



**College of Southern Nevada – Institutional Advisory Council
Draft Meeting Minutes
Quarterly Meeting, Monday, April 20, 2026**

Agenda item 1:

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda item 2: Roll Call

In-person

Randy Robison
Peter Guzman
Evan Louie
Jose Solorio
Paul J. Moradkhan

Virtual

Jaime Cruz
Vida Chan Lin
Maria Jose Gatti
Shaundell Newsome
Dr. Nancy E. Brune

Additional attendees: Dr. Stacy Klippenstein, Eric Garner, Ruben Kihuen, Danita Simons, Dr. James McCoy, Tina Russom, Dr. Juan Avalos, Lisa Bakke, Dr. Yvonne Realivasquez, Clarissa Cota, Sarah Tartaglia, Dr. Tracy Sherman, Dr. Vartouhi Asherian, Dr. Lawrence Weekly,

Land Acknowledgement by Chair Randy Robison

Agenda item 3: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda item 4: Public Comment

Randy Robison

- No formal public comments were recorded at this time.

Agenda item 5: Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2026 Meeting

Randy Robison

- Motion to approve by Peter Guzman. Approved.
- Second: Seconded by Evan Louie.
- Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda item 6: Board Chair Report

Randy Robison

- No significant updates were reported beyond welcoming remarks.

Agenda item 7: CSN Foundation Report

Danita Simons

- Gala, themed “Coming Home,” will be held on April 30 at the Charleston Campus.

- Event format includes:
 - Outdoor social hour
 - Ballroom program
 - Honoree recognitions
 - Auction
- Two tables and sponsorship opportunities remain available.
- Gala to highlight and remind attendees of the mission and impact of CSN and the Foundation.
- Committed \$10 million in support of the Northwest Campus project.
- Capital campaign consultant hired to assist fundraising efforts.
- Committee was asked to support future capital campaign initiatives.
- Evan Louie expressed support during the discussion.

Agenda item 8: Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development (SBED)

Eric Garner

- Nevada Grow program continues supporting Nevada-based businesses through market data, counseling, and business development resources.
- Program partnerships include the Urban Chamber of Commerce, Access Community Capital, Blackstone LaunchPad, and the Henderson Small Business Assistance Program.
- The program generates nearly a \$2 return on investment for every dollar invested by the State of Nevada.
- Discussion highlighted student entrepreneurship initiatives, including the Youth Entrepreneur Success (YES) Program and Side Hustle programming.
- Approximately 100 students participated in entrepreneurship-related programming this year.
- Blackstone LaunchPad grant near completion, and additional funding sources being explored to continue student support services.
- Committee and CSN leadership congratulated SBED team on the program's continued success and Eric Garner's recent SBA Entrepreneurial Spirit Award recognition.
- Legislative funding and advocacy efforts for Nevada Grow were discussed, including anticipated requests for additional funding during the upcoming legislative session.

Agenda item 9: NSHE Report

Dr. Natalie Brown

- CSN was recognized for hosting the March 31, 2026 Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) convening and for leadership in advancing CPL initiatives across institutions.
- Updates were provided regarding Workforce Pell implementation efforts, including ongoing collaboration on policy, process language, and institutional application development.
- Discussion included statewide collaboration among community colleges and workforce agencies to strengthen workforce training programs and required reporting infrastructure.
- Informed committee of the upcoming May 20, 2026, deadline for the Strengthening Community College Training Grant Round 6 submission.

- Highlighted recent WETC Community Kickoff event and CSN's continued efforts to align programs with community and workforce needs.

Agenda item 10: CSN President's Report

Dr. Stacy Klippenstein

- Provided institutional updates and expressed appreciation to partners supporting workforce development and community college initiatives.
- Committee members were encouraged to participate in upcoming end-of-year celebrations, commencement ceremonies, athletic events, induction ceremonies, and student recognition programs.
- An enrollment update was provided in advance of the upcoming Board of Regents metrics presentation.
- Northwest Campus project continues to advance through the capital improvement project prioritization process and is considered as a top priority project.
- Discussion included the importance of continued advocacy and stakeholder engagement to support the Northwest Campus project through the Board of Regents, Governor's Office, and legislative processes.
- Committee members were invited to provide feedback and support regarding future advocacy efforts related to the Northwest Campus.

Agenda item 11: Northwest Campus Update

Dr. James McCoy and Clarissa Cota

- Dr. James McCoy provided an update on the Northwest Campus project, noting that planning and construction documents are complete and the project is ready to move forward pending legislative funding.
- The project continues to be a top capital improvement priority and is intended to expand access to higher education in the rapidly growing northwest valley based on long-term population and workforce data.
- Northwest Campus is not solely a public safety training facility. While the first building will house public safety programs, it will also provide general education courses and comprehensive student support services.
- President Klippenstein highlighted the project's cost breakdown and discussed opportunities to reduce overall costs through infrastructure partnerships, grant funding, and other collaborative efforts.
- VP Clarissa Cota provided a government relations update, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the Northwest Campus project as the top-ranked capital improvement priority following the upcoming Board of Regents meeting.
- Committee members were encouraged to continue advocating for the project with the Board of Regents, elected officials, and community stakeholders.
- A community town hall at the Centennial Hills YMCA was announced to engage residents and build public support for the Northwest Campus project.
- Councilwoman Brune noted that traffic impacts remain a primary concern expressed by community members regarding the proposed campus.

Agenda item 12: Propose Future Meeting Date

Randy Robison - Proposed Future Meeting September 2026

Agenda item 13: New Business

Requests, Suggestions

- No new business was presented

Agenda item 14: Public Comment

Randy Robison

- No formal public comments were recorded at this time.

Agenda item 15: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm