SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Third Floor Rotunda
Frank H. Rogers Science & Technology Building
Desert Research Institute
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas

Friday, August 24, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

Video or Telephone Conference Connection to:
System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

A video conference and/or telephone conference connection will be made to the Conference room in the Reno System Administration building at 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, Nevada, and to Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room, Elko, Nevada. Members of the Board and/or the public may attend the meeting and provide testimony or public comment via the video or telephone conference connection.

ROLL CALL:                  Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair
                           Mr. Kevin J. Page, Vice Chair
                           Mr. Mark Alden
                           Dr. Andrea Anderson
                           Mr. Robert J. Blakely
                           Mr. Cedric Crear
                           Dr. Mark W. Doubrava
                           Mr. Ron Knecht
                           Mr. James Dean Leavitt
                           Mr. Kevin C. Melcher
                           Dr. Jack Lund Schofield
                           Mr. Rick Trachok
                           Mr. Michael B. Wixom

NOTE: Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Notification is hereby provided that items on the agenda may be taken out of the order presented, two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration, and an agenda item may be removed from the agenda or discussion relating to an item on the agenda may be delayed at any time.

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 I, Article V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.
In accordance with NRS 241.020(6), support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents’ Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the mailing of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available as follows: 1.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials are available at the Board of Regents’ Office Reno, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling (775)784-4958, and 2.) Copies of any such supplemental support materials will be available at the meeting site.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons attending the meeting. Please call the Board office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
   **INFORMATION ONLY**

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   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 hr.

2. **CONSENT ITEMS**  
   **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

   Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Board.

   **2a. MINUTES**  
   **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

   Request is made for approval of the following meeting minutes:
   - April 20, 2012, special Board of Regents’ Meeting. *(Ref. BOR-2a(1))*
   - April 30, 2012, special Board of Regents’ Meeting. *(Ref. BOR-2a(2))*

   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 1 hr.
2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Cont’d.)

2b. **CODE REVISION, SHARING OF EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR EMPLOYEE RECRUITMENT PURPOSES**

   TMCC President Maria C. Sheehan requests approval of a proposal from the Ethnic, Diversity and Inclusion Council to amend the *Code* by revising the provisions governing confidentiality of employment application materials to allow the sharing of application materials for the purpose of employee recruitment (*Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 5.6.3*). Specifically, the proposed revisions authorize the sharing of application materials between NSHE institutions for employment recruitment purposes if the applicant gives permission to share such information. This item was presented for initial discussion at the May 31-June 1, 2012, meeting of the Board of Regents. *(Ref BOR-2b)*

2c. **HANDBOOK REVISION, BOB DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP**

   Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs Crystal Abba requests approval of a revision to Board policy removing the provisions concerning the Bob Davis Scholarships (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 4*) to provide consistency within the Handbook. The deletion of this section does not eliminate the Bob Davis Scholarship. *(Ref BOR-2c)*

2d. **AMENDMENT TO UTILITY EASEMENT, DRI AND TMCC**

   DRI President Stephen G. Wells and TMCC President Maria C. Sheehan request approval of two agreements (one between DRI and Red Mountain Wind and one between TMCC and Red Mountain Wind) decreasing the size and changing the location of the subsurface utility easements granted to Red Mountain Wind on DRI and TMCC property for the delivery of wind generated electricity produced by turbines installed on land north of DRI and TMCC. *(Ref BOR-2d(1), BOR-2d(2), and BOR-2d(3))*

   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 5 mins.
3. **FISCAL YEAR 2013-15 BIENNIAL BUDGET OPERATING REQUEST**

   Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich and NSHE staff will present an updated report concerning the biennial budget requests for NSHE’s biennial operating budget for the 2013 Legislative Session as previously discussed by the Board on May 31-June 1, 2012. The report will include, but is not limited to, the general overview of the biennial budget process, the establishment of System priorities, and a discussion of institutional budgets. The Board will consider these matters, and may take action related to these matters, including, but not limited to, providing direction to the NSHE staff and campus representatives regarding budget priorities and approval of, or changes to, the budgets as presented.

   **FISCAL IMPACT:** To the extent possible, the costs associated with the budget request will be detailed in the reference materials to be provided.

   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 2 hrs.

4. **2013 BILL DRAFT REQUESTS**

   Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich requests approval of topics for potential bill drafts for the 2013 Session of the Nevada State Legislature. Assembly Bill 535 (Chapter 348, Statutes of Nevada 2009), among its various provisions, permanently eliminated the Board’s authority to request the drafting of legislative measures on behalf the Nevada System of Higher Education. Therefore, if the Board wishes to pursue any legislation, a sponsor for such legislation will need to be secured. *(Ref. BOR-4)*

   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 30 mins.

5. **REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

   Chancellor Daniel J. Klaich will present a report on the progress of the Legislature's Interim Committee to Study the Funding of Higher Education. This will include a review of the proposed timeline for the Committee's work and expected deliverables as well as a discussion of the alternate funding formula developed by NSHE. The Board may provide direction to the Chancellor concerning the alternate funding model and other issues relating to the Interim Study Committee. *(Ref. BOR-5)*

   **ESTIMATED TIME:** 30 mins.
6. EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST, UNLV

UNLV President Neal J. Smatresk requests approval of a three year contract (July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015) for newly appointed Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. John Valery White.

(Ref. BOR-6)

FISCAL IMPACT: The previous Executive Vice President and Provost (EVP&P) serving in an interim capacity, was paid an annual salary of $230,000. The fiscal impact for hiring a permanent EVP&P will be an additional cost of $65,000 per year, plus $60,000 if he completes the contracted term.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

7. HANDBOOK REVISION, UNLV STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

UNLV President Neal J. Smatresk requests that the provisions in Title 4, Chapter 19, Section 1(3), addressing the appointment of editors of UNLV student publications, be repealed in its entirety so that policies and procedures relating to the University’s student publication can be properly implemented at the campus level.

(Ref. BOR-7)

FISCAL IMPACT: Repealing Title 4, Chapter 19, Section 1(3) restores oversight of the UNLV student publications to an independent advisory board that serves without compensation.

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

8. NEW BUSINESS

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.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.
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