

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 6
General Business Management

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Section 6. Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies for the Operating Funds

A. Introduction

1. This statement of investment objectives and policies (*the "Guidelines"*) governs the investment management of the Operating Funds (*collectively the "Fund"*) of the NSHE (*the "System"*). These Guidelines relate to the Fund as a whole. Because the Fund is perpetual, the investment objectives and policies are based on an investment horizon greater than ten years.
2. The Regents are responsible for establishing the investment policies for the Fund. Accordingly, the Regents have promulgated these Guidelines pursuant to which they have established the permitted investment parameters and distribution policy. The Regents will review and revise these Guidelines from time to time as appropriate.
3. The Regents have delegated to the Investment Committee (the "Committee") the management of the Fund within the parameters of these Guidelines. The Committee will be comprised of four Regents appointed by the Chair of the Board of Regents. The Chancellor, the Chief Financial Officer, or designee will serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the Committee. The Chair of the Board of Regents will appoint a Chair of the Committee and may appoint one or more individuals with investment knowledge or expertise to serve as nonvoting members of the Committee. The Committee will meet at the discretion of the Committee Chair, but not less than two times during each calendar year during the first and third quarters. Minutes of each meeting of the Committee will be provided to the Regents for acceptance at their next meeting.
4. The Committee will choose an independent investment advisor to provide services it deems to be necessary or helpful, including without limitation, advice with respect to manager selection, termination, and evaluation.
5. No member of the Board of Regents and no voting or nonvoting member of the Committee will accept or approve the acceptance by staff or any other person of any gift, travel expense, or other perquisite proffered by an investment manager, the value of which exceeds \$25, without the advance approval of the Committee. Regents and employees of the System are also subject to the Code of Ethical Standards of the State of Nevada promulgated to govern the conduct of public officers and employees, and Regents are also subject to certain additional conflict of interest provisions.

B. Financial and Investment Objectives of Discrete Pools; Investment Policy

1. The long-term objective of the Fund is to provide a relatively stable stream of revenue that equals or exceeds the general rate of inflation. The measurement of risk that will be used to determine if the long-term objective of the Fund is met with an acceptable level of risk is that the overall return of the Fund, net of fees, should equal or exceed the CPI over rolling periods of ten years.

2. The long-term objectives of the Fund should align with the following overall Nevada System of Higher Education goals.
 - a. Increase participation in post-secondary education.
 - b. Increase student success.
 - c. Close the achievement gap among underserved student populations.
 - d. Collaboratively address the challenges of the workforce and industry education needs of Nevada.
 - e. Co-develop solutions to the critical issues facing 21st century Nevada and raise the overall research profile.
3. ***Consistent with the exercise of fiscal prudence and to more fully reflect the highly diverse population of Nevada and the System's institutional values of inclusion, diversity, equity and access, the System seeks to achieve robust diversity within its investment program and through enhanced inclusive investment practices by its investment managers. Accordingly, the investment advisor will make best efforts to recommend diverse investment managers that are women, disadvantaged and minority owned.***
- 4 [3]. For purposes of investment policy, the Fund will be considered as three discrete pools of funds: a "Short-Term Pool," an "Intermediate-Term Pool," and a "Long-Term Pool."
- 5 [4]. The Short-Term Pool shall be funded in an amount sufficient to meet the expected daily cash requirements of the System, as determined by the NSHE Chief Financial Officer. All cash receipts will be deposited into, and all disbursements will be paid from, this Pool. The Short-Term Pool will be invested in fixed income securities generally having an average maturity of one year or less and thus are highly liquid with little risk of principal loss.
- 6 [5]. The Intermediate-Term Pool is intended to provide a liquid source of funds in the unlikely event the Short-Term Pool is insufficient to meet the System's cash needs and to serve as a reserve for known or contingent obligations with a payout horizon of one to several years, as determined by the NSHE Chief Financial Officer. Since the Short-Term Pool is funded at an amount sufficient to meet expected cash requirements, the Intermediate-Term Pool will be invested in fixed income securities generally having an average maturity of three years or less in order to take advantage of the higher yields typically paid for longer maturities while still maintaining low risk of principal loss and to diversify the portfolio.
- 7 [6]. The Long-Term Pool includes all available funds not needed to fund the Short-Term or Intermediate-Term Pool. Because the allocation strategy results in a very low likelihood that this pool will be needed to meet cash requirements, the Long-Term Pool will be invested in fixed income securities that lower the volatility and/or enhance the investment performance of the portfolio taken as a whole, decrease market risk and to diversify. These investments may include fixed income, Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (*TIPS*), US and international common stocks, and absolute return strategies. The Committee recognizes that certain non-US securities are not within the jurisdiction of the US courts and may result in the loss of investment monies with no avenue for redress. Strategic asset allocation targets and benchmarks within the Long-Term Pool shall be developed and recommended by the investment advisor with input from and approval by the Investment Committee.

8 [7]. The Committee will determine at least annually, with input from the NSHE Chief Financial Officer, the appropriate size of each pool within the parameters of these Guidelines.

9 [8]. The weighted-average credit quality rating of the Fund's investments will generally be at least AA or the equivalent and will never be below A as rated by one or more national credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's Rating Services or Moody's Investors Service.

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