

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 1:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 (“DIRECTIVE 006”) ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT. THERE WILL BE NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR THE MEETING.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE SUBMITTED VIA THE ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENT FORM (<http://nshe.nevada.edu/public-comment/>) OR VOICEMAIL (702-800-4705 or 775-300-7661). MESSAGES RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020, MAY BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD DURING THE MEETING. ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT FORM SUBMISSIONS AND/OR VOICEMAILS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING WILL BE TRANSCRIBED AND INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENT RECORD.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING MAY DO SO VIA LIVE STREAM (<http://nshe.nevada.edu/live/>).

ROLL CALL:	Dr. Jason Geddes, Chairman	_____
	Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Vice Chairman	_____
	Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
	Ms. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
	Mrs. Carol Del Carlo	_____
	Mr. Trevor Hayes	_____
	Mr. Sam Lieberman	_____
	Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
	Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
	Mr. John T. Moran	_____
	Mr. Kevin J. Page	_____
	Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
	Mr. Rick Trachok	_____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE AGENDA AND PUBLIC MEETING

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, including moving an item to a different day if the meeting is noticed for more than one day, 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.

In accordance with the Board of Regents’ Bylaws, Title I, Article V, Section 18, 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 12, a quorum may be gained by telephone hookup.

Some agenda items are noted as having accompanying reference material. Reference material may be accessed on the electronic version of the agenda by clicking the reference link associated with a particular item. The agenda and associated reference material may also be accessed on the Internet by visiting the Board of Regents' website at: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/leadership-policy/board-of-regents/meeting-agendas/>

Pursuant to Section 5 of Directive 006, the requirement contained in NRS 241.020(3)(c) that physical locations be available for the public to receive supporting material for public meetings has been suspended. Pursuant to Section 6 of Directive 006, copies of the reference material and any additional support materials that are submitted to the Board of Regents' Office and then distributed to the members of the Board of Regents after the posting of this agenda but before the meeting, will be made available upon request by calling Keri Nikolajewski at (702) 889-8426.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in the meeting. Please call the Board Office at (702) 889-8426 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

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.

2. BOARD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chairman Jason Geddes will discuss issues related to NSHE and his activities as Board Chairman, including issues related to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT **INFORMATION ONLY**

Chancellor Thom Reilly will report to the Board concerning ongoing planning activities and major projects within the NSHE, including issues related to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

4. HANDBOOK REVISION, TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF BOARD POLICY, DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chancellor Thom Reilly requests approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 2*) concerning delinquent student accounts. Specifically, the proposal will temporarily suspend the provisions related to delinquent accounts through September 30, 2020, to provide that students with a delinquent account due to financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic may register for courses and receive academic transcripts during the Summer and Fall 2020 terms. ([Ref. BOR-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

5. HANDBOOK REVISION, NSHE GRADING POLICY **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chancellor Thom Reilly requests approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 37*) deleting reference to the prescribed letter grade for assignment of a "satisfactory" ("S") or "unsatisfactory" ("U") grade. The currently prescribed grading designated to receive an "S" or "U" grade is not consistent with institutional practices for assigning an "S" or "U" grade. ([Ref. BOR-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

6. ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chancellor Thom Reilly requests approval to postpone in-person graduation ceremonies at all NSHE institutions for the Spring 2020 semester. Chancellor Reilly further requests approval to direct all NSHE institution presidents to work with the Chancellor who, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, will develop and approve tiered alternative plans for virtual ceremonies and/or rescheduled in-person ceremonies for each institution for the Spring 2020 semester. ([Ref. BOR-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**7. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
PRESIDENT MARTA MEANA, UNLV**

Chancellor Thom Reilly requests approval of Amendment No. 3 to the current employment contract of UNLV President Marta Meana, which will extend President Meana's term as acting President of UNLV to December 31, 2020, or until a permanent President of UNLV is hired by the Board, whichever is sooner. All other terms and conditions of President Meana's current contract with the Board remain unchanged. ([Refs. BOR-7a and BOR-7b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**8. AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
CHANCELLOR THOM REILLY, NSHE**

Upon the recommendation of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Board may approve Amendment No. 1 to the current employment contract of NSHE Chancellor Thom Reilly, which will extend the term of his contract to December 31, 2020. Once the Chancellor search process is complete and a new Chancellor is hired by the Board, Dr. Reilly will continue serving the remainder of his extended term of employment in an advisory and supportive role to the new Chancellor and Board during the transition, and his title shall thereafter be "Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Board of Regents." All other terms and conditions of Chancellor Reilly's current contract with the Board remain unchanged. ([Refs. BOR-8a and BOR-8b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**9. EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT**

Chief General Counsel Joe Reynolds requests approval of an Emergency Resolution to implement the Families First Coronavirus Response Act authorizing the Chancellor, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board, and upon the recommendation of the NSHE Chief General Counsel and NSHE Director of Human Resources, to direct the Systemwide implementation of the provisions of the new Families First Coronavirus Response Act that was signed into federal law on March 18, 2020. This Resolution permits the temporary amendment and/or suspension of existing provisions in the *Board of Regents Handbook* and NSHE Code, or the *NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual*, where necessary to implement the new federal law. ([Refs. BOR-9a](#) and [BOR-9b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

**10. FY 2020 AND FY 2021 NSHE OPERATING BUDGET INFORMATION ONLY
IMPACT DUE TO COVID-19**

Chancellor Thom Reilly and Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on FY 20 and FY 21 NSHE operating budgets and actions taken to date, including the hiring freeze and spending restrictions. The discussion will also include an update on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and its estimated impact on NSHE institutions. Chief Financial Officer Clinger will also present potential scenarios for reducing the FY 21 NSHE operating budgets. ([Ref. BOR-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 30 mins.

11. 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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PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, THIS AGENDA HAS BEEN ELECTRONICALLY POSTED ON THE NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION WEBSITE (<http://system.nevada.edu/>) AND ON THE NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE WEBSITE (<http://notice.nv.gov/>) IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 232.2175.