BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

1. AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **University of Nevada, Reno – Basketball Building Naming**

MEETING DATE: June 9-10, 2022

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The Ramon Sessions Basketball Performance Center has been transformative for the men's and women's basketball programs. It is a centerpiece for player development and recruiting, as phase 1 of the initiative. Phase II of the project includes team locker rooms and player lounges for both men's and women's teams. After a thorough evaluation of potential renovations of existing spaces, it was determined that locker room renovations in existing spaces were not feasible. As such, a new initiative to build a separate adjacent facility to house the men's and women's locker room and team lounges was undertaken. This new facility will provide both teams with a first-rate recruiting advantage to go along with first-rate practice center and weight room.

The budgeted building cost is $10,500,000. In recognition of the lead gift of $4,000,000 from Eric and Linda Lannes, the University is recommending the name of this building be the Eric and Linda Lannes Basketball Building. The Lannes' are not NSHE employees and will not receive personal gain from this contribution and naming.

Attached, Exhibit 1, is the location of the Eric and Linda Lannes Basketball Building.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

University of Nevada, Reno President Brian Sandoval requests Board of Regents approval of the new Basketball Building naming of the Eric and Linda Lannes Basketball Building.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The Lannes' have generously provided the lead gift of $4,000,000 towards this project. The University requests this name be approved now.

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

- **X Access (Increase participation in post-secondary education)**
- **X 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

Investments such as these in the University's Division 1 Athletics program are important to recruiting Nevada students to post-secondary education. Likewise, initiatives such as athletics contribute to the 'sticky campus' culture, providing more opportunities for students to engage in campus life and advancing their academic success.

6. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

This request will recognize the generosity of Eric and Linda Lannes and their $4,000,000 lead gift.

7. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The University is not aware of any arguments against.

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

N/A

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE:

The Chancellor's Office recommends approval.

10. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

❑ Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____ Section #_____
❑ Amends Current Board Policy: Title #_____ Chapter #_____ Section #_____
❑ Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #_____ Section #_____
X Other: Procedures and Guidelines Manual____Chapter 1, Section 2.2 – Naming of Campus Buildings _____
❑ Fiscal Impact: Yes_____ No__X___
Explain:_____

Exhibit 1

ERIC AND LINDA LANNES
BASKETBALL BUILDING
LOCATION: ≈ 4,086 SQFT.