

**REVISED AGENDA – SECOND REVISION
NEW ITEM 14**

**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
ACADEMIC, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 South Maryland Parkway, Board Room
Thursday, June 10, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

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System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room

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BOARD

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 _____

COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair _____
Dr. Patrick R. Carter, Vice Chair _____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada _____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan _____
Mrs. Cathy McAdoo _____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins _____

In addition to the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee, this meeting is noticed as a meeting of the Board of Regents to allow other Regents who may wish to attend to participate.

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 1, 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.

*The Board of Regents, at its regularly scheduled meetings, meets concurrently with its Committees (the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee; the Audit, Compliance and Title IX Committee; the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee; the Cultural Diversity Committee; the Health Sciences System Committee; and the Security Committee). The Board's Committee meetings take place in accordance with the agendas published for those Committees. Regents who are not members of the Committees may attend the Committee meetings and participate in the discussion of Committee agenda items. However, action items will only be voted on by the members of each Committee, unless a Regent is temporarily made a member of that Committee under Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Article VI, Section 6. The full Board of Regents will consider Committee action items in accordance with the Board of Regents' agenda published for the current or for a subsequent meeting.

In accordance with the Board of Regents' Bylaws, Title 1, Art. V, Section 12, a quorum may be gained by telephonic 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/>

Many public libraries have publicly accessible computer terminals. 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 as follows:
1. Copies of any such materials are available at the Board of Regents' Office at 2601 Enterprise Road, Reno, Nevada and the Board of Regents' Office at 4300 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy may be requested by calling Winter Lipson at (702) 889-8426; 2. Copies of any such materials will also 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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1. PUBLIC COMMENT – (Continued) INFORMATION ONLY

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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 Committee.

2a. MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Request is made for approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2021, meeting. [\(Ref. ARSA-2a\)](#)

**2b. UNLV – PROGRAM CHANGE, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
MEd SCHOOL COUNSELING**

UNLV requests approval of a program change to the M.Ed. School Counseling to meet new accreditation requirements for the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) updating the curriculum with an additional twelve credits. [\(Ref. ARSA-2b\)](#)

**2c. UNLV – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ELIMINATION, MA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONAL**

UNLV requests approval to eliminate the Master of Arts – Criminal Justice Professional due to continued decline in student interest. Courses will be integrated into the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degree as a track. [\(Ref. ARSA-2c\)](#)

2. CONSENT ITEMS – (Continued) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**2d. CSN – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ELIMINATION, AA LATIN
AMERICAN AND LATINA/O STUDIES**

CSN requests approval to eliminate the Associate of Arts in Latin American and Latina/o Studies due to low enrollment and no current declared majors.

(Ref. ARSA-2d)

**2e. GBC – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ELIMINATION,
BAS GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS**

GBC requests approval to eliminate the Bachelor of Applied Science in Graphic Communications program due to low graduation numbers. *(Ref. ARSA-2e)*

**2f. GBC – PROGRAM CHANGE, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
AS RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES**

GBC requests approval of a program change of Associate of Applied Science in Radiology Technology to an Associate of Science in Radiologic Sciences with the corresponding curriculum changes. *(Ref. ARSA-2f)*

**2g. WNC – PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
ELIMINATIONS**

A review of the NSHE [Academic Program Information System](#) (APIS) indicated a number of degree programs that are no longer active; therefore, WNC requests approval to eliminate the following inactive programs:

- Early Childhood Education, AAS *(Ref. ARSA-2g1)*
- Geographic Information Systems, AAS *(Ref. ARSA-2g2)*
- Web Technology, AAS *(Ref. ARSA-2g3)*

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**3. GBC – PROGRAM PROPOSAL, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
BA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

GBC requests approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (ECE), Non-Licensure. This program is designed to prepare students to assume teaching and/or leadership positions in licensed childcare and preschool programs, Head Start programs, non-public school settings, and agencies supporting early childhood education. ([Ref. ARSA-3](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

4. CO-REQUISITE IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION ONLY

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present an update on the work of the NSHE Corequisite Implementation Task Force charged with supporting institutions in the implementation of the corequisite and gateway policy adopted by the Board at its June 6-7, 2019, meeting. Effective Fall 2021, the policy requires corequisite support for the students placing below college level in mathematics and/or English. The update will include an overview of *No Room for Doubt*, a report published by Complete College America. ([Ref. ARSA-4](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

**5. FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION: INFORMATION ONLY
IMPLICATIONS FOR
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Renee Davis will present information on the simplified Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that is effective for academic year 2023-24. The presentation will include information on the Student Aid Index that will replace the Expected Family Contribution, factors that will impact the Total Cost of Attendance, and implications for student eligibility for need-based aid, including the Pell grant. ([Refs. ARSA-5a and ARSA-5b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

6. **HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION
TO THE UNIVERSITIES

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will request approval a revision to Board policy to remove the standardized test requirement from the university admission criteria. Existing Board policy provides university admission requirements (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Section 4*) in which students applying to an NSHE university must, among other criteria, take the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) prior to admission. The alternate admission pathway using standardized test scores will remain in place. ([*Ref. ARSA-6*](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

7. **HANDBOOK REVISION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
IN-STATE TUITION FOR
CERTAIN VETERANS

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will request approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3*) regarding in-state tuition for certain veterans living in Nevada, which was originally adopted by the Board in 2014 to ensure Nevada's compliance with Section 702 of the federal Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Choice Act"). Recently, Congress revised the provisions of the Choice Act. Specifically, under Section 1005 of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-315), the three-year time period in which a covered individual must enroll in an institution from the date of discharge to receive in-state tuition is removed. Board policy must be revised before August 1, 2021, to remain compliant with federal law and ensure that NSHE institutions do not risk the loss of federal veteran educational assistance dollars. ([*Ref. ARSA-7*](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

8. **HANDBOOK REVISION, ELIMINATING THE EXCESS CREDIT FEE** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will request approval of a revision to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 4*) that removes the requirement for institutions to charge a fee to students who accrue attempted credits equal to 150 percent of the credits required for the student's program of study. Periodically or upon the request of the Board, institutions will report on the number of students who accrue credits equal to 150 percent of the program requirement and address what efforts the institution is employing to mitigate such cases. ([Ref. ARSA-8](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

9. **2019-20 NSHE SPONSORED FUNDING REPORT** **INFORMATION ONLY**

Marcie Jackson, Director of Nevada System Sponsored Programs and EPSCoR, will present highlights from the *2019-20 NSHE Sponsored Funding Annual Report*. The report will include information on sponsored programs awards and expenditures for all NSHE institutions. ([Refs. ARSA-9a and ARSA-9b](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 20 mins.

10. **HANDBOOK REVISION, NATIONAL GUARD FEE WAIVER (AB156)** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The 2021 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 156, revising provisions governing the fee waiver for certain active members of the Nevada National Guard allowing such benefits to be transferred to a spouse or dependent child upon each term of reenlistment. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present the revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 12*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Assembly Bill 156. ([Ref. ARSA-10](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**11. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, IN-STATE FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS (AB165)**

The 2021 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 165, revising provisions governing in-state tuition for veterans who are honorably discharged within five years of matriculation. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present the revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Assembly Bill 165. ([Ref. ARSA-11](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**12. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, TUITION AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
FEE WAIVER NATIVE AMERICANS (AB262)**

The 2021 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 262 mandating the granting a waiver of registration fees, laboratory fees, and all other mandatory fees for certain Native American students. Members of any federally recognized Indian tribe or nation, all or part of which are located within the boundaries of Nevada, or individuals who are certified by the enrollment department of such a tribe or nation or by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as being a descendant of an enrolled member of such a tribe or nation, all or part of which is located within the boundaries of Nevada, regardless of membership status. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present the revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 17, new Section 15*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Assembly Bill 262. ([Ref. ARSA-12](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

**13. *HANDBOOK* REVISION, ADMISSION, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
GENERAL POLICY (SB327)**

The 2021 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Senate Bill 327, prohibiting certain types of discrimination in the admission of students by defining “race” to include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, ethnic background and traits historically associated with race, including, without limitation, hair texture and protective hairstyles. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present the revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 16, Sections 5, 18 and 26*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Senate Bill 327. ([Ref. ARSA-13](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

14. *HANDBOOK REVISION, RESIDENCY AND FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS (SB347)* FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The 2021 Session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Senate Bill 347, which revises provisions regarding tuition for certain members of the armed forces, removes the requirement to certify the applicant is a citizen to receive a Millennium Scholarship, and removes the Nevada Promise Scholarship award disbursement priority. Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs and Community Colleges Crystal Abba will present the revisions to Board policy (*Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 3; Title 4, Chapter 18, Sections 9 and 11*) intended to comply with the amendatory provisions of Senate Bill 347. ([*Ref. ARSA-14*](#))

ESTIMATED TIME: 10 mins.

15. *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.*).

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CSN, Building D, 1st Floor, 6375 W. Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89146
DRI, Maxey Building, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Reno, NV 89512
DRI, Southern Nevada Science Center, 755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV 89119
GBC, Berg Hall, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, NV 89801
NSC, Rogers Student Center, 1st Floor, 1300 Nevada State Drive, Henderson, NV 89002
TMCC, Red Mountain Building (RDMT 200), 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Reno, NV 89512
UNLV, Flora Dungan Humanities Building (FDH), 4505 Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154
UNR, Clark Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, NV 89557
WNC, Bristlecone Building Lobby, 2201 W. College Parkway, Carson City, NV 89703
System Administration, 4300 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89119
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