

**BOARD OF REGENTS and its
AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND TITLE IX COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Nevada State University
Rogers Student Center, Ballroom
1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson

Thursday, March 6, 2025

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. Susan Brager, Chair
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair
Mr. Aaron Bautista
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
Mr. Byron Brooks

Other Regents Present:

Ms. Jennifer J. McGrath

Others Present:

Dr. Daniel Archer, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Ms. Elizabeth Callahan, Public Information 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
Ms. Lauren Tripp, Chief Internal Auditor
Mr. Chris Viton, Vice Chancellor, Budget and Finance and Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Special Real Property Counsel
Dr. William L. Kibler, Acting President, CSN
Dr. Kumud Acharya, President, DRI
Dr. Amber Donnelly, Interim President, GBC
Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, NSU
Dr. Karin M. Hilgersom, President, TMCC
Dr. Chris Heavey, Officer in Charge, UNLV

Others Present: *(Others Present – Continued)*

Mr. Brian Sandoval, President, UNR
Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe, President, WNC

Faculty senate chairs in attendance included the following individuals: Ms. Valerie Conner, CSN (*Chair, Council of Faculty Senate Chairs*); Dr. Maureen McCarthy, DRI; Mr. David Sexton, GBC; Dr. David Cooper, NSU; Mr. Glenn Heath, SA; Dr. Jinger Doe, TMCC; Dr. Deborah Arteaga, UNLV; and Dr. Aaron Hill, UNR. Student body presidents in attendance included the following individuals: Ms. Janeth Vences-Balvas, ASCSN President, CSN; Ms. Jennifer Rodriguez Serrano, SGA President, GBC; Ms. Lisha Allison, SGA President, TMCC; Mr. Allister Dias, CSUN President, UNLV; and Mr. Dawson Deal, ASUN President, UNR.

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 Brager called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. with all members present except Regent Bautista.

1. Information Only – Public Comment – None.
2. Approved – Consent Items – The Committee recommended approval of the consent items.
 - 2a. Approved – Minutes – The Committee recommended approval of the December 4, 2024, meeting minutes. (*Ref. A-2a on file in the Board Office.*)
 - 2b. Approved – Follow-Up: Special Course and Differential Program Fees, TMCC – The Committee recommended approval of the follow-up responses to the audit report of TMCC Special Course and Differential Program Fees for the period July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. (*Ref. A-2b on file in the Board Office.*)

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the consent items. Regent Brooks seconded. Motion carried. Regent Bautista was absent.

Regent Bautista entered the meeting.

3. Information Only – Chair’s Report – Chair Susan Brager did not provide a Chair’s Report.

(Audit Summary on file in the Board Office.)

4. Approved – Disability Resource Center, UNR – The Committee recommended approval of the report and institutional responses to the UNR Disability Resource Center audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024. *(Ref. A-4 on file in the Board Office.)*

UNR President Sandoval stated the UNR Disability Resource Center had responded favorably to all audit recommendations.

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the report and institutional responses to the UNR Disability Resource Center audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the report and institutional responses to the UNR Disability Resource Center audit for the period of July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2024. Regent Boylan seconded. Motion carried.

5. Approved – Purchasing Card Program, NSHE – SCS – The Committee recommended approval of the report and institutional responses to the NSHE – SCS Purchasing Card Program audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. *(Ref. A-5 on file in the Board Office)*

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the report and institutional responses to the NSHE – SCS Purchasing Card Program audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Regent Brooks moved approval of the report and institutional responses to the Purchasing Card Program, NSHE-SCS audit for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Vice Chair Del Carlo seconded. Motion carried.

6. Information Only – NSHE Single Audit Findings Update – Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented an update on the findings of the Nevada System of Higher Education Single Audit (Uniform Guidance) for the year ended June 30, 2024, and noted that staff are working on a follow-up of all NSHE Single Audit Findings and will report back at a later date. CSN Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration Rolando Mosqueda and Vice President for Student Services Juan Avalos provided an update and answered questions related to finding 2024-005, addressing measures taken to further diagnose and remedy the issue of ghost students, and recommendations that were made. *(Ref. A-6 on file in the Board Office)*

Institutional presidents provided brief statements on what their institutions are doing to prevent this from happening at their respective institutions.

7. Approved – Internal Audit Department Work Plan and Status Report, NSHE – The Committee recommended approval of the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six-month period ending June 30, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024. *(Ref. A-7 on file in the Board Office.)*

Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp presented the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six-month period ending June 30, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024.

Vice Chair Del Carlo moved approval of the Internal Audit Work Plan for the six months ending June 30, 2025, and the Internal Audit Department Status Report for the six-month period ended December 31, 2024. Regent Bautista seconded. Motion carried.

8. Information Only – Internal Audit, Compliance and Title IX Updates, NSHE – Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp provided general remarks regarding departmental updates and initiatives.
9. Information Only – New Business – None.
10. Information Only – Public Comment – None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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