

**BOARD OF REGENTS* and its
AUDIT, COMPLIANCE AND TITLE IX COMMITTEE
NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

System Administration, Las Vegas
4300 S. Maryland Parkway, Board Room

Friday, February 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

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System Administration, Reno
2601 Enterprise Road, Conference Room
and
Great Basin College, Elko
1500 College Parkway, Berg Hall Conference Room

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ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Amy J. Carvalho, Chair _____
Dr. Jeffrey S. Downs, Vice Chair _____
Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada _____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan _____
Mrs. Susan Brager _____
Mr. Byron Brooks _____
Ms. Heather Brown _____
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford _____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo _____
Ms. Stephanie Goodman _____
Mr. Donald Sylvantee McMichael Sr. _____
Ms. Laura E. Perkins _____
Dr. Lois Tarkanian _____

**COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Joseph C. Arrascada, Chair _____
Dr. Michele Cruz-Crawford, Vice Chair _____
Mr. Patrick J. Boylan _____
Mrs. Susan Brager _____
Mrs. Carol Del Carlo _____

In addition to the Audit, Compliance and Title IX 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'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.

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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/regents/upcoming-meetings/>

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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in the meeting. Please call the Board Office at (775) 784-4958 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

Land Acknowledgment

Before beginning, we take a moment to recognize that here in Nevada we stand on the land of the Wa She Shu – Washoe; Numu – Northern Paiute; Nuwe – Western Shoshone; and Nuwu – Southern Paiute. We take a moment to recognize and honor their stewardship that continues into today. With this recognition, we state an intention to rightfully include their voice and respect them as the 27 sovereign tribal nations of Nevada.

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 Committee 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. COMMITTEE ORIENTATION AND BACKGROUND

INFORMATION ONLY

Interim Chief Internal Auditor Lauren Tripp will provide general remarks as framework and background to new Committee members and a refresher for returning Committee members. Interim Chief Internal Auditor Tripp will also provide general remarks on the Committee's purview based on the *Board of Regents' Handbook*, Title 1, Article VI, Section 3a, which includes recommending to the Board independent certified public accountants to audit the financial books and records of the NSHE.

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

3. EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Committee will hear presentations from finalist external audit firms, as noted in Request for Proposal #8937. Consistent with the Board of Regents' Handbook Title 1, Article VI, Section 3a, the Committee will interview each external audit firm and may recommend one of the two firms interviewed as NSHE's external auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026. If the Committee makes a recommendation, the Board of Regents will consider that recommendation at a special meeting on February 16, 2024.

- a. Presentation / Q&A for Grant Thornton LLP.
(Refs. [A-3a\(1\)](#), [A-3a\(2\)](#) and [A-3a\(3\)](#))
- b. Presentation / Q&A for Eide Bailly LLP.
(Refs. [A-3b\(1\)](#), [A-3b\(2\)](#) and [A-3b\(3\)](#))
- c. Discussion and possible recommendation of an external audit firm.

ESTIMATED TIME: 80 mins.

4. 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 and NRS 241.020(3)(d) *et seq.*).

ESTIMATED TIME: 5 mins.

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