Brager believed policies should be laid out for such instances, so the Board does not have to discuss each time.

Regent Brager moved to appoint an interim Chief Internal Auditor, initiate a search, and determine whether an outside search firm will be utilized. Regent Tarkanian seconded.

Regent Tarkanian agreed that a lot of time is wasted reviewing policy and procedures.

Chair Brooks clarified the motion to move forward with a search but use an outside search firm for the hiring. Regent Brager stated that if hiring an outside search firm is economically sound, she would agree.

Chair Brooks stated that Interim Chief of Staff Keri Nikolajewski suggested that a search commence and then allow the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee to designate what that search looks like.

Regent Perkins stated the Board has already set a precedent on interim appointments, and she is asking the Board to follow that precedent and hire an interim Chief Internal Auditor.

Deputy Attorney General Ott reiterated that the agenda language does not include an interim appointment. The discussion around an interim is relevant, but a temporary appointment must be made at a future meeting.

Regent Brager withdrew her motion.

Regent Perkins asked that the item be moved to a future agenda to discuss available options robustly.

Chair Brooks was concerned with the timeline and stated the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee could at least move forward with formulating a search process.

16. Motion Failed – Chief Internal Auditor Search (Agenda Item 24) – (Continued)

In response to a question from Regent Perkins related to the process, Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski suggested the following Friday as a potential meeting date, but added that since the Board Chair is a part of the decision-making process, it would be a meeting of the entire Board and not the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee.

Chair Brooks asked Regent Perkins if she would entertain a motion for the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee to begin a search and discussions. If there are issues, the full Board could then meet to address an interim appointment. Regent Perkins asked that the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee discuss an interim appointment or move the whole discussion to a future Board meeting.

Chair Brooks asked if June 16, 2023, was a suitable date for a meeting. Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski responded yes, but she would need the exact parameters for the agenda item. However, there is still an option to take action today to commence a search. The formation of a search committee is written in policy. That search committee could define the parameters to move forward, and if there is no hire by the time Mr. Anderson exits the position, then an interim/acting appointment could be made.

Vice Chair Arrascada moved to commence a search for the Chief Internal Auditor without the assistance of a search firm, to be conducted by a search committee comprised of the Chair of the Board of Regents and the members of the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee with the final appointment to be made by the full Board at a future meeting.

Regent Tarkanian asked what in the agenda language prevents the Board from appointing an interim. Deputy Attorney Ott stated the Open Meeting Law requires that the matters to be discussed by the public body be fully set forward in the agenda language so members of the public can know what the body will be speaking about. Because there is no mention of an interim appointment, the public has no notice that the Board will consider an interim appointment.

Regent Brager seconded.

Regent Perkins stated she had provided language that would have allowed the Board to discuss an interim appointment that the Chair rejected. Chair Brooks said some conversations took place regarding the makeup of the agenda language and considerations that the language was not brought forward within policy guidelines.

Motion failed via a roll call vote. Chair Brooks, Vice Chair Arrascada, and Regents Brager, Downs, and Goodman voted yes. Regents Brown, Carvalho, Cruz-Crawford, Del Carlo, McMichael, Perkins, and Tarkanian voted no. Regent Boylan was absent.

17. Approved – Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education (Agenda Item 16) – The Board approved the sexual misconduct climate survey instrument recommended by the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education and developed by researchers from NSHE institutions and to require that each NSHE institution administer the sexual misconduct climate survey during the 2023-2024 academic year with the changes Dr. Gunn outlined. *(Ref. BOR-16 on file in the Board Office.)*

Regent Perkins left the meeting.

Acting Chancellor Dale A.R. Erquiaga and Task Force Chair Dr. Elizabeth Gunn presented the sexual misconduct climate survey instrument recommended by the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education and developed by researchers from NSHE institutions. Dr. Gunn discussed the legislative change from sexual misconduct to power based violence and requested that the Task Force be authorized to make changes to the survey consistent with AB 245 upon implementation.

Regent Carvalho thanked Dr. Gunn for her leadership and expertise and the diligent work of the Task Force. She also thanked Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for sourcing the funds for the survey instrument.

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the sexual misconduct climate survey instrument recommended by the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education and developed by researchers from NSHE institutions and to require that each NSHE institution administer the sexual misconduct climate survey during the 2023-2024 academic year with the changes Dr. Gunn outlined. Vice Chair Arrascada seconded.

In response to a question from Regent Cruz-Crawford related to when students receive the survey, Dr. Gunn responded the Task Force did discuss ideal distribution dates, and it was determined that surveys receive the most response if they capture students before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

18. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, TMCC (Agenda Item 17) – Truckee Meadows Community College President Karin M. Hilgersom presented data and metrics on TMCC's progress in achieving the strategic goals adopted by the Board designed to compare the performance of NSHE and its institutions to other states or respective peers in five key areas: 1) increasing access to higher education; 2) improving student success; 3) closing institutional performance gaps; 4) meeting workforce needs in Nevada; and 5) increasing solutions-focused research. *(Ref. BOR-17 on file in the Board Office.)*

Regent Goodman stated it is her job to advocate for the institutions, and the stories in the video help her do that. She thanked President Hilgersom for the presentation.

18. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, TMCC (Agenda Item 17) – (Continued)

Regent Brager thanked TMCC President Hilgersom for energizing her. All forms of education are essential. Her passion is two-year institutions. There are segments of the population that has gifts and skills, and they can flourish in the environment that two-year institutions provide.

Regent Carvalho thanked TMCC President Hilgersom for the presentation.

In response to a question from Regent Carvalho asking how TMCC gets first-time part-time students back if they drop out, TMCC President Hilgersom responded TMCC had not found something that makes significant improvements that match the investment for part-time students.

Regent Del Carlo thanked TMCC President Hilgersom for her passion. She agreed that the Board must come together and figure out a way to tell the stories of the community colleges in a much better way.

19. Approved – Handbook Revision, Congressional Medal of Honor Fee Waiver (Agenda Item 18) – The Board approved a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 15) providing a waiver of registration fees, laboratory fees and other mandatory fees for an eligible member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. *(Ref. BOR-18 on file in the Board Office.)*

Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Patricia Charlton presented a waiver of registration fees, laboratory fees, and other mandatory fees for an eligible member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who receives the Congressional Medal of Honor. The waiver is applied against the balance of registration, laboratory, and other mandatory fees after any veteran education benefits and Title IV federal grant and aid. Recipients of the waiver will be deemed bona fide residents for tuition purposes.

Regent Cruz-Crawford moved approval of a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 15) providing a waiver of registration fees, laboratory fees and other mandatory fees for an eligible member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boyland and Perkins were absent.

Regent Carvalho thanked Regent McMichael for bringing this item forward.

20. Approved – Handbook Revision, NSHE Police and Security Forces (Agenda Item 19) – The Board approved a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12) requiring that annual security reports to the Board include information regarding incidents targeting individuals based on their race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. *(Ref. BOR-19 on file in the Board Office.)*

20. Approved – Handbook Revision, NSHE Police and Security Forces (Agenda Item 19) – (Continued)

Vice President of Public Safety Services, University Police Services Southern Command Adam Garcia presented a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12) requiring that annual security reports to the Board include information regarding incidents targeting individuals based on their race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.

Regent McMichael moved approval of a revision to Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 12) requiring that annual security reports to the Board include information regarding incidents targeting individuals based on their race, religion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. Regent Tarkanian seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

The meeting recessed at 2:53 p.m. and reconvened at 3:08 p.m. with all members present except Regents Boylan and Perkins.

21. Information Only – Code and Handbook Revisions, Definition of “State College” (Agenda Item 20) – During the 2023 Session of the Nevada Legislature, Senate Bill 273 was introduced recognizing the name change of Nevada State College to Nevada State University. The measure amends NRS 396.005 to define “state college” to mean all of the state colleges within the Nevada System of Higher Education including, without limitation, the state college known as Nevada State University. The amendments proposed herein make Board policy consistent with the provisions of state law and are presented pending the enactment of Senate Bill 273. This proposal includes a Code revision that requires two hearings before the Board. As such, the item is presented for information and will be brought back to a future meeting for final action. (Ref. BOR-20 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)

22. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Student Health Insurance Fees (Agenda Item 21) – The Board approved a revision to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 11) concerning student health insurance rates for academic year 2023-2024 for UNR, UNLV, and NSC international students. (Ref. BOR-21 on file in the Board Office.)

Chief Financial Officer Clinger presented a revision to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 11) concerning student health insurance rates for academic year 2023-2024 for UNR, UNLV, and NSC international students.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Arrascada related to the percentage of students that utilize the Student Health Center, Chief Financial Officer Clinger stated he would have to return with that information.

22. Approved – Procedures and Guidelines Manual Revision, Student Health Insurance Fees (Agenda Item 21) – (Continued)

Regent McMichael moved approval of a revision to the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* (Chapter 7, Section 11) concerning student health insurance rates for academic year 2023-2024 for UNR, UNLV, and NSC international students. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

23. Approved – Code Revision, Rules and Disciplinary Procedures for Faculty Except DRI, and Degree Revocations (Agenda Item 22) – The Board approved a revision to the Code (Title 2, Chapter 6) that aligns the disciplinary procedures for professional staff with existing NSHE policy and procedures and federal Title IX regulations and serves to remove inapplicable references and update certain terms. (Ref. BOR-22 on file in the Board Office.)

Associate General Counsel Lynda King presented a revision to the Code that aligns the disciplinary procedures for professional staff with existing NSHE policy and procedures and federal Title IX regulations. Further, the revision serves to remove inapplicable references and update certain terms. Pursuant to Title 2, Chapter 1, Section 1.3.3(a), the proposed revision was circulated by the Acting Chancellor to each institution President and each senate for review and comment on May 9, 2023, in accordance with the 30-day notice requirement before consideration may be requested of the Board.

Regent Downs disclosed he is an employee of Western Nevada College. Because the independence of judgment of a reasonable person would not be materially affected, he will vote on this matter. He disclosed the relationship under NRS Chapter 281A.

Regent McMichael moved approval of a revision to the Code (Title 2, Chapter 6) that aligns the disciplinary procedures for professional staff with existing NSHE policy and procedures and federal Title IX regulations and serves to remove inapplicable references and update certain terms. Vice Chair Arrascada seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

24. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, DRI (Agenda Item 23) – Desert Research Institute President Kumud Acharya presented data and metrics on DRI’s progress in achieving the strategic goals adopted by the Board designed to compare the performance of NSHE and its institutions to other states or respective peers. (Ref. BOR-23 on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Brown stated DRI is Nevada’s best-kept secret. DRI does cutting-edge research, has an economic impact, environmental stewardship, water resource management, and is a collaborative partner.

24. Information Only – Institutional Metrics, DRI (Agenda Item 23) – (Continued)

Regent Carvalho added that DRI is also an excellent community partner. Regent Carvalho asked if DRI has any ongoing research funding in industry. DRI President Acharya stated that in 2022, approximately 76 percent of DRI's funding came from the Federal Government, and the remaining came from private and other state resources.

Regent Goodman requested that DRI's video be sent to the Regents so they can share it.

25. Withdrawn – Update on the MG52 Center Development Project on the Nevada State College Campus – The item was withdrawn.

26. Approved – New Facilities Operator for the Village at Nevada State College Student Housing – The Board approved to consent to a Facilities Operating Agreement between American Public Development, LLC and Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC, engaging Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC to function as the Facilities Operator for The Village at Nevada State College student housing facility. (Ref. BOR-26 on file in the Board Office.)

Nevada State College President DeRionne P. Pollard requested a Facilities Operating Agreement between American Public Development, LLC and Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC, engaging Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC to function as the Facilities Operator for The Village at Nevada State College student housing facility.

Regent Brown moved approval to consent to a Facilities Operating Agreement between American Public Development, LLC and Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC, engaging Capstone On-Campus Management, LLC to function as the Facilities Operator for The Village at Nevada State College student housing facility. Regent Brager seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

Chair Brooks stated that Agenda Items 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33 (*Agenda Item 28, Investment Committee; Agenda Item 29, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; Agenda Item 30, Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; Agenda Item 32, Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; Agenda Item 33, Workforce Committee*) listed in the minutes as 27-31, would be taken together as one item.

27. Approved – Investment Committee Report (Agenda Item 28) – The Board accepted the Investment Committee report and approved the Committee recommendations. (Committee report on file in the Board Office.)

The Investment Committee met on March 31, 2023, and heard the following:

Agenda Items 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33 (*Agenda Item 28, Investment Committee; Agenda Item 29, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; Agenda Item 30, Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; Agenda Item 32, Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; Agenda Item 33, Workforce Committee*) listed in the minutes as 27-31 – (Continued)

27. Approved – Investment Committee Report (Agenda Item 28) – (Continued)

Information items

- Chair’s Report – Committee Chair Carvalho welcomed the new Regents to the Committee and the other Regents who attended. She encouraged everyone to engage in asking questions.
- Investment Committee Orientation and Duties – Assistant Chief Financial Officer Rhett Vertrees presented an overview of the duties of the Nevada System of Higher Education in relation to governance and oversight of its investment activities. (*Ref. INV-4 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Endowment Pool Performances – Cambridge Associates – Wendy Walker with Cambridge Associates presented a report on asset allocations and investment returns for the Pooled Endowment Fund as of February 28, 2023. (*Ref. INV-6 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office*)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Investment Committee:

- The minutes from the September 30, 2022, meeting. (*Ref. INV-2 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Operating Pool Performance Discussion and Recommendations – Wendy Walker with Cambridge Associates presented a report on the operating fund portfolio as of February 28, 2023. (*Ref. INV-5 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.*)

The Committee recommended approval of the following rebalancing actions:

- Trim Global ex U.S. Equity to support the rebalancing of Long-Term Bonds:
 - \$10 million trim from Vanguard Developed Markets Index
- Rebalancing Long-Term Bonds closer to policy target:
 - \$5 million addition to PIMCO Total Return
 - \$5 million addition to Wells Capital Montgomery
- Annual Review of the Operating Fund Allocations and Recommendations – Assistant Chief Financial Officer Vertrees presented an annual review of the operating funds per the Board of Regents Handbook (Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 6(B)(8)). (*Ref. INV-7 on file in the Board Office.*)

The Committee recommended maintaining the current operating fund allocations.

- Outsourced Chief Investment Officer Services – Assistant Chief Financial Officer Vertrees provided an update on the current services contract with Cambridge Associates. (*Ref. INV-8 on file in the Board Office.*)

The Committee recommended approval of the amendment to extend the current contract with Cambridge Associates through December 31, 2024.

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28. Approved – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee Report (Agenda Item 29)
– The Board accepted the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee report and approved the Committee recommendation. (*Committee report on file in the Board Office.*)

The Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee met on May 17, 2023, and heard the following:

Information items

- Committee Chair Perkins provided general remarks on activities and updates since the last meeting of the Committee.
- Vice President of Public Safety Services and Director of University Police Services Southern Command Adam Garcia and Director of University Police Services Northern Command Chief Eric James provided an update on the community outreach and engagement efforts of the University Police Services Southern and Northern commands, respectively, and how these efforts serve the diverse student populations present on their campuses. (*Refs. IDEA-4a, IDEA-4b, and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.*)
- Dr. Angela Moore, Program Development Specialist for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Nevada, Reno, presented information on April 14, 2023, Northern Nevada Diversity Summit and offered general remarks about the organization and implementation of the conference. (*Ref. IDEA-5 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Committee Chair Perkins, Director of Community Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion Tillery Williams, and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga provided an update on the progress of the blind hiring pilot within the NSHE, as approved by the Committee at its February 1, 2023, meeting, and by the Board at its March 10, 2023, quarterly meeting.
- Dana Trimble, IDEA Council Chair and Human Resources Generalist and Diversity Officer, Desert Research Institute, updated IDEA-related activities at each NSHE institution.

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendation of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee:

- The minutes from the February 1, 2023, meeting. (*Ref. IDEA-2 on file in the Board Office.*)

29. Approved – Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report (Agenda Item 30)
– The Board accepted the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee report and approved the Committee recommendations. (*Committee report on file in the Board Office.*)

The Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee met on June 8, 2023, and heard the following:

Agenda Items 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33 (*Agenda Item 28, Investment Committee; Agenda Item 29, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; Agenda Item 30, Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; Agenda Item 32, Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; Agenda Item 33, Workforce Committee*) listed in the minutes as 27-31 – (*Continued*)

29. Approved – Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report (*Agenda Item 30*)
– (*Continued*)

Information items

- Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR Marcie Jackson presented highlights from the 2021-22 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report. The presentation included information on sponsored program awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions, including, but not limited to, how sponsored program funding supports NSHE strategic goals; total NSHE awards, funding distributions, and highlights per institution; and distribution of state program matching funds. (*Refs. ARSA-10a and ARSA-10b on file in the Board Office.*)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee:

- The minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. (*Ref. ARSA-2a on file in the Board Office.*)
- The elimination of the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Computer Technologies, Graphic Communication at GBC due to low yield. A teach-out plan will offer courses needed to allow currently admitted students to complete the program requirements. (*Ref. ARSA-2b on file in the Board Office.*)
- The establishment of the Kerestesi Center for Insurance and Risk Management at UNLV. The Center will reside within the Lee Business School with financial support from the Nevada Surplus Lines Foundation. The Center will provide education, experiential learning, and career exposure needed to prepare students for success in the insurance and risk management industry. (*Ref. ARSA-3 on file in the Board Office.*)
- A Master of Public Health (MPH) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Epidemiology at UNR. These free-standing majors are being converted from specializations in Public Health Programs. UNR recently became accredited as a School of Public Health by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), and it is customary for Schools of Public Health to offer free-standing Ph.D. and MPH degree programs in Epidemiology. (*Ref. ARSA-4 on file in the Board Office.*)
- A Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Social Research Analytics at UNR. The program will provide students with a repertoire of qualitative and quantitative skills in social science research methods and statistics that prepare them for various careers in the public and private sectors or graduate-level work in the social sciences. (*Ref. ARSA-5 on file in the Board Office.*)
- A Master of Science (MS) in Nursing Leadership at NSC. The program will offer an innovative curriculum with a leadership focus to prepare working registered nurses for advancement into leadership and managerial positions within the clinical setting. The MS in Nursing Leadership will also prepare students to sit for the American Nursing Credentialing Center Nurse Executive Certification examination. (*Ref. ARSA-6 on file in the Board Office.*)

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29. Approved – Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee Report (*Agenda Item 30*)
– (*Continued*)

Action items – (*Continued*)

- The establishment of the Center of Excellence for Advanced Manufacturing at CSN. The Center will be located at the Debra March Center of Excellence and will be a collaborative effort between the City of Henderson and industry partners. The Center will house training to include CSN’s credit and non-credit instruction in Advanced Manufacturing with a focus on workforce development, industry-specific training with industry partners, and industry-appropriate community events. (*Ref. ARSA-7 on file in the Board Office.*)
- The establishment of the Mining Center of Excellence to be housed at GBC’s Mining Center. The Center plans to attract more people into the mining industry by offering outreach programs; engaging with the community and mining industry; offering dual credit high school certificates with emphasis on geology, mining, and metallurgy; and upskilling courses for employees. This is a cooperative effort between GBC and UNR. (*Ref. ARSA-8 on file in the Board Office.*)
- An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Mechatronics and Electronics Technology at WNC. The program will provide a solid foundation in either discipline and allow flexibility to explore a specialty. This program represents the collapse of two existing AAS programs into a single opportunity. Students completing the program will be prepared to enter the manufacturing workforce in high-demand positions. (*Ref. ARSA-9 on file in the Board Office.*)

30. Approved – Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee Report (*Agenda Item 32*) – The Board accepted the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee report and approved the Committee recommendations. (*Committee report on file in the Board Office.*)

The Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee met on June 8, 2023, and heard the following:

Information items

- Committee Chair Perkins thanked Internal Audit Manager Scott Anderson for his support.
- Internal Audit Manager Anderson provided general remarks regarding NSHE Internal Audit, Compliance, and Title IX updates, including the timing for the release of new Title IX regulations and an update on incident management processes and metrics.
- Matt Unterman, Principal – Advisory Services, Grant Thornton, LLP, and Dennis Morrone, National Managing Partner, Grant Thornton, LLP, led a committee development workshop and provided general remarks related to topics and trends impacting Higher Education. (*Ref. A-7 on file in the Board Office.*)

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30. Approved – Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee Report (Agenda Item 32) – (Continued)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee:

- The minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. (*Ref. A-2a on file in the Board Office.*)
- The following Internal Audit follow-up reports:
 - Change In Leadership, WNC (*Ref. A-2b on file in the Board Office.*)
 - Recharge Centers, DRI (*Ref. A-2c on file in the Board Office.*)
- The following External Audit Reports for the year ended June 30, 2022:
 - NSHE Uniform Guidance Audit Report and Financial Statements (*Ref. A-2d on file in the Board Office.*)
- The following Internal Audit Reports: (*Audit Summary on file in the Board Office.*)
 - Disability Resource Center, TMCC (*Ref. A-4 on file in the Board Office.*)
 - Internal Audit noted improvements related to tracking and accounting of sensitive equipment and equipment loaned to students.
 - Network Security, DRI (*Ref. A-5 on file in the Board Office.*)
 - Internal Audit noted improvements related to updating policies and improving oversight of decentralized systems, updating policies and procedures to enhance stakeholder risk management, establishing configuration standards for key networked systems, and formalizing related change management policies.

31. Approved – Workforce Committee Report (Agenda Item 33) – The Board accepted the Workforce Committee report and approved the Committee recommendation. (Committee report on file in the Board Office.)

The Workforce Committee met on June 8, 2023, and heard the following:

Information items

- NSHE Assistant Vice Chancellor for Workforce Development and Community Colleges, Natalie Brown, presented an overview of noncredit workforce programs. The presentation included general information about non-credit programs, non-credit programs being offered by each NSHE institution, and highlights of specific institutional programs. (*Ref. WF-4 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Dr. Mridul Gautam, UNR Vice President for Research and Innovation, and Tom Simpkins, Director of Manufacture Nevada, provided an overview of Manufacture Nevada, formerly Nevada Industry Excellence, and presented current projects and goals supporting manufacturing innovation in the state. (*Ref. WF-5 on file in the Board Office.*)

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31. Approved – Workforce Committee Report (Agenda Item 33) – (Continued)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendation of the Workforce Committee:

- The minutes from the December 2, 2022, meeting. (*Ref. WF-2 on file in the Board Office.*)

Regent Del Carlo moved approval of the Committee Reports (*Agenda Item 28, Investment Committee; Agenda Item 29, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Committee; Agenda Item 30, Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; Agenda Item 32, Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; Agenda Item 33, Workforce Committee*) listed in the minutes as 27-31. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Agenda Item 31) – The Board accepted the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee report and approved the Committee recommendations. (Committee report on file in the Board Office.)

The Business, Finance and Facilities Committee met on June 8, 2023, and heard the following:

Information items

- Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Fiscal Exceptions, Self-Supporting Budget – Chief Financial Officer Clinger presented the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Report of Fiscal Exceptions of Self-Supporting Accounts. (*Refs. BFF-3a and BFF-3b on file in the Board Office.*)
- Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Transfers, State Supported or Self-Supporting Operating Budgets – Chief Financial Officer Clinger presented the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Report of Budget Transfers of State Supported or Self-Supporting Operating Budget Funds between Functions. (*Refs. BFF-4a and BFF-4b on file in the Board Office.*)
- NSHE Las Vegas System Administration Office Parking Lot Improvements – Chief Financial Officer Clinger presented an overview of the upcoming construction of parking lot improvements at the Las Vegas System Administration Office. (*Ref. BFF-5 on file in the Board Office.*)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee:

- The minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. (*Ref. BFF-2 on file in the Board Office.*)

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Agenda Item 31) – (Continued)

Action items – (Continued)

- Re-Budget Appropriated Instructional Funds in the UNR Med State Budget – UNR – The Committee recommended approval under Title 4, Chapter 9, Section 2.6 – Use of Instructional Funds – to re-budget and direct appropriated instructional funds in Budget Account 2982 – UNR School of Medicine – to fund an annual increase in the Interlocal Contract between UNR and the State of Nevada. The Committee also recommended approval to authorize the University to request State of Nevada Board of Examiners and Interim Finance Committee of the Legislature approval, as necessary, to reflect the updated budget allocation. *(Ref. BFF-6 on file in the Board Office.)*
- College of Business Building Third Party Development Project Phase One – Development Agreement, Ground Lease, Building Sublease, Associated Direct Agreements, Letter of Representations, and Related Disclosures – Resolution – UNR – The Committee recommended approval of a Resolution approving and authorizing the Chancellor to execute the following documents related to this transaction: *(Ref. BFF-7 on file in the Board Office.)*
 1. the Development Agreement;
 2. the Ground Lease;
 3. the Sublease;
 4. the Direct Agreements;
 5. the Letter of Representations for Bond Purchase Agreement; and
 6. authorizing the Chancellor and University President, or their designees, to execute such certificates of incumbency; factual statements and affirmations, and other ancillary documents required from NSHE in connection with the underlying bond financing.
- Request to Submit Vacation Application for Land and Improvements Owned by Clark County – Vacate East Harmon Avenue and Public and Traffic Facility Easements – UNLV – Regent Tarkanian recused herself from the vote. The Committee recommended approval to submit a request to Clark County to vacate ownership of the Vacation Area, bearing Clark County Assessor Parcel Numbers 162-22-299-001 and 162-22-299-016, and portions of Parcels 162-22-203-001, 162-22-601-001 and 162-22-701-003. The Committee also recommended approval authorizing the Chancellor to finalize, approve, and execute a Vacation Application and any other ancillary agreements required to implement the vacation including, but not limited to, conveyances, easements, and right of ways. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel's request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize vacation of the Property. *(Ref. BFF-8 on file in the Board Office.)*

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Agenda Item 31) – (Continued)

Action items – (Continued)

- Communications License Agreement with Nexstar Media Inc., for Use of a Telecommunications Facility by KUNV – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval to enter into a ten-year Communications License Agreement with Nexstar Media Inc. required to support KUNV broadcasting needs. The Committee also recommended approval granting authority to the Chancellor to execute the License and any ancillary documents needed to implement the terms of the License. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize the License Agreement. *(Ref. BFF-9 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)*
- Request for Authorization to Sell Real Property Located at Silver Springs, Lyon County, Nevada – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval to sell Parcel 1 and Parcel 2, bearing Lyon County Assessor Parcel Numbers 015-111-05 and 015-111-06. The Committee also recommended approval authorizing the Chancellor to finalize, approve, and execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and any other ancillary agreements required to implement the sale of the Property including, but not limited to, conveyances, easements, and right of ways. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize sale of the Property. *(Ref. BFF-10 on file in the Board Office.)*
- Long-Term Lease Agreement with Leumi B, LLC. on behalf of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV for Use of Space at 2724 N. Tenaya Way – UNLV – The Committee recommended approval of a long-term Lease Agreement with Leumi B, LLC. on behalf of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV at 2724 N. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, Nevada, bearing Clark County Assessor Parcel Number 138-15-710-011. The Chancellor also recommended approval granting authority to the Chancellor to execute the Lease Agreement, any amendments, and any other ancillary agreements required to implement the Lease Agreement. All aforementioned agreements will be reviewed and approved by NSHE Chief General Counsel (or, at the Chief General Counsel’s request, NSHE Special Real Property Counsel) in order to implement the terms and conditions required to finalize the Lease Agreement. *(Ref. BFF-11 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)*

32. Approved – Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report (Agenda Item 31) – (Continued)

Regent Carvalho moved approval of the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee Report. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Tarkanian abstained from BFF Agenda Item 8 (Request to Submit Vacation Application for Land and Improvements Owned by Clark County – Vacate East Harmon Avenue and Public and Traffic Facility Easements – UNLV). Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

33. Approved – ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee Report (Agenda Item 27) – The Board accepted the ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee report and approved the Committee recommendation. (Committee report on file in the Board Office.)

The ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee met on March 16, 2023, and heard the following:

Information items

- Committee Chair Arrascada and Search Consultants Dr. Bill Bryan, CEO of The Bryan Group, LLC, and Nora Behrens, Program Director of The Bryan Group, reviewed the NSHE Chancellor search process, including a progress report on activities completed to date and a provisional timeline of other search milestones. (Ref. CS-3 on file in the Board Office.)
- The Committee discussed and approved the Chancellor Leadership Profile with Committee revisions for review and final approval by the Committee Chair. (Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)
- The Committee reviewed and approved the publications to place the chancellor advertisements, including those mentioned by the Committee and consultants. (Ref. CS-5 on file in the Board Office.)

Action items

The Board approved the following recommendation of the ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee:

- The minutes from the February 3, 2023, meeting. (Ref. CS-2 on file in the Board Office.)

Regent Brown requested the demographics of the 12 semi-finalists. Vice Chair Arrascada agreed with a high-level demographics request; however, the Chief General Counsel's Office wanted to review the request.

Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski added that the applicant materials are confidential records of the search firm and not in the Board Office's possession. There are provisions in the Code that charge the Committee Chair with vetting and narrowing the applicant pool. Associate General Counsel King stated the documentation of the semi-finalists is confidential under the contract with the search firm and the Code, Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 5.6.2a. She noted she had prepared an analysis but would like to discuss it with the Chancellor.

33. Approved – ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee Report (Agenda Item 27) – (Continued)

Regent Brager requested to know the number of applicants moving forward as finalists.

Deputy Attorney General Ott reminded the Regents that this was the approval of a Committee Report, and he did not want them to stray too far from the Committee Report.

Regent Goodman felt she had no participation in the process as a committee member. The search process has followed Board policy, but she would have preferred a more active role for committee members. Regent Downs agreed that he also felt removed from the process.

Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski stated the tension is in the privacy and confidentiality of the candidates. Candidates need to feel that their information is confidential and they can explore the opportunity without putting their current positions at risk. Anytime information is shared with the Board, it must be shared with the public.

In response to a question from Regent Downs related to the role of the Committee in the process, Interim Chief of Staff Nikolajewski responded the Committee meets initially and gives input on the leadership profile and advertising options. Then the recruitment period begins. The Committee then goes dormant while the Committee Chair does the vetting and narrowing of the candidate pool. The Committee will then interview the finalists and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Regent Downs moved approval of the ad hoc Chancellor Search Committee Report. Vice Chair Arrascada seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan and Perkins were absent.

34. Information Only – New Business

Regent Brown requested that the Chancellor's Office look into hiring a full-time Public Relations person; that NSHE utilize better models for data sharing in metrics presentations and give the Presidents the latitude to decide; that NSHE discuss not renewing the Everfi, Inc. contract that is scheduled to sunset August 2024 and work with the institutions to ensure that each can conduct the necessary training or expand the R-1 institutions' ability to perform the training; expand the Workforce Committee's efficiency and effectiveness by meeting more often; and re-add agenda language that allows for committee meetings to begin early upon adjournment of the prior committee.

Regent Brown publicly thanked Chief Financial Officer Clinger and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for their service.

Regent Brager thanked Vic Redding. She believed the UNR Business Building project was one of the best she has seen in her real estate career, and it is worthwhile to duplicate.

Regent Goodman requested that NSHE create a task force to investigate freedom of speech issues on campuses; and that Regents receive a briefing before meetings to be better prepared.

34. Information Only – New Business – *(Continued)*

Regent Del Carlo requested that the Board vote to take a position on SJR7 so Regents can advocate; that a doodle poll of Regents be taken to determine their availability for upcoming special meeting dates; and that the metrics be configured for community colleges.

Regent Del Carlo thanked Vic Redding, Chief Financial Officer Clinger, and Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for their service.

Regent Tarkanian requested staff look into what can be done for citizens that come to the Board with concerns during Public Comment.

35. Information Only – Public Comment

The following individuals provided written public comment in support of full implementation and funding of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA):

- Claudia Melendrez (*Melendrez.Claudia0623 on file in the Board Office.*)
- Glynda White (*White.Glynda0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

The following individual provided concerns related to classified employees and work/life balance issues, including remote work policies:

- Susan Gearling (*Gearling.Susan0623 on file in the Board Office.*)

Bill Robinson requested to speak with the Board to discuss problems with the Climate Survey. He provided historical background on the last open search held at the Board level for a President and how it ended.

Rachelle Bassen, incoming WNC faculty senate chair, thanked the Board for approval of the WNC Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Vice Chair Arrascada provided the meeting thanks.

UNR President Sandoval thanked his team for their outstanding service and welcomed the Board of Regents to the UNR campus. He thanked Acting Chancellor Erquiaga for his service to the state and read a proclamation from Nevada Governor Lombardo.

Acting Chancellor Erquiaga stated he is a product of public education and the NSHE. He believes everyone should be able to achieve what he has achieved in life.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Interim Chief of Staff
to the Board of Regents

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