

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Stan Fulton Building, Salon B & C
International Gaming Institute
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
801 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas
Friday, October 19, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

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 1, Article V, Section 13, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

9:00 a.m., Friday, October 19, 2012

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

INFORMATION ONLY

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In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Board Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Board of Regents, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

2. DISTINGUISHED NEVADAN AWARD

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board will consider awarding Governor Robert J. ("Bob") Miller a Board of Regents 2012 Distinguished Nevadan award (*Handbook, Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14 and Procedures & Guidelines Manual Chapter 8, Section 1*). ([Refs. BOR-2a](#) and [BOR-2b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**3. BEST PRACTICES FOR PRESIDENT
APPOINTMENT AND SEARCH**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

At the Board of Regents' request, Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board Scott Wasserman will present options and best practices related to policies governing vacancies in the office of president of a member institution. The discussions will include review of a policy for the designation of an Officer in Charge at each institution, and policies governing the appointment of an Acting President or an Interim President. The Board will also review potential policies governing conducting national searches for candidates and for the appointment of institutional presidents, including, but not limited to, the process followed to name an Acting President, the structure, size and charge of the president search committee, consideration of acting or interim presidents as viable candidates for the permanent appointment, and the Board's appointment of a permanent President.

Additionally, because it has become more common that the provost of an institution may be considered for appointment as Acting, Interim or Permanent President, the Board will consider a policy requiring national searches for recruiting candidates when a vacancy occurs in the office of Provost.

Based on this discussion, the Board may provide directions to staff to prepare additional information and/or policy revisions for discussion and/or potential action at a future meeting of the Board. ([Ref. BOR-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

4. NSHE INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Board and institutional presidents will discuss collaborative efforts being made by the NSHE institutions to leverage the System's efforts in carrying out the mission of the System. The discussion will include a focus on what constitutes collaborative efforts. The NSHE presidents will report to the Board on ongoing collaborative efforts among the institutions to enhance efficiency, effectiveness and student success. Based on the discussion, the Board may provide direction to the Chancellor and the Presidents on efforts to be undertaken by the System and the institutions to facilitate collaborative efforts to carry out the mission of the System. ([Ref. BOR-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

**5. REVIEW OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE
COUNSEL'S REPORT ON PENN STATE**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Vice Chancellor of Legal Affairs Brooke Nielsen will present findings and recommendations based on a review of the Report of the Special Investigative Counsel regarding Pennsylvania State University. Based on the discussion, the Board may provide directions to staff for the drafting of potential policy revisions for discussion by the Board at an upcoming Board meeting. ([Refs. BOR-5a](#) and [BOR-5b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 60 mins.

6. SYSTEM GOVERNANCE

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Dr. Sheila Stearns, former Commissioner of Higher Education in Montana and former Vice President of the University of Montana, Chancellor of UM-Western, and President of Wayne State College in Nebraska, will facilitate a discussion around Regents' perceptions of the Board's effectiveness in key areas of responsibility. The discussion will serve to establish a clearer understanding of the responsibilities and roles of the Board, the Chancellor and the Presidents in managing the System; help build a consensus on specific objectives to improve the effective operation of the Board and System; and increase efficiency in the working relationship among the Board members, and between the Board and the Chancellor and Presidents.

The topics of discussion will include (1) challenges confronting higher education and governance; (2) strategic system goals; (3) effective System Boards; and (4) governance risk factors and Board responsibility for oversight of educational quality and intercollegiate athletics. Based on the results of the discussion, the Board may approve specific objectives and strategies to improve its organization and effectiveness, including, but not limited to, discontinuing practices that are inefficient and enacting practices that will improve the Board's efficiency in carrying out its duties. The Board may recommend a review of, and possible revision to, existing Board policies for consideration by the Board at a future meeting. ([Refs. BOR-6a](#), [BOR-6b](#), [BOR-6c](#) and [BOR-6d](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 3.5 hours

7. NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION ONLY

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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