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MINUTES

NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION TASK FORCE ON POWER-BASED VIOLENCE

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and

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Thursday, February 5, 2026

Members Present:

Ms. Melissa Barnard
Ms. Luisa Bautista
Dr. Sarah Chamanara
Ms. Erin Frock
Dr. Tabor Griswold, Vice Chair
Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Chair
Ms. Christina Hall
Mr. Isabelle Hatch
Mr. Jose Melendrez, Vice Chair
Ms. Michelle Sposito
Ms. Lindsey Wolterbeek

Members Absent

Dr. Kavita Batra

Others Present:

Dr. Daniel Archer, NSHE Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, designee for Chancellor McNair
Ms. Renée Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs
Mr. Chris Nielsen, NSHE Task Force Counsel
Dr. Bradley Marianno, Associate Professor of Educational Policy and Leadership and Faculty Director of the Center for Research, Evaluation, and Assessment at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
Dr. Megan Griffard, Assistant Professor of

Educational Leadership and Policy and Associate
Faculty Director of the Center for Research,
Evaluation, and Assessment at UNLV
Ms. Jennifer Porrier, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor,
Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Chair of the Power-Based Violence Task Force, welcomed all members of the Task Force to the quarterly meeting, which was called to order at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

1. Public Comment

Chair Gunn read in a correction for the record providing the public comment meeting id. There was no public comment.

2. Chair's Report

Chair Gunn thanked those committee members who continue to serve and those whose nominations will be considered at the next meeting. She thanked Mr. Jose Melendrez for serving a second term as Vice Chair. She also thanked Vice Chancellor Davis for her collaboration on the advancement of work on the survey. Work for that task force survey is continuing.

3. Minutes

The Power-Based Violence Task Force approved the minutes from its November 6, 2025 meeting. ([Ref. PBVTF-3](#))

Mr. Jose Melendrez moved approval of the November 6, 2025 meeting minutes. Ms. Christina Hall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2026 Survey Question Review

Chair Gunn introduced Dr. Bradley Marianno and Dr. Megan Grifford, from UNLV's Center for Survey Research, Evaluation, and Assessment, who presented a draft of NSHE Power Based survey. [Refs. PBVTF-4a](#) and [PBVTF-4b](#)

- Dr. Marianno and Dr. Grifford presented the draft of NSHE Power Based Violence survey to present to students in fall 2026.
- Dr. Marianno spoke about the process used to develop the survey. A national review of climate-based surveys of this type was conducted, and that was used as a guide to create this survey. Dr. Marianno highlighted two major changes: 1) Change in the way that instances of Power Based Violence are reported - questions were removed that asked about victimizing, and questions were retained that asked only about the victimized, as it was learned that students generally won't report about victimizing behavior. It's important to avoid possible double counts if both

- victimizers and victims report same instance. 2) A change in the reporting structure was instituted. Modifications were made on how respondents are categorized – they are asked to respond on the action MOST impactful to them.
- Dr. Grifford shared the third change made to the survey – asking survey respondents to share their awareness of resource services available to them, and their interactions, or lack thereof, with those services.

Discussion

- Ms. Luisa Bautista asked if the survey would be available in multiple languages.
 - Dr. Marianno noted that there is capacity to do Spanish language translation, but not others. He is not opposed to opening it up to other languages, however. He then shared that raises the question of the actual distribution of survey as they've been exploring mechanisms for improving response rate and considering a canvas-based deployment, similar to how students would receive a faculty evaluation survey.
- Ms. Christina Hall addressed the third changed mentioned, expressing approval of the matrix being developed around available and utilized resources at campuses. She noted that not all resources listed are available at all campuses. Ms. Hall went on to question if, on page one, there could note a delineation between confidential and non-confidential resources.
 - Dr. Grifford replied that the survey will be updated as specified by Ms. Hall.
- Mr. Melendrez asked how quickly a student might be responded to if the survey indicates that something was triggered for the respondent.
 - Ms. Hall suggested a footnote at the bottom of each page with reporting phone numbers.
 - Dr. Marianno noted that would be looked into.
 - Chair Gunn shared that in the past there were noted reminders at the beginning of each section regarding resources.
- Ms. Bautista noted that some pages contained a trigger warning and inquired about adding a trigger warning to every page (instead of just some), along with resources available.
 - Dr. Marianno said that was considered, and this feedback is helpful going forward.
- Ms. Isabel Hatch added her thoughts about having a trigger warning at the beginning of each section, tailored to the subject matter of each section.
 - Dr. Grifford said this had been discussed and will work to figure out the best way to tailor those warnings and will bring it forward at the next meeting.
- Ms. Hall asked about having a pop-up if someone answered affirmatively to being choked, suggesting the respondent seek medical care immediately.

- Dr. Grifford thanked Ms. Hall for that information and agreed to add that pop up.
- Ms. Michelle Sposito noted that not all institutions have an “Equal Opportunity & Title IX” website, as indicated on pages 1 and 24 and requested that the reference be only to Title IX websites, to encompass all campuses.
 - Dr. Grifford indicated the language for each institution would be updated to reflect nomenclature.
- The committee proceeded to go over the survey question by question for feedback. Dr. Marianno led the discussion through each block of the survey and the questions within.
 - No feedback until the Power Based Violence Victimization Screen Block – Ms. Bautista pointed out a couple of typos that were noted.
 - Ms. Bautista inquired if a written response could be incorporated into question 6 in the PBV Incident Follow up block (asking the student why they considered leaving the school or transferring, or why they decided to stay, to identify possible gaps that need to be filled).
 - In the Demographic Block Ms. Bautista asked to add a question about how the respondent heard about the survey – leaving it up to Dr. Marianno where that question might fit best.
 - In the Debrief and Conclusion block, more discussion ensued regarding the availability of resources section. Ms. Erin Frock inquired if she could share the survey with her institution’s Title IX coordinator to ensure accurate reporting. Mr. Nielsen indicated this was up the Chair but his opinion was that sharing was ok in this context.
 - Dr. Tabor Griswold asked about adding a follow-up question regarding observation of a PBV situation and Dr. Marianno indicated that question was on page 37 of tracked changes. It was agreed this was adequate.
- Chair Gunn concluded that work on this agenda item is occurring on schedule, with a return visit to the survey at the next meeting, where voting would occur to recommend the survey to the Board of Regents.

5. GAPS Analysis

[*\(Ref. PBVTF-5\)*](#)

Dr. Gunn let the discussion of the draft PBV Best Practices Matrix, including how this information might guide future recommendation to the Board of Regents. She suggested reviewing the columns individually and then holistically, followed up by vetting by each institution.

- Beginning with UNLV: Ms. Hall, Director of the Care Center at UNLV, shared that in the first column of the Service Category: the current reference of “Dedicated Advocacy/Care Center” could be confusing verbiage and suggested changing it to read “Dedicated Advocacy/Campus

Based Advocacy Center. Additionally, Ms. Hall suggested several other changes, including changing the name of the Care Center, removing the Care Center from the Reporting Mechanisms section (maybe adding the campus police here), and including the student counseling center in the third section. Ms. Michelle Sposito suggested revisions to the Academic/Workplace Accommodations section, stating that it should be consistent across the board for the institutions, as they all offer the same services. Ms. Hall went on to suggest Title IX training should be added to the Training-Employees section.

- Ms. Hatch reiterated identifying which offered resources are confidential and which are not confidential. Ms. Sposito clarified some nuances in confidential reporting for the committee.
- Ms. Bautista shared that for NSU, students do not refer to “Care Advocates,” but instead to Student Wellness Center.
- Ms. Frock shared that in the TMCC portion of the matrix, TMCC no longer offers a dedicated 24/7 crisis line, which is referenced in two places in the matrix. Additionally, in the Employee Assistance Program section, TMCC offers ComPsych EAP.

Chair Gunn inquired after any suggestions for further revisions of this matrix.

- Ms. Bautista suggested adding wait times for Counseling or Wellness Centers.
- Ms. Sposito asked if this matrix could be taken back to the institution Title IX coordinators for review, as it hasn’t been reviewed since 2024. Dr. Gunn was in agreement.
- Dr. Griswold suggested adding an appendix identifying all acronyms used in the matrix.

6. New Business

- Dr. Gunn suggested continuing to review the survey and matrix for GAPS Analysis.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.