

Minutes approved by the Board of Regents at the March 6 & 7, 2025, 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

Thursday, December 5, 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
Mrs. Susan Brager
Mr. Byron Brooks
Ms. Heather Brown
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo
Mr. Pete Goicoechea

Members Absent: Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Ms. Stephanie Goodman
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.
Ms. Laura E. Perkins

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 8:02 a.m. with all members present except Regents Boylan, Brooks, Goodman, McMichael, and Perkins.

1. Information Only – Public Comment

Kent Ervin provided in-person public comment and asked that it be applied to all eight foundations. Last year he made several requests and he was happy to see new summary reports that provide some of the requested information. The summary reports are good narratives but do not provide all the information uniformly regarding program support and administrative and fundraising expenses. He asked that the institutions be asked what level of spending is on management, general, and fundraising expenses and whether they are appropriate and necessary. He also asked what level of spending is on executive compensation and perks.

Regent Brooks entered the meeting.

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.

In response to a question from Regent Del Carlo asking if the Foundation is seeing positive results from reaching out to its alumni base, CSN Foundation Executive Director Danita Simons responded that the Foundation is working to build robust messaging to alumni to get them reconnected with CSN. There is a plan in place, and they are seeing improvements.

Regent Brown asked what the goal was for the three-year campaign and when it started. Executive Director Simons responded that the three-year strategic plan was approved in September at the Foundation meeting and has five priorities, each having goals and action steps that will help provide the Foundation with a path to move forward.

In response to a question from Regent Brown related to when the last capital campaign was, Interim Chancellor Patricia Charlton responded that the last capital campaign was related to the joint Health Science Building with Nevada State requiring a match for legislative funding.

Regent Del Carlo moved approval of the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) Foundation Annual Report, including the Annual Gift Report. Regent Brown seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan, Goodman, McMichael, and Perkins were absent.

3. Information Only – Officers – The CSN Foundation Board of Trustees selected the following individuals as officers of the Foundation:

Patrick Cowart, Schneider Electric, Chair
(two-year term, ending June 30, 2025)

Paul Johnson, Northern Trust, Vice Chair
(one-year term, ending June 30, 2025)

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

Matthew Frazier, John C. Kish Foundation, Secretary
(two-year term, ending June 30, 2026)

Brian D. Kleven, Dignity Health, Treasurer
(two-year term, ending June 30, 2026)

Jeffrey M. Cooper, RubinBrown, NV Energy, Trustee Emeritus
(unlimited term)

3. Information Only – Officers – (Continued)

Reed Radosevich, Northern Trust, Trustee Emeritus
(unlimited term)

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, 2024, 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 CSN Foundation appointment of the following individual to its Board of Trustees for their first 3-year term beginning January 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2027:

Paul Johnson, Northern Trust, Board of Trustees

Vice Chair Downs moved approval of the CSN Foundation consent items. Regent Brager seconded. Motion carried. Regents Boylan, Goodman, McMichael, and Perkins were absent.

5. Information Only – New Business – None.

6. Information Only – Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

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