

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the January 16 & 17, 2025, meeting.

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Friday, October 18, 2024

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:

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

Others Present:

Ms. Patricia Charlton, Interim Chancellor
Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Ms. Elizabeth Callahan, Public Information Officer
Mr. Eric Gilliland, Chief Human Resources Officer
Mr. James J. Martines, Vice Chancellor and Chief General Counsel
Mr. Christopher G. Nielsen, Special Counsel to the Board of Regents
Ms. Keri D. Nikolajewski, Chief of Staff to the Board of Regents
Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, Director of Government Relations
Ms. Lauren Tripp, Interim Chief Internal Auditor
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor, Budget and Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Dr. William L. Kibler, Acting President, CSN
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI

Others Present: (Continued)

Dr. Amber Donnelly, Interim President, GBC
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, NSU
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield, President, UNLV
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance included the following individuals: Dr. Jinger Doe, TMCC; Dr. Deborah Arteaga, UNLV; and Dr. Aaron Hill, UNR.; Student body presidents in attendance included the following individual: Ms. Teresa Marie, GPSA President, UNLV.

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 Carvalho called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with all members present except Regent Arrascada. Regent Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chair Carvalho read the Land Acknowledgement.

Regent Arrascada entered the meeting.

With great sadness, Chair Carvalho shared the passing of former Regent Dr. Andrea Anderson, her predecessor in District 12. She was a former CSN faculty member, admired Boulder City Councilwoman, and a long-standing member of the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary. Regent Anderson was a true community leader and will be sorely missed.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

Tanja Hayes provided written public comment in support of a national search for TMCC President.

Deborah Arteaga provided in-person public comment speaking about potential changes to NSHE employees' PEBP health insurance. PEBP has proposed the elimination of the HMO and converting the low deductible PPO to a standard PPO. She requested the Board intervene to save employee health insurance options.

Jim New provided in-person public comment thanking Chair Carvalho, Vice Chair Downs, and Chancellor Charlton for their time and diligence in meeting with multiple TMCC constituencies to gather input on the upcoming presidential vacancy. The TMCC NFA chapter supports a national search. The NFA also supports national searches as the preferred method for making permanent presidential vacancy replacements.

Regent Brager left the meeting.

2. Approved – Minutes – The Board approved the minutes from the July 11-12, 2024, workshop. *(Ref. BOR-2 on file in the Board Office.)*

Regent Brown moved approval of the minutes from the July 11-12, 2024, workshop. Regent Perkins seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Regent Brager was absent.

3. Approved – Appointment, Chief Internal Auditor – The Board approved the appointment of Lauren Tripp to the position of Chief Internal Auditor for the Nevada System of Higher Education, effective October 19, 2024, and the employment agreement and contract terms. *(Ref. BOR-3 and Supplemental Material on file in the Board Office.)*

Committee Chair Arrascada provided an overview of the search process and stated the Committee has recommended the appointment of Lauren Tripp to the position of Chief Internal Auditor for the Nevada System of Higher Education.

Regent Brager entered the meeting.

Regent Goodman moved approval of the appointment of Lauren Tripp to the position of Chief Internal Auditor for the Nevada System of Higher Education, effective October 19, 2024, and approval of the employment agreement and contract terms. Regent McMichael seconded.

Regent Del Carlo stated she believes in the value of a national search, and she was happy to see Ms. Tripp hold her own nationally.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Tripp thanked the Board for the opportunity and said she did not take their confidence in her lightly. She thanked her team and mentors.

4. Approved – Upcoming Vacancy in the Office of President, TMCC – The Board approved to immediately commence a national search for a permanent President of TMCC and engage the services of a Search Consultant to assist the Presidential Search Committee. *(Ref. BOR-4 on file in the Board Office.)*

Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton, in consultation with Board of Regents Chair Amy J. Carvalho and Vice Chair Jeffrey S. Downs, recommended the Board commence a national search for a permanent President of TMCC.

Regent Tarkanian left the meeting.

4. Approved – Upcoming Vacancy in the Office of President, TMCC – (Continued)

Regent Perkins moved approval to immediately commence a national search for a permanent President of TMCC and engage the services of a Search Consultant to assist the Presidential Search Committee. Regent Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried. Regent Boylan voted no. Regent Tarkanian was absent.

5. Approved – Acceptance of NHBC as a Section 509 Supporting Organization, Development Agreement for Southern Nevada Public Health Lab, First Amendment to Development Agreement for the UNLV School of Medicine, and First Amendment to Medical School Building and Grounds Lease for the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV – The Board approved: 1) the acceptance of Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation (NHBC) as a Supporting Organization under Section 509(a)(3) of the IRS Code; 2) the Development Agreement for Southern Nevada Public Health Lab to be financed, developed and owned by NHBC, and operated, maintained and managed by University Medical Center; 3) the First Amendment to Medical School Building and Grounds Lease; 4) the First Amendment to Development Agreement for the UNLV School of Medicine; and 5) that the Chancellor be authorized to finalize, approve, and execute the Development Agreement for Southern Nevada Public Health Lab, the First Amendment to Medical School Building and Grounds Lease, and the First Amendment to Development Agreement for the UNLV School of Medicine, and any other ancillary agreements including, but not limited to, conveyances, easements, and rights of way associated with these items, with any and all of the aforementioned agreements and documents to be reviewed and approved by the 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 associated with any of the items approved by the Board of Regents for this agenda item. (Refs. BOR-5a, BOR-5b, BOR-5c, and BOR-5d on file in the Board Office.)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas President Keith E. Whitfield presented the item.

Regent Cruz-Crawford left the meeting.

Regent Tarkanian entered the meeting.

Mr. Warren Hardy, Nevada Health and Bioscience Asset Corporation, thanked UNLV President Whitfield, Interim Chancellor Charlton, and her staff for the great work bringing this item forward.

Regent Del Carlo stated this was a terrific collaboration and showed the best of what public entities and government can do together for the benefit of the public good.

In response to a question from Regent Del Carlo asking how much land is for the lab, UNLV Associate Vice President of Planning, Construction, and Real Estate David Frommer responded the lab parcel is approximately 1 ½ acres, leaving 7 ½ acres for the Medical Education Building (MEB) parcel. Regent Del Carlo asked if there was room for

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something else later. UNLV Associate Vice President Frommer stated that when the lab is completed the 1 ½ acres will be fully built out. The remaining 7 ½ acres for the MEB and the existing parking will have additional undeveloped land. In response to a question from Regent Del Carlo asking if the lab will have the same architectural firm, UNLV Associate Vice President Frommer responded no, but part of the agreement is that there will be architectural consistencies.

Regent Del Carlo was happy to see that UNLV would be able to start a pathology residency in the state and asked how long accreditation would take. UNLV Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV (KKSOM) Marc J. Khan agreed Nevada is short on residencies throughout the state. Once the lab is constructed, the KKSOM would be in an acceptable position to start the accreditation paperwork for a pathology residency.

Regent Cruz-Crawford entered the meeting.

Regent Boylan voiced concerns about NHBC. He believed it was time that NSHE broke its affiliation with them. Mr. Hardy stated that NHBC did bring the majority of the money for the project. This is the only project that has Kirk Kerkorian's name on it, and it is important to the donors that would like to continue to have a relationship building these types of projects for the community. He added that NHBC is a non-profit, and not permitted to make any money.

Regent Boylan did not believe that NHBC should have any control over what goes up on the walls of the building. He added that he was in favor of having Kirk Kerkorian's name on the building.

Special Counsel Nielsen cautioned the Board that the item has four objectives outlined on the agenda.

Regent Goodman stated that UNLV has four members on the NHBC board. Two were just appointed and she asked when the other two members' terms end. Mr. Hardy believed that one expires soon, and the other was just appointed and has three years left. Regent Goodman requested clarification that they were not UNLV appointments, but appointments being held over by NHBC. Mr. Hardy stated they were UNLV appointments, but he could not speak to how those came about.

Regent Brager asked whether UNLV could build the lab and start the application for accreditation at the same time. KKSOM Dean Khan responded that some pieces have to be in place to start a residency program. One is to identify funding for the residents and the second is that when the application goes in there has to be a facility and educational

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plan in place. While the lab is being constructed, they can set up some of the groundwork, but they would not be able to apply.

Regent Brager asked if there would be a good marketing proposal related to the blood bank. KKSOM Dean Khan stated there were two parts to a blood bank. One is the blood collection and procurement and the second is the advanced testing that a blood bank does for compatibility. As Nevada moves into solid organ and bone marrow transplants, they will need more sophisticated blood bank testing.

Regent Brown stated the Southern Nevada Public Health Lab will have an immeasurable impact on the community and ripple effects across economic development efforts, so she looked forward to supporting the ground lease and building.

Regent Arrascada asked whether the lab would complement the State Public Health Lab or be more focused on the KKSOM. UNLV President Whitfield noted that the structure will be that the University Medical Center will be the operator, and UNLV will bring the academic piece so students can be trained.

Regent Goodman clarified that if this motion does not pass this lab will not be built. For the future of southern Nevada, its healthcare, and to be able to provide better care in southern Nevada the Board must pass this, otherwise, they will lose the money.

Regent Boylan voiced his concern about NSHE's dependency on NHBC and its micromanaging of the medical school.

Chair Carvalho voiced concern that there must be enough parking. UNLV Associate Vice President Frommer agreed that parking has to be addressed. In the short term, the existing 300 parking spaces are dedicated to the MEB buildings. The lab parcel will develop its own parking estimated at approximately 50 parking spots. In the near term, each building will park separately with its surface parking. Long term there is some space to develop further. There is capacity to build more buildings, but at that point, they will have to look at a structured parking approach.

Regent Goodman stated this has been a lot of work to put together, but protecting the interest of UNLV is vital.

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Interim Chancellor Charlton thanked the chair and vice chair for their engagement. She agreed that southern Nevada needs better medical care.

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

6. Information Only – New Business

Regent Perkins believed it was time to look at executive contracts since the Board will be hiring a number of people.

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

Vice Chair Downs requested a review of Regent priorities related to the System Office, how it should function, and the roles and responsibilities of bringing forward the interests of Regents as opposed to personal agendas.

7. Information Only – Public Comment

Jinger Doe provided in-person public comment thanking Interim Chancellor Charlton, Chair Carvalho, and Vice Chair Downs for visiting the TMCC campus and listening closely to all stakeholders. She also thanked the Board for its support of a national search.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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