

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF REGENTS
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, January 15, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 OF THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 (“DIRECTIVE 006”), AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 AND 033, 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 THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021, 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 VIEW THE MEETING MAY DO SO VIA LIVE STREAM (<http://nshe.nevada.edu/live/>).

ROLL CALL:	Dr. Mark W. Doubrava, Chair	_____
	Mrs. Carol Del Carlo, Vice Chair	_____
	Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada	_____
	Mr. Patrick J. Boylan	_____
	Mr. Byron Brooks	_____
	Dr. Patrick R. Carter	_____
	Ms. Amy J. Carvalho	_____
	Dr. Jason Geddes	_____
	Mrs. Cathy McAdoo	_____
	Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr.	_____
	Mr. John T. Moran	_____
	Ms. Laura E. Perkins	_____
	Dr. Lois Tarkanian	_____

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, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 and 033, 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, and extended by Directives 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 and 033, 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

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.

2. OATH OF OFFICE

INFORMATION ONLY

Justice Abbi Silver of the Nevada Supreme Court will administer the ceremonial oath of office to the newly elected Regents.

- Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada
- Mr. Patrick J. Boylan
- Mr. Byron Brooks
- Dr. Lois Tarkanian

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. REGENT ORIENTATION

INFORMATION ONLY

A Regent orientation will be presented to provide the necessary framework for the new members of the Board of Regents for their future work on the Board. The orientation will also provide a refresher course for continuing members of the Board. Presentations will be made on major areas of responsibility including the Nevada Open Meeting Law, Regent ethics requirements and fiduciary duty. Information on these topics will be as follows:

3a. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS INFORMATION ONLY

Chair Mark W. Doubrava will welcome participants to the meeting and offer opening remarks.

3b. NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW INFORMATION ONLY

Nevada Chief Deputy Attorney General Rosalie Bordelove will provide an overview of the Nevada Open Meeting Law. ([Ref. BOR-3b](#))

3c. NEVADA ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT LAW INFORMATION ONLY

Nevada Commission on Ethics Executive Director Yvonne M. Nevarez-Goodson will provide an overview of the Nevada Ethics in Government Law. ([Ref. BOR-3c](#))

3d. FIDUCIARY DUTY INFORMATION ONLY

Former Regent Michael B. Wixom will provide an overview of the Board's fiduciary duty in relation to governance and oversight of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

ESTIMATED TIME: 120 mins.

4. **MINUTES** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Request is made for approval of the following meeting minutes:

- September 16, 2020, ad hoc UNR President Search Committee meeting ([Ref. BOR-4a](#))
- September 17, 2020, Board of Regents special meeting ([Ref. BOR-4b](#))
- November 13, 2020, Board of Regents special meeting ([Ref. BOR-4c](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF OF STAFF, BOARD OF REGENTS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chair Mark W. Doubrava will request that the Board appoint current Board Deputy Chief of Staff Keri D. Nikolajewski to serve as Interim Board Chief of Staff and approve the proposed employment contract. ([Ref. BOR-5](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

6. **HANDBOOK AND PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES MANUAL REVISIONS, REGENTS' OUTSTANDING CLASSIFIED STAFF AWARD** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chancellor Melody Rose will request approval of a revision to the *Board of Regents Handbook (Title 4, Chapter 1, new Section 40)* and the *Procedures and Guidelines Manual (Chapter 8, Section 2, Subsection 6)* to establish the Regents' Outstanding Classified Staff Award. This award will be presented annually by the Board to an NSHE classified staff employee who is selected through a nomination and committee review process. ([Ref. BOR-6](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

7. **HANDBOOK REVISION, USE OF STUDENT ACCESS FUNDS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Chief Financial Officer Andrew Clinger requests approval of revisions to the Use of Student Access Funds (*Title 4, Chapter 18, Section 8*) to temporarily allow CSN, GBC, TMCC and WNC to use these funds to offset the budget cuts to the Nevada Promise Scholarship program for the Spring 2021 semester. ([Ref. BOR-7](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 15 mins.

8. ad hoc BUDGET REDUCTION RESPONSE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chair Patrick R. Carter will present for Board approval a report on the ad hoc Budget Reduction Response Committee meeting held on December 11, 2020, and Board action may be requested on the following:

- Proposed Committee Name Change: The Committee considered for approval a formal name change that may better align with the mission and focus of the Committee.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

9. 2021 NSHE LEGISLATIVE PLAN FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Chancellor Melody Rose will present for discussion and approval the NSHE legislative advocacy plan for the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature beginning on February 1, 2021. ([Ref. BOR-9](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 45 mins.

10. WORKSHOP ON THE PRINCIPLES OF TRUSTEESHIP BY THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES INFORMATION ONLY

Chancellor Melody Rose will introduce Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) Senior Fellow and Senior Consultant Dr. Kevin Reilly. Dr. Reilly will present and facilitate a workshop on the principles of trusteeship which may include, but not be limited to, areas for board self-evaluation; an overview and discussion of the challenges facing effective boards; the responsibilities of board members; the difference between a governing board's role and an administration's role; and how board members can model positive behavior, act with integrity, serve the board's mission and maintain a healthy board culture. ([Refs. BOR-10a](#), [BOR-10b](#), [BOR-10c](#), [BOR-10d](#), [BOR-10e](#), [BOR-10f](#) and [BOR-10g](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 150 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, and no substantive discussion may occur at this meeting on new business items in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS 241.010 *et seq.*).

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

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PURSUANT TO SECTION 3 OF DIRECTIVE 006, AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 AND 033, THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN NRS 241.020(4)(a) THAT PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDAS BE POSTED AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF NEVADA HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED.

PURSUANT TO SECTION 4 OF DIRECTIVE 006, AND EXTENDED BY DIRECTIVES 016, 018, 021, 026, 029 AND 033, 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.