

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

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Student Union, Ballrooms B & C  
4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas

Friday, December 1, 2023

Video Conference Connection from the Meeting Site to:  
System Administration, Reno  
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room  
and  
Great Basin College, Elko  
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

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

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. with all members present except Regent Tarkanian.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

Kent Ervin stated that Foundation reports do not all provide uniform information related to program support and administrative and fundraising expenses. The financial statements show differences in how each Foundation operates. While NSHE knows from the legislative audit that donors' wishes are being followed, it does not show how unrestricted funds are being spent or prioritized. It would be helpful for the Board to receive uniform reports on foundation program expenditures by program and function. He asked what percentage of total program expenses is spent on administration fundraising, what the return in terms of contribution is as a multiple of those expenses, what unrestricted funds are spent on, and whether any foundation funds were spent on executive compensation or perks. He estimated from CSN's financial statement that 24 percent of FY 2023 expenditures were for administration and fundraising, and nearly \$1 million was transferred to CSN for program support.

2. Approved – Annual Report – The Members of the Corporation approved the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Foundation Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report. *(Ref. CSN-2 on file in the Board Office.)*

CSN Foundation Chairman Patrick Cowart presented the Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report.

Regent McMichael moved approval of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Foundation Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report. Regent Downs seconded. Motion carried. Regent Tarkanian was absent.

3. Information Only – Officers – At the annual meeting of the CSN Foundation Board of Trustees, the following officers entered the first year of their two-year term, ending June 30, 2025.

Patrick Cowart, Schneider Electric, Chairman of the Board (two-year term, ending June 30, 2025)

Terry Shirey, Nevada State Bank, Immediate Past Chair (two-year term, ending June 30, 2025)

Edgar Patino, NV Energy, Trustee Emeritus (unlimited term)

Matthew Frazier, John Kish Foundation, Secretary (two-year term, ending June 30, 2024)

Jeffrey Cooper, Rubin Brown, Treasurer (two-year term, ending June 30, 2024)

Regent Tarkanian entered the meeting.

4. Approved – Consent Items – The Members of the Corporation approved the CSN Foundation Consent Items.

4a. Approved – Financial Statements and Management Letter – The Members of the Corporation approved the CSN Foundation Financial Statements and Management Letter for the year ended June 30, 2023, along with the top 10 payee schedule. *(Refs. CSN-4a(1) and CSN-4a(2) on file in the Board Office.)*

4b. Approved – Appointments – The Members of the Corporation approved the appointment of the following individuals to the CSN Foundation Board of Trustees for their first three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023, and expiring June 30, 2026.

Enosha Jackson, NV Energy, Board of Trustees  
Brian Kleven, Dignity Health, Board of Trustees

4c. Approved – Reappointments – The Members of the Corporation approved the reappointment of the following individuals to the CSN Foundation Board of Trustees for another three-year term:

Daniel Minella, DynTek, Board of Trustees  
James York, Valley Bank of Nevada, Board of Trustees

4. Approved – Consent Items – *(Continued)*

Regent Brager moved approval of the CSN Foundation Consent Items. Regent McMichael seconded. Motion carried.

5. Information Only – New Business – None.

6. Information Only – Public Comment

Gerardo Aguilar, Student Senator at the College of Southern Nevada, provided telephone public comment sharing his experience attending the First-Generation College Celebration Day at the White House in Washington, D.C.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Submitted for approval by:

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