

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

**1. Agenda Item Title: *Handbook* Revision-Standing Committees of the Board of Regents
Meeting Date: March 3-4, 2016**

2. BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The Board of Regents Bylaws contained in *Handbook* Title 1, Article VI, Sections 1-3 authorize the appointment of standing committees and the designation of their duties. The Chair of the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee is proposing a revision to the Bylaws providing for the addition of a component to the duties of the Committee. The additional component is to review and make recommendations regarding the Board's Efficiency and Effectiveness Initiative.

This is the second of two hearings required at regular Board meetings for a change to the Bylaws. The first hearing occurred at the December 3-4, 2015, Board meeting. A two-thirds vote in the affirmative is required to amend the Bylaws of the Board.

3. SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Revise the charge for the Business, Finance and Facilities Committee to include review and recommendations regarding the Board's Efficiency and Effectiveness Initiative.

4. IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

The addition to the Committee's duties will increase the efficiency of Board oversight and an effective efficiency measure should be implemented at the earliest practical opportunity.

5. BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- The addition will result in more effective oversight of the Board's Efficiency and Effectiveness Initiative.

6. POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

The present Board standing committee charge efficiently processes Board business.

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

Leave the current standing committee charge in place.

8. COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title #____ Chapter #__ Section #____
- Amends Current Board Policy: Title #__1__ Article #__VI__ Section #__3__
- Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter #____ Section #____
- Other:_____
- Fiscal Impact: Yes____ No_X____
Explain:_____

POLICY PROPOSAL - HANDBOOK
TITLE 1, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3
Standing Committees and their Duties

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

Section 3. Standing Committees and their Duties

The following shall be the standing committees of the Board and their duties:

b. The Business, Finance and Facilities Committee shall:

1. Review and recommend to the Board the operating budget requests and work programs for the NSHE, with the primary objective of affirming the connections between the NSHE Master Plan and System-wide priorities, budget requests, and funding allocations;
2. Review and recommend to the Board the self-supporting budgets and work programs for the NSHE;
3. Make recommendations to the Board for the financing of the activities of the NSHE and the expenditure or use of NSHE financial resources;
4. Review institutional and System proposals that create added fiscal requirements and/or alter established planning directions;
5. Oversee System direction of, or participation in, studies of funding mechanisms and approaches for public higher education in Nevada;
6. Review and make recommendations on NSHE risk management, insurance programs, and safety and security measures;
7. Monitor the technology needs and systems of the NSHE to ensure optimal use of resources for integrated system-wide information systems and other proper strategic uses of technology within the NSHE;
8. Review institutional requests to purchase or dispose of NSHE property;
9. Review all institutional requests to enter into property lease agreements in accordance with Board policy and applicable law;
10. Review any requests to lease NSHE property to an outside agency or private entity;
11. Review the land acquisitions and disposal portions of all institutional master plans;
12. Review all institutional requests for easements on NSHE property;
13. Review annual update of all NSHE property holdings and long-term leases;
14. Review and recommend to the Board the NSHE capital improvement priority lists, with the primary objective of affirming the connections between the requests and the institutional facilities master plans;
15. Review and recommend to the Board institutional facilities master plans; [~~and~~]
16. Review and recommend to the Board a System space utilization model and periodically review institutional and System-wide space utilization data [.] *and*
17. *Review and make recommendations to the Board regarding the Board's Efficiency and Effectiveness Initiative.*