

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the February 29-March 1, 2024, meeting.

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
HEALTH SCIENCES SYSTEM COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Truckee Meadows Community College
Sports and Fitness Center
7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno
Thursday, September 7, 2023

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

Members Present:

Mr. Patrick J. Boylan, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Mrs. Susan Brager
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Dr. Lois Tarkanian

Other Regents Present:

Mr. Byron Brooks, Board Chair
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Board Vice Chair
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford
Mr. Jeffrey S. Downs
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

Others Present:

Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board
Ms. Crystal Abba, Executive Vice Chancellor & Chief of Staff
Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor & Chief General Counsel
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic and
Student Affairs
Ms. Terina Caserto, Senior Analyst
Ms. Carrie Parker, Deputy General Counsel
Ms. Lindsay Sessions, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Lauren Tripp, Interim Chief Internal Auditor
Ms. Rosalie Bordelove, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Federico Zaragoza, CSN President
Dr. Kumud Acharya, DRI President
Ms. Joyce M. Helens, GBC President
Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, NSC President
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, TMCC President
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, UNLV President
Mr. Brian Sandoval, UNR President

Others Present: *(continued)*

Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, WNC President

Faculty senate chairs in attendance were: Patrick Villa, CSN; David Sexton, GBC; JD Lancaster, DRI; Dr. Molly Appel, NSU; Dr. Eric “Rick” Bullis, TMCC; Dr. Bill Robinson, UNLV; Dr. Peter S. Reed, UNR; and Rachelle Bassen, WNC. Student body presidents in attendance were: Pio Rejas, CSN; Zachary Stamp, GBC; Kevin Osorio Hernandez, NSU; Brayson Gomez, TMCC; Makayla Franklin, UNLV-CSUN; Nicole Thomas, UNLV-GPSA; Boris Carpio Guerra, UNR-ASUN; Matthew Hawn, UNR-GSA; and Suzanna Stankute, WNC.

Chair Patrick J. Boylan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with all members present.

1. Information Only-Public Comment – None.
2. Approved-Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. *(Ref. HSS-2 on file in the Board office)*

Chair Boylan took issue with the format of the minutes and questioned why there is not a separate verbatim transcript of the meetings available. Mr. James Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel, answered that videos of all the meetings are posted online.

Ms. Rosalie Bordelove, Chief Deputy Attorney General, affirmed that verbatim transcripts are not required under the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Regent Brager moved approval of the minutes from the March 9, 2023, meeting. Regent Tarkanian seconded. Motion carried.

3. Information Only-Chair’s Report – Chair Patrick J. Boylan shared his issues with how the Health Sciences System Committee meeting agenda was developed and his concerns regarding a lack of shared governance in the process.

Board Vice Chair Arrascada confirmed that he had reached out twice to Chair Boylan to discuss the current agenda; however, Chair Boylan did not return the phone calls.

Ms. Crystal Abba, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff, explained that the items on the current agenda are the standard items that come forward at every Health Sciences System Committee meeting. She was on leave leading up to the agenda being finalized and did attempt to call Chair Boylan to discuss the agenda; however, she did not receive a return call from him. Ms. Abba said she will ensure there is better communication going forward.

Chair Boylan said he would like to include more presentations on the various NSHE health sciences programs at future meetings.

4. Information Only-UNLV Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine Report – Dr. Marc J. Kahn, Dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to graduate medical education, research, development and alumni relations, UNLV Health, and financial status. *(Ref. HSS-4 on file in the Board office)*

Dean Kahn provided a report which included: announcements regarding the largest class to date having been accepted (66 students); Learning Community program; UNLV Health finished in the black; continued engagement in two school-based clinics; \$9.9 million in external funding received for research; undergraduate medical education; curricular initiatives; major fall semester events; 2023 residency match results and the 2022-2023 admissions cycle; graduate medical education (welcomed 88 new residents and 24 new fellows, implemented a 6-week paid medical/caregiver leave policy and new fellowship program in forensic pathology); research including types of awards; diversity, equity and inclusion programs and events; development and alumni relations; and UNLV Health (specialty care growth, new programs and partnerships and patient volume metrics).

Chair Boylan, Regent Brager and Dean Kahn addressed and discussed the following topics: the partnership between the UNLV medical school and UNLV nursing, and the potential to partner with other nursing programs in the System; the work on building the Academic Health Science Center; filling residency vacancies; working with the Nevada Legislature on garnering support for state-funded graduate medical education; and planning with UMC to create an anesthesiology residency.

5. Information Only-UNR School of Medicine Report – Dr. Paul J. Hauptman, Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, provided a report on the Medical School and Practice Plan, and offered general remarks which included information relating to accreditation, programs, and funding. *(Ref. HSS-5 on file in the Board office)*

Dr. Hauptman provided a report which included: the 50th anniversary event for the Class of 1973; 58 students graduated in the recent commencement; accreditation: full accreditation – PA Program, renewed accreditation – Speech Pathology and Audiology, and Student Health Center, and LCME for the School of Medicine anticipated in fall 2025 with strategic planning underway; medical education highlights including *US News and World Report* rankings and new and continuing opportunities such as a new elective – AI in Medicine, and the Betty Ford Rotation for fourth year students; class of 2027 total applicants, class composition and tuition and fees; graduate medical education; research and clinical research; leadership updates and active searches; and total philanthropic support for FY23: \$2,792,746.

Chair Boylan, Vice Chair Del Carlo, Board Vice Chair Arrascada and Dean Hauptman addressed and discussed the following topics: the active gross anatomy courses offered; the PA program screening approximately 1500 candidates for 25 slots and the challenges in making more slots available due to the limitation in finding adequate rotations; the speech pathology and audiology master's program; and revitalizing the Doctor for a Day program at UNR Med.

6. Information Only-New Business – None.
7. Information Only-Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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