SPECIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
System Administration Conference Rooms
5550 West Flamingo Road, Suite C-1, Las Vegas
2601 Enterprise Road, Reno
Berg Hall, Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway, Elko
Friday, December 12, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Michael B. Wixom, Chair
Mr. Howard Rosenberg, Vice Chair
Mr. Mark Alden
Dr. Stavros S. Anthony
Mr. Cedric Crear
Dr. Thalia M. Dondero
Mrs. Dorothy S. Gallagher
Dr. Jason Geddes
Mr. Ron Knecht
Mr. James Dean Leavitt
Dr. Jack Lund Schofield
Mr. Steve Sisolak
Mr. Bret Whipple

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented at the discretion of the chair. In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 20, items voted on may be the subject of a motion to reconsider at this meeting. A motion to reconsider an item may be made at any time before adjournment of this meeting. Similarly, if an item is tabled at any time during the meeting, it may, by proper motion and vote, be taken from the table and thereafter be the subject of consideration and action at any time before adjournment of this meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title 1, Article V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

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CALL TO ORDER

9:00 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2008

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INFORMATION/ACTION

1. FY 2009 ADDITIONAL BUDGET REDUCTION

The Board will consider a report from the Chancellor concerning potential solutions to deal with the additional budget reduction scenarios requested by Governor Jim Gibbons, and he will report on any legislative action taken by the Legislature during the 25th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature to address the declining total general fund revenues for the current biennium. The Chancellor will present various alternative and cumulative solutions, which may include, but is not limited to, temporary suspension of the Board’s policy on the use of Capital Improvement Fee funds generated by student fees (Title 4, Chapter 10, Section 11) for the current biennium only so that those funds may be used to supplement operating shortfalls, campus specific student tuition and fee surcharges which may be imposed beginning with the spring semester 2009, and any implementing action required as a result of any legislative action taken during the 25th Special Session to address the declining total general fund revenues for the current biennium. Based on the discussions and solutions presented, the Board may issue directions or grant authority in relation to the steps it deems appropriate to take with respect to any or all of the solutions presented, including but not limited to, authority to approach the Interim Finance Committee for authorization to implement any such solutions if necessary.
2. **DISCUSSION OF 2009-2011 NSHE BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The Board will continue its discussion of the 2009-2011 NSHE Biennial Budget Request that was submitted to the Governor, including a report on any new developments from further discussions with the Governor’s Office and updates on the financial status of the state and the corresponding impact on budgets. The Regents, institutional presidents and staff will discuss various options for the development of methodologies to be used and/or future contingency plans in the event that the 2009-2011 NSHE budget as submitted is not fully funded. The Board may also discuss and provide guidance to institutional presidents as to the general policies that should be considered when making budgetary decisions at the institutional level. As part of the deliberations, the Board may consider suggestions for modifications to Board Policy or for modifications to applicable state policies, including revenue generating policies, to be supported by the Board that will assist in addressing any fund reductions. The Board may provide direction to the Chair and/or the Chancellor to express the sense of the Board to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the budget issues including, but not limited to, a methodology supported by the Board to be used to address any reduction in the event the budget as submitted is not fully funded, and to express the Board's support in seeking modifications to any specific state policies. Based on the discussion, the Board may also issue directions to staff and the institutions on strategies to be included or addressed in drafting future contingency plans to meet the anticipated potential funding reductions.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. The Chair of the Board of Regents may place reasonable limitations as to the amount of time individuals may address the Board. The Chair may elect to allow public comment on a specific agenda item when that item is being considered.
4. **NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION**

Items for consideration at future meetings may be suggested. Any discussion of an item under “New Business” is limited to description and clarification of the subject matter of the item, which may include the reasons for the request.

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CSN, Building D, 1st floor, 6375 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89146-1124
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512-1095
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7363
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Great Hall, 1125 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89015
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Blvd., Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities (FDH), 1st & 7th floors, 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154-1001
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
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