



College of Southern Nevada – Institutional Advisory Council
Approved Meeting Minutes
Quarterly Meeting, Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Agenda item 1:

Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m.

Agenda item 2:

Roll Call:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Chair Randy Robison	Paul J. Moradkhan
	Vice-Chair Peter Guzman	
	Shaundell Newsome	
	Jose Solorio	
	Maria Jose Gatti (on-line)	
	Vida Chan Lin	
	Nancy E. Brune (on-line)	
	Jaime Cruz	
	Janeth Balvas (Ex-Officio)	
	Sarah Tartaglia (Ex-Officio)	
	Valerie Connor (Ex-Officio)	
	Eric Garner (Ex-Officio) (on-line)	
	William L. Kibler	

Additional attendees: Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Natalie Brown (NSHE), Lawrence Weekly, Clarissa Cota, Ruben Kihuen, Frank Woodbeck, Jim Ferrance, Mugunth Vaithylingam, Danita Simons, Jolene Romero, Eric Garner, Yvonne Realivasquez, Tina Russom, Valerie Conner, Stacy Klippenstein, Sarah Tartaglia, Janeth Balvas, and Rolando Mosqueda.

Agenda item 3:

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda item 4:

Randy Robison – **Public Comment.** None presented.

Randy Robison – **Agenda variation:** “For the information of the Members, I am going to **defer** items 5, 11 & 12 for today’s meeting, and so we’ll just move on to item number 6.”

Agenda item 6:

Randy Robison – Board Chair Report

Regarding the Northwest campus, it is important to keep pushing for the funding during the Legislative Session to enable them to understand the value of caring and the purpose of this Center for Excellence that we are pursuing. No questions were asked.

Agenda item 7:

William L. Kibler, Ph.D. – President's Report

The big news for CSN is that the Board has appointed the new President, Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, and he will begin on July 1. The Board has also appointed a new Chancellor, Matt McNair, and his contract begins on June 1. Things are progressing nicely with the Presidential search for Truckee Meadows College. Any other discussion items are already being addressed in this meeting's agenda.

Agenda item 8:

Dialogue with newly appointed CSN President – Dr. Stacy Klippenstein. During the interview process he has had the chance to meet the shared governance chairs and is looking forward to making sure that CSN continues that movement forward to always include all stake holders. Another point to make is that Dr. Kibler has done a lot of heavy lifting and caring for the college in his role as the Acting President and that also includes the support of all of the people at the meeting. The transition is planned to incorporate meetings ahead of the July 1 start date since he lives in the neighboring county in Arizona and the ability to connect will be an advantage. Wants to reassure the community that his philosophy is "students first" and he has a strong work ethic. Gave background on himself in his career and each IAC Member introduced themselves to him.

Agenda item 9:

Clarissa Cota – CSN Legislative Update.

Item a. Dr. Lawrence Weekly and Janeth Vences-Balvas recapped the CSN Day at the Legislature which was on March 27, 2025.

Item b. Clarissa Cota provided a brief update on the current NSHE funding formula being presented to the Legislature. Jose Solorio stated that this has been taking too long for this funding formula to pass through the Legislature and each one of them needs to contact their legislators and request the fair funding that the community colleges deserve.

Item c. Jim Ferrance described that there are 25 legislative bills that are currently under consideration in the Legislature that the Government Affairs team is following the progress of. Some of these include such topics as: The Film Studio, Dual Credit funding, Education and Health Care Pathways, Workforce Innovation for the New Nevada, the Funding Formula, and our Northwest Campus.

Item d. Clarissa Cota reported that the Northwest Campus funding request was introduced to the Ways and Means Committee on March 28, 2025. They continue to meet with all of the supporters, but are also awaiting a response from BLM confirming that the land is granted to be built upon by 2028. The advocacy and connections from the IAC Members is valued and appreciated.

Agenda item 10:

NSHE Report – Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Natalie Brown welcomes Dr. Klippenstein on behalf of NSHE. Recently attended an American Association of Community Colleges conference where there were a lot of conversations about what issues are now affecting community colleges at the state level nation-wide. Other key areas of concern are the use of AI, and earning credit for private learning,

Agenda item 13:

New Business -- No one brought forth a topic of discussion.

Agenda item 14:

Public Comment – Randy Robison called for any comments in-person or online. There were none.

Agenda item 15:

Adjourn.

Chair Robison: Read the Land Acknowledgement that was skipped in error at the beginning.
We adjourn the meeting. 4:06 p.m.