

# **BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER**

**1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** University of Nevada, Reno- Mackay Stadium Renovation  
Financing Approval

**MEETING DATE:** September 5 & 6, 2019

## **2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

### **Background**

As discussed at the Board of Regent's July 19, 2019 special meeting, the University of Nevada, Reno's Mackay Stadium underwent renovations in 2015. After construction was complete, the University discovered design deficiencies and brought them to the architect's attention. The architect prepared new designs which led to a second round of renovations which were completed in 2017. It has been determined that those designs are also deficient in complying with ADA standards, necessitating additional corrections.

At that July 19, 2019 special meeting, the Board authorized the University to commence with litigation against the architect. However, in order to complete the corrections in a timely manner in advance of the Fall 2020 Football season, it is necessary to begin construction now and as such project financing is required.

### **Construction Project Scope**

Mackay Stadium is required to have a minimum of 140 ADA-compliant, integrated wheelchair spaces within the general seating area of the stadium, meeting the vertical and horizontal distribution requirements. The sightlines for each wheelchair space must be substantially equivalent to, or better than, the sightlines available to other spectators. During a recent study of the ADA seating in the stadium, it was determined that only 76 wheelchair spaces are in compliance with the ADA Standards. To rectify this, new ADA-complaint wheelchair spaces and the corresponding amount of required companion seats will be installed in the north, south, and west sections of the stadium. Additionally, loge box and suite renovations are also planned to correct ADA compliance and circulation issues.

### **Construction Cost Estimate**

The estimated cost of the construction project is approximately \$3.10 million, including pre-design, professional services and plan check.

### **Financing Plan**

The University has worked with NSHE's financial adviser (JNA Consultants, L.L.C.) and its bond counsel (Sherman & Howard, L.L.C.) to help structure the appropriate financing for this project. The proposed financing is for a tax-exempt 10-year bank loan, in an amount not to exceed \$3.2 million (Exhibit 1), with annual debt service payments of approximately \$393,000. This amount includes anticipated design and construction costs as well as financing charges. Please see the attached Loan Resolution (Exhibit 2) and Promissory Note (Exhibit 3).

Further, the University has specified that any funds recovered from the aforementioned litigation will be first applied to the outstanding principal of this debt. However, until the litigation is successfully resolved, and should the University recover an amount that is less than this outstanding debt, the primary source of repayment will be Athletics ticket sales.

**3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:**

University of Nevada, Reno President Marc A. Johnson requests Board of Regents approval of the attached resolution authorizing a promissory note in the principal amount up to \$3,200,000 to finance the costs of capital improvements at the University of Nevada, Reno Mackay Stadium.

**4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):**

If approved now, the construction funding can be obtained, and the project completed before 2020 football season.

**5. CHECK THE NSHE STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THIS REQUEST:**

Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)

Success (Increase student success)

Close the Achievement Gap (Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations)

Workforce (Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada)

Research (Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21st century Nevada and raise the overall research profile)

Not Applicable to NSHE Strategic Plan Goals

**INDICATE HOW THE PROPOSAL SUPPORTS THE SPECIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL**

This construction project will improve access for patrons with disabilities utilizing this facility.

**6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

The additional construction needed to bring Mackay Stadium into compliance is significant and this financing will allow the project to move forward in a timely manner.

**7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

None noted.

**8. ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

Utilize a different financing mechanism or delay the project until litigation is completed.

**9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE:**

**10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 10 Section # 1

Amends Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

X Fiscal Impact: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Explain: The estimated annual debt service is \$393,000. The University has specified that any funds recovered from the aforementioned litigation will be first applied to the outstanding principal of this debt. However, until the litigation is successfully resolved, and should the University recover an amount that is less than this outstanding debt, the primary source of repayment will be Athletics ticket sales.

**Nevada System of Higher Education  
Promissory Note, Series 2019A  
(University of Nevada, Reno Athletics Projects)  
Sources & Uses of Funds**

**Issue Summary**

Dated Date	12/11/2019
Par Amount	\$3,200,000
Loan Fee %	0.313%
Total Costs as % of Par	2.594%
True-Interest-Cost	3.06289%
Bond Yield	2.99973%
Arbitrage Yield Limit	2.99972%
Weighted Average Maturity	5.520 years

**Sources of Funds:**

Par Amount	\$3,200,000.00
Original Issue Premium	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$3,200,000.00

**Uses of Funds:**

Construction Funds	\$3,107,000.00
Lender Fees	10,000.00
Issuance Costs	<u>83,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,200,000.00



**Nevada System of Higher Education  
Promissory Note, Series 2019A  
(University of Nevada, Reno Athletics Projects)  
Debt Service Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Semi-Annual Debt Service</b>	<b>Annual Debt Service</b>
12/11/2019		3.000%			
07/01/2020	\$143,000		\$53,333.33	\$196,333.33	\$196,333.33
01/01/2021			45,855.00	45,855.00	
07/01/2021	301,000		45,855.00	346,855.00	392,710.00
01/01/2022			41,340.00	41,340.00	
07/01/2022	310,000		41,340.00	351,340.00	392,680.00
01/01/2023			36,690.00	36,690.00	
07/01/2023	319,000		36,690.00	355,690.00	392,380.00
01/01/2024			31,905.00	31,905.00	
07/01/2024	329,000		31,905.00	360,905.00	392,810.00
01/01/2025			26,970.00	26,970.00	
07/01/2025	339,000		26,970.00	365,970.00	392,940.00
01/01/2026			21,885.00	21,885.00	
07/01/2026	349,000		21,885.00	370,885.00	392,770.00
01/01/2027			16,650.00	16,650.00	
07/01/2027	359,000		16,650.00	375,650.00	392,300.00
01/01/2028			11,265.00	11,265.00	
07/01/2028	370,000		11,265.00	381,265.00	392,530.00
01/01/2029			5,715.00	5,715.00	
07/01/2029	381,000		5,715.00	386,715.00	392,430.00
	\$3,200,000		\$529,883.33	\$3,729,883.33	\$3,729,883.33

**Nevada System of Higher Education**  
**Promissory Note, Series 2019A**  
**(University of Nevada, Reno Athletics Projects)**  
**Combined Athletics Department Capital Debt Payments**

Fiscal Year	2015A Bonds (Mackay)	2015B Bonds (Mackay)	2016B Note (Scoreboards)	Total Existing	Proposed Bond			Combined Debt Service
					Principal	Interest	Total	
2019								
2020	\$178,000	\$853,540	\$569,878	\$1,601,418	\$143,000	\$53,333	\$196,333	\$1,797,751
2021	178,000	854,140	117,768	1,149,908	301,000	91,710	392,710	1,542,618
2022	178,000	854,440	0	1,032,440	310,000	82,680	392,680	1,425,120
2023	178,000	857,940	0	1,035,940	319,000	73,380	392,380	1,428,320
2024	178,000	854,460	0	1,032,460	329,000	63,810	392,810	1,425,270
2025	178,000	854,050	0	1,032,050	339,000	53,940	392,940	1,424,990
2026	178,000	854,900	0	1,032,900	349,000	43,770	392,770	1,425,670
2027	1,003,000	0	0	1,003,000	359,000	33,300	392,300	1,395,300
2028	1,006,750	0	0	1,006,750	370,000	22,530	392,530	1,399,280
2029	1,003,250	0	0	1,003,250	381,000	11,430	392,430	1,395,680
2030	1,002,750	0	0	1,002,750	0	0	0	1,002,750
	<u>\$5,261,750</u>	<u>\$5,983,470</u>	<u>\$687,646</u>	<u>\$11,932,866</u>	<u>\$3,200,000</u>	<u>\$529,883</u>	<u>\$3,729,883</u>	<u>\$15,662,750</u>

## Exhibit 2

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to chapter 396 of Nevada Revised Statutes (the "Project Act") and all laws supplemental thereto, the Board of Regents (the "Board") of the Nevada System of Higher Education ("NSHE") is authorized to issue an obligation to repay money in the form of a promissory note (the "Note") in the principal amount up to \$3,200,000 as specified in a certificate of the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer or any interim (the "Chief Financial Officer") dated on or before the date of delivery of the Note (the "Certificate") to finance the costs of capital improvements at the University of Nevada, Reno, including capital improvements for Mackay Stadium (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board hereby authorizes the Chief Financial Officer to arrange for the issuance and sale of the Note for the Project, including inviting bids for the purchase of the Note and ratifies action previously taken in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note; and

**WHEREAS**, after distribution of notice inviting bids for the purchase of the Note, Board authorizes the Chief Financial Officer, as the chief financial officer of NSHE or the Chancellor, as the chief administrative officer of NSHE, to receive and publicly open bids and sell the Note to the best bidder therefor (the "Purchaser") and ratifies action previously taken in connection with the receipt and opening of bids and either of such officer is hereby authorized to accept a binding contract for the Note, the Note to bear interest at the rate or rates per annum, including a variable interest rate, provided in the purchase proposal submitted by the Purchaser (the "Proposal"), at a price consisting of the principal amount and accrued interest thereon from their date to the date of their delivery, less a discount or plus a premium as set forth in the Certificate and otherwise upon the terms and conditions herein provided.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION:**

Section 1. The officers of the System are hereby authorized to take all action necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including, without limitation, the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to sell the Note and sign the Proposal as a binding contract with the Purchaser for the purchase of the Note and negotiate the terms of the Note (in one series or more) and the Proposal by the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer with the Purchaser which terms shall not be materially inconsistent with the terms of the Certificate and the form of the Note attached hereto as Exhibit A, with any changes to the form of the Note as are approved by the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer in the judgment of the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer, including any covenants or provisions to protect the owner of the Note and/or NSHE, that the Chancellor or Chief Financial Officer determines are necessary or desirable to obtain favorable terms for NSHE which covenants or provisions, if any, shall be evidenced by such officer's execution of the Certificate and any such determination made is conclusive absent fraud or abuse of discretion.

Section 2. The Note shall be issued and payable in fully registered form, i.e., registered as to both principal and interest and shall be dated as of the date of delivery of the Note. The principal advanced under the Note shall bear interest from its date until the maturity dates thereof (or, if redeemed prior to maturity as provided below, the redemption dates) at the respective variable or fixed rates set forth in the Certificate, and payable semi-annually in the designated years as set forth in the Certificate commencing as set forth in the Certificate; provided that any Note which is reissued upon transfer, exchange or other replacement shall bear interest at the rate or rates set forth in the Certificate from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid, or if no interest has been paid, from the date of the Note. The Note shall mature in the designated amounts of principal and designated years as set forth in the Certificate. The final principal payment under the Note shall be paid to the registered owner of the Note at the office of U.S. Bank National Association, as the registrar and paying agent for the Note (the "Paying Agent") on presentation and surrender of the Note at maturity or on call for redemption as provided below. Installments of maturing principal and interest on the Note shall be paid by check or draft mailed or electronic funds transfer initiated on or before each interest payment date (or if such interest payment date is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day) to the registered owner hereof at the address appearing on the registration records of NSHE maintained by the Paying Agent or such other means acceptable to the Purchaser and the Paying Agent. All such payments shall be made in lawful money of the United States of America.

Section 3. The Note, or portions thereof, maturing on and after the date specified in the Certificate, shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturities, at the option of NSHE, as directed by the Chief Financial Officer at any time on and after the date specified in the Certificate, in whole or in part from any maturities selected by NSHE, at the direction of the Chief Financial Officer, at a price equal to the principal amount of the Note, or portion thereof, so redeemed, accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, and a premium, if any, as provided in the Certificate. The Note, or portions thereof, maturing on and after the date specified in the Certificate, shall be subject to redemption prior to their respective maturities, at the option of NSHE, as directed by the Chief Financial Officer at any time on and after the date specified in the Certificate, in whole or in part from any maturities selected by NSHE, at the direction of the Chief Financial Officer, at a price equal to the principal amount of the Note, or portion thereof, so redeemed, accrued interest thereon to the redemption date, and a premium, if any, as provided in the Certificate from amounts, if any, recovered by NSHE as a result of pending litigation relating to Mackay Stadium. The Note may be transferred as otherwise set forth in the Certificate.

Section 4. The Board hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of the Note with manual or facsimile signatures of the Chair, Chancellor, ex officio Treasurer, and the Secretary of the Board, the execution and delivery of such certificates as may be necessary to evidence the validity and enforceability of the Note and the exclusion of interest on the Note from gross income and alternative taxable income for federal income tax purposes, including the execution of closing certificates by any of the officers of the Board and any of the Chancellor, Chief Financial Officer and Chief General Counsel.

Section 5. The Board hereby declares its intent to reimburse the costs of the Project from proceeds of the Note. This is a declaration of official intent under Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. The Board hereby determines and declares that:

(a) NSHE intends to incur expenditures with respect to the Project prior to the issuance of the Note and to reimburse those expenditures from the issuance of the Note; and

(b) The payment of costs related to the Project and the reimbursement of such costs from the proceeds of the Note is consistent with NSHE's budgetary and financial circumstances as of the date of this Resolution. NSHE does not currently have moneys which are, nor does NSHE reasonably expect moneys to be, allocated on a long-term basis, reserved or otherwise available pursuant to NSHE's budget to pay the expenditures which NSHE intends to reimburse; and

(c) The maximum principal amount of the Note expected to be issued for the Project is \$3,200,000.

Section 7. This resolution shall be effective on its passage and approval.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this September 6, 2019.

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Chair, Board of Regents

Attest:

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Chief of Staff and Special Counsel to the Board of Regents

Exhibit A  
(Attach Form of Note)

**Exhibit 3**

TRANSFER OF THIS NOTE OTHER THAN BY REGISTRATION IS NOT EFFECTIVE

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
PROMISSORY NOTE  
(UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO)  
SERIES 2019A

No. R-1

FINAL MATURITY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
INTEREST RATE: [\_\_\_\_\_% per annum][variable rate as calculated herein]  
DATE OF DELIVERY: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

For value received, the Nevada System of Higher Education (the "System"), hereby promises to pay in installments as outlined below, from any sources legally available therefor to the order of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Lender"), or its registered assigns as shown on the registration panel appended hereto, the aggregate principal amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the date of delivery of the Note until the principal advanced under the Note is paid in full at the interest rate set forth above.

Interest shall be calculated on the basis of a \_\_\_\_\_-day year of \_\_\_\_\_ day months. Interest shall be payable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ 1 of each year commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ until the maturity date hereof. The outstanding principal of this Note shall mature in installments of principal payable on \_\_\_\_\_ 1 and \_\_\_\_\_ 1 of each year commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ 1, \_\_\_\_ and ending on \_\_\_\_\_ 1, \_\_\_\_\_ at which time all unpaid principal plus accrued unpaid interest shall be due and payable. The installments of principal shall be due as set forth in the amortization schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

The final principal payment under this Note shall be paid to the registered owner of this Note at the office of U.S. Bank National Association, as registrar and paying agent for the Note (the "Paying Agent") on presentation and surrender of this Note at maturity or on call for prepayment as provided below. Installments of principal and interest on this Note shall be paid by check or draft mailed or electronic funds transfer initiated on or before each interest payment date or prepayment date (or if such interest payment date or prepayment date is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day) to the registered owner hereof at the address appearing on the registration records of the System maintained by the Paying Agent or such other means acceptable to the Lender and the Paying Agent. "Business Day" means a day which is not (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday on which banking institutions in Reno, Nevada or New York, New York or the states where the principal corporate office of the System or the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent is located are authorized by law to close, or (b) a day on which the New York Stock Exchange or the Federal Reserve Bank is closed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all payments of principal and interest on this Note to the Lender may be made via wire transfer pursuant to instructions on file with the Paying Agent and without presentment or surrender of this Note except presentment or surrender

shall be required upon final maturity or prepayment in whole of this Note. All such payments shall be made in lawful money of the United States of America.

The outstanding principal of the Note may be prepaid in whole or in part in any order or maturity at the option of the System as directed by the Chief Financial Officer as set forth in the Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer. On any date on which the System is prepaying all or any portion of the principal balance of this Note, interest accrued on such principal so prepaid to the date of prepayment shall also be paid. After the date of the prepayment of all or part of the principal hereof, interest on the portion of the principal so prepaid will cease to accrue. The amount of principal so prepaid may be noted on the prepayment panel appended to this Note and shall be maintained in the registration records by the Registrar.

Partial principal prepayments shall be applied to the principal due under the Note as directed by the Chancellor or the Chief Financial Officer of the System, including application to the most remote installment of principal due under this Note which may result in a shortened term for this Note.

The principal of and interest on this Note are payable only to the registered owner hereof at the address appearing on the registration records of the System maintained by the Paying Agent. This Note may be transferred on presentation by the registered owner to the Paying Agent, together with evidence of transfer satisfactory to the Paying Agent and Registrar, and such transfer shall be noted in the registration records of the System maintained by the Registrar and may be similarly noted on the registration panel hereof and no such transfer shall be effective until the registered owner shall have provided such satisfactory evidence of transfer to the Paying Agent and Registrar. This Note may be transferred in minimum authorized denominations of \$250,000 if (i) written notice of such transfer, together with addresses and related information with respect to such purchaser, is delivered to the Registrar by such transferor and (ii) such purchaser shall have delivered to the Registrar and the transferor an investor letter in the form attached as Exhibit B to this Note executed by a duly authorized officer of such purchaser; provided that each such purchaser shall constitute (1) a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and (2) a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States, or any state thereof, or any other country which is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or a political subdivision of any such country, and, in any such case, having a combined capital and surplus, determined as of the date of any transfer, of not less than \$5,000,000,000. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Note may be transferred without limitation to an affiliate of the Lender, each of the beneficial owners of which are "qualified institutional buyers" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Paying Agent shall not be required to transfer ownership of this Note within 30 days of any date on which any portion of the principal hereof is to be prepaid. The System, the Registrar and the Paying Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owner of this Note as noted in the registration records maintained by the Registrar as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes hereof and any applicable laws, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary received by any or all of them and the Paying Agent shall transmit payments to the registered owner hereof as shown on the registration records of the System maintained by the Registrar.

This Note is issued by the System pursuant to authorization by the Board of Regents of the System (the "Board") for the purpose of financing in part the cost of capital improvements for the University of Nevada, Reno. This Note is payable from any monies of the System legally

available for the purpose of making such payment, and the System hereby covenants to make sufficient provision annually in its budget to pay the principal of and interest on this Note when due.

This Note does not constitute a debt or indebtedness of the State of Nevada or a charge against the State's credit or taxing power. Repayment of this Note is not subject to annual appropriation by the System.

Each of the following are defined to be an "Event of Default" hereunder.

(i) the System is 5 or more calendar days late in making any regularly scheduled payment of the principal of or interest on this Note when due;

(ii) the System files a petition or similar pleading or any petition or similar pleading is filed against the System seeking a discharge composition or other form of relief of the System's debt under the Federal Bankruptcy laws or under any other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws of the United States or the State of Nevada;

(iii) an order or decree is entered in a court of competent jurisdiction in an insolvency case under the Federal Bankruptcy laws or under any other applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar law appointing a receiver, custodian, liquidator, or trustee for the assets of the System or any substantial part of the System's property and such decree or order continues unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 days; or

(iv) the System voluntarily suspends its business.

If an Event of Default shall have occurred hereunder, and in the case of those events listed in clauses (ii) through (iv) of the preceding sentence only, such Event of Default is not cured within 30 days after written notice from the registered owner hereof to the Paying Agent specifying the Events of Default and requiring that it be remedied, then:

(i) the registered owner may proceed against the System to protect and enforce all of its rights hereunder by mandamus or by other suit, action or special proceeding in law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction for the specific performance of the covenants and agreements of the System hereunder; and

(ii) the registered owner may exercise such other remedies available to it at law or in equity.

Any failure on the part of the registered owner to exercise, and any delay in exercising, any right hereunder shall not operate as a waiver thereof or of any other remedy; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Payments made on this Note shall be applied in the following order of priority: (i) to pay any reasonable expenses incurred in collecting amounts due under or in enforcing the provisions of this Note, (ii) to pay interest in arrears or then due, and (iii) to pay the installments of principal in arrears or then due. If any principal payment is not made when due, interest shall continue on the unpaid installment of principal until it is paid.

This Note shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nevada.

It is hereby certified, recited, declared and warranted that all actions required to be taken prior to the issuance hereof have been had and taken by the System.

The System covenants for the benefit of the registered owners of this Note that it will not take any action or omit to take any action with respect to this Note, the proceeds thereof, any other funds of the System or any facilities financed with the proceeds of this Note if such action or omission (i) would cause the interest on this Note to lose its exclusion from gross income for federal

income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of delivery of this Note (the "Tax Code"), or (ii) would cause interest on this Note to lose its exclusion from alternative minimum taxable income as defined in Section 55(b)(2) of the Tax Code.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Nevada System of Higher Education has caused this Note to be signed and executed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chairman of its Board of Regents, to be countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chancellor, ex-officio Treasurer of the System and to be signed and attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Chief Executive Officer of the Board, ex officio Secretary, all as of the date of this Note appearing above.

NEVADA SYSTEM HIGHER EDUCATION

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Chair, Board of Regents

Countersigned:

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Chancellor, ex-officio Treasurer

(SEAL)  
Attest:

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Chief of Staff and Special Counsel  
to the Board of Regents, ex officio Secretary

PROVISION FOR REGISTRATION AS TO PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST

This Note must be registered as to both principal and interest on the registration records of the System, kept by U.S. Bank National Association, as registrar and paying agent (the "Registrar"). After registration as to both principal and interest, the Registrar shall note such registration on such registration records and may not such amounts in the registration blank below, and the principal and interest on this Note shall be paid to such registered owner. This Note may be transferred by the registered owner or such registered owner's legal representative only upon a duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the Registrar and a duly executed investor letter in the form attached to this Note as Exhibit B, such transfer to be made on the registration records and endorsed hereon. The System, the Registrar and the Paying Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owner of this Note as noted in the registration records maintained by the Registrar as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes of this Note and any applicable laws, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary received by any or all of them and the Paying Agent shall transmit payments to the registered owner hereof as shown on the registration records of the System maintained by the Registrar.

Every privilege, registration, and transfer, shall be exercised only in accordance with the authorizing resolution and such reasonable rules and regulations as the Registrar may prescribe.

<u>Date of Registration</u>	<u>Name of Registered Owner</u>	<u>Signature of Registrar</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ASSIGNMENT

The within and foregoing Note No. R-1 is hereby sold, assigned, transferred and set over, without recourse, unto \_\_\_\_\_, or order, subject to the terms and conditions of said Note.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

Signature Guaranteed:

\_\_\_\_\_

PREPAYMENT PANEL

Principal of this Note has been prepaid on the dates indicated below:

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<u>Date of Prepayment</u>	<u>Amount Prepaid</u>	<u>Signature of Paying Agent</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EXHIBIT A  
(Attach Amortization Schedule)



4. We have authority to purchase the Note and to execute this letter and any other instruments and documents required to be executed by the purchaser in connection with the purchase of the Note.

5. The undersigned is a duly appointed, qualified and acting representative of the Purchaser and is authorized to cause the Purchaser to make the certifications, representations and warranties contained herein by execution of this letter on behalf of the Purchaser.

6. The Purchaser is a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the 1933 Act and is a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States, or any state thereof, or any other country which is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or a political subdivision of any such country, and, in any such case, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$5,000,000,000 as of the date hereof, and is able to bear the economic risks of such investment.

7. The undersigned understands that no official statement, prospectus, offering circular, or other comprehensive offering statement is being provided with respect to the Notes. The undersigned has made its own inquiry and analysis with respect to the System, the Note and the security therefor, and other material factors affecting the security for and payment of the Note.

8. The undersigned acknowledges that it has either been supplied with or been given access to information, including financial statements and other financial information, regarding the System, to which a reasonable investor would attach significance in making investment decisions, and has had the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from knowledgeable individuals concerning the System, the Note and the security therefor, so that as a reasonable investor, it has been able to make its decision to purchase the Note.

9. The Note is being acquired by the Purchaser for investment for its own account and not with a present view toward resale or distribution; *provided, however*, that the Purchaser reserves the right to sell, transfer or redistribute the Note, but agrees that any such sale, transfer or distribution by the Purchaser shall be to a Person:

(a) that is an affiliate of the Purchaser;

(b) that is a trust or other custodial arrangement established by the Purchaser or one of its affiliates, the owners of any beneficial interest in which are limited to qualified institutional buyers; or

(c) that the Purchaser reasonably believes to be a qualified institutional buyer and a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States, or any state thereof, or any other country which is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or a political subdivision of any such country, and, in any case, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than

\$5,000,000,000 as of the date of such sale, transfer or distribution who executes an investor letter substantially in the form of this letter.

Very truly yours,

\_\_\_\_\_, AS PURCHASER

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_