

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**GREAT BASIN COLLEGE (GBC)  
Institutional Advisory Council  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
Thursday, May 17, 2018 7:00 am (PST)  
BERG HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Video Conference from the Meeting Site to:

Great Basin College – Battle Mountain Center  
835 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., GBC, BM1,  
Battle Mountain, Nevada

Great Basin College – Winnemucca Center  
5490 Kluncy Canyon Rd., GBC 108  
Winnemucca, Nevada

Great Basin College – Ely Center  
2115 Bobcat Dr., GBC 118  
Ely, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wells, Nevada

Great Basin College – Pahrump Valley Center  
551 E. Calvada Blvd., GBC PVC 124  
Pahrump, Nevada

Great Basin College  
GBC, Wendover HST-2, Wendover, Nevada

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## **MINUTES – Approved**

### *Call to Order of the Great Basin College Institutional Advisory Council*

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

#### **Information**

GBC IAC Co-Chair Andrew Bath called the meeting to order at 7:03 am. There was not a quorum.

#### Present:

Dr. Andrew Bath  
Caroline McIntosh  
Will Moschetti  
Al Parker  
Dave Roden

#### Absent:

Hugh Collett  
Laura DelRio  
Vince Juaristi  
Chris Melville  
Don Miller  
Jolene Supp

**Staff/NSHE Representatives/Ex Officio**

**Present:**

John Albrecht, General Counsel  
Lisa Campbell  
Robert Hannu  
Joyce Helens, President  
Nate MacKinnon, Vice Chancellor  
Lynn Mahlberg, Vice President  
Cathy McAdoo, Regent  
Matt McCarty

Bret Murphy  
Tom Reagan  
Sonja Sibert, Vice President  
Mardell Wilkins  
Dan Wold, Eureka Superintendent  
Diane Wrightman

**Others Present:**

Kim Kammerer  
Brent Adams  
Matt Walker  
Paul Miller

2. **Public Comment** (*see foregoing notation regarding public comment*) **Information**  
No public comment.

3. **Approval of Minutes – Andrew Bath** **Information/For Possible Action**  
GBC Institutional Advisory Council did not take action on the minutes of the March 15, 2018 meeting as there was not a quorum. The March 15, 2018 meeting minutes will be presented at the next IAC meeting for approval.

- 4 **Membership of the GBC IAC – Andrew Bath** **Information/For Possible Action**  
GBC IAC Co-Chair Andrew Bath reported there are currently four vacant positions (one 4-year term; and three 2-year terms). Currently the chair position is vacant. The GBC IAC will discuss the chair vacancy and/or approve any interested party to resume the one-year left on Matt McCarty's term as Chair at the next meeting. Matt McCarty said there is an interested person with the Nye County Coalition who may be interested in joining the group. She would like to attend the next meeting. Another person of interest is someone who works for Frontier Community Coalition serving Humboldt, Lander and Pershing counties.

The GBC IAC reviewed the proposed 2018-2019 meeting schedule and there was no action taken. The meeting schedule dates that were discussed were:

- Thursday, September 20, 2018, 7:00 am
- Thursday, November 15, 2018, 7:00 am
- Thursday, January 17, 2019, 7:00 am
- Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:00 am
- Thursday, May 16, 2019, 7:00 am

5. **Board of Regents' Community College Committee Meeting and the IAC Chairs Meeting Update – Andrew Bath** **Information**  
No meetings have occurred since March.

6. **GBC IAC Business Matters – Andrew Bath** **Information**  
GBC Chair Andrew Bath led a discussion on industry needs. Industry representatives in attendance from Ely were Kim Kammerer, HR Manager of Robinson Mine; Brent Adams, Kamatsu; Matt Walker, CEO William Bee Rririe Hospital; Paul Miller, Executive Director Nye County Regional Economic Development Authority.  
Mr. Matt Walker, William Bee Rririe Hospital, reported the hospital's biggest need is for nurses. They would like to see more pre requisite classes being offered at the Ely campus. He believes in any rural area if you grow your own they are more likely to stay. The hospital has three CNAs currently taking courses at St. George and they are afraid they will leave. The hospital employs twenty-one nurses. The care center and the prison struggle with getting/keeping nurses. The home health profession also needs nurses. They really need RNs. GBC's BSN program is all online. Lynn Mahlberg said 4 years ago GBC received a TAAACCT grant that enabled us to purchase and install a state of the art lab and high tech video. Students are meeting together from Pahrump, Winnemucca and Elko. The huge cost is IAV and equipment. President Helens said we can focus on Ely's need. One of the Pennington grants was for a vocational facility at the high school in Ely and it is being underutilized by GBC. The classes would have to be synchronized and we would need the equipment but yes the White Pine High School could be utilized for additional nursing classes. The challenge would be the travel for the clinicals. The waiting lists are long as well. Will Moschetti stated he understands cost restraints and staff shortages. The GBC nursing program is one of the most successful programs GBC offers and if there is a need and desire to grow the program we need to support that.

Kim Kammerer, Robinson Mine, reported their main concern is turnover. They are very interested in growing their own diesel tech and electrical tech programs and they are already working with Bret Murphy. They know that the electrical program is coming. All the mines are competing for the same resources. Robinson Mine has been involved in the scholarship program and will become more so in the future. Andy Bath asked if interns were a possibility if scholarships are awarded. Bret stated that is possible through the MTC program. The students work Friday and Saturdays during the school year and in the summer. There is a shortage of diesel techs and electricians. There are lots of moving parts to starting programs in Ely. GBC has conducted several searches for a diesel instructor that have failed. We have to first find a diesel instructor and then they build the program, get a facility, get the students and then be sustainable. In the beginning you get quite a few students and the numbers tend to drop. Eureka County Superintendent Dan Wold stated his school district is adding diesel classes and pre-anatomy classes at their high school

Brent Adams, Kamatsu, reported their struggle to find qualified diesel technicians. Kamatsu employs one diesel tech out of GBC. They work a seven on seven off schedule. They are anxious and willing to get involved in starting a diesel program in Ely.

Caroline McIntosh said it is important to come together as a community to help find and fund instructors to help GBC with these issues. President Helens said that Matt McCarty is looking into what has been done and what needs to be done from the Foundation's perspective.

President Helens reported Lynn Mahlberg is retiring this summer. We will be hiring a Vice President for Academic Affairs soon. GBC will be regrouping this summer and reprioritizing. We would like to replicate in Ely what we have done in Winnemucca. Ely has been on the radar. We do have a lead on a candidate for electrical. We do have the option to offer more money on the hard to fill list. If we hire someone at a high rate we have to look at the other faculty's pay. There needs to be a mechanism to look at salary equities in these areas. GBC can look at equity across the board. Mr. Miller talked about business supplementing salaries. President Helens talked about creating GBC's Mining Center for Excellence and working with the UNR's Mackay School of Mines.

Caroline McIntosh talked about going forward and using the assets that Ely already has to offer programs. President Helens said we will work this summer on filling critical positions while organizing and prioritizing the work to be done particularly in Ely

Caroline McIntosh thanked Lynn Mahlberg for her service and dedication.

Andy Bath asked for reports on industry needs from Pahrump. Mr. Paul Miller, Nye County Regional Economic Development Authority, said some of their issues in the rural south are the same that have been mentioned. Broad band access is a real problem. Getting and keeping home healthcare nurses and qualified EMTs is a problem. In Esmeralda County access to broad band and transportation are issues. Mr. Miller said he needs a central place for a medical response area like a clinic. They don't have basic communication and medical services. In Goldfield and Silver Peak there is no gas station. How do we let kids now that GBC has internet classes when they don't have broad band. Mines are going into Goldfield and the biggest lithium mine we be at Silver Peak. In summary the critical issues are broad band and medical services. President Helens stated the legislators will listen to business and industry needs. We have similar needs that sometimes are competing but if we have a bigger voice then legislators will listen. We have a BSN program completely online but if they don't have access to broad band it's a problem. We will bring up broad band and the Mining Center of Excellence. GBC has been asking for money for the welding expansion since 2009 and never has it gone through but we put the \$4 million request under a Mining Center of Excellence and it was moved to the number one spot. We are talking about economic development and healthy communities. Andy Bath asked if NSHE has gotten involved with the broad band issue politically. They have not had a discussion on this topic. Most would not realize how big of an issue this is. Nate Mackinnon will raise this with the Chancellor. Nate is not sure if NSHE can serve in an immediate role in solving it. President Helens has been raising the broad band issue with Regents and major mines. Caroline McIntosh said if NSHE could get involved and work with the Governor's office on the broad band issues and tele-health and tele-court with the prison it would raise interest. The Governor is facilitating conversation between user communities and

vendors. Cathy McAdoo says it seems things move slowly, but steps are happening and it takes time for those steps.

Al Parker reported that Valley Electric in Pahrump saw a need for broad band early on and is working with the community. Al talked about the need for mechanics. He also talked about Spring Mountain Racetrack which got another 600 acres from BLM to expand so there will be need for mechanics and other auto type fields. Their CEO is very interested in helping with the needs of the community.

Andy Bath thanked the industry people who could attend the meeting.

**7. Superintendents' Update** **Information**  
No update.

**8. GBC Foundation Update – Matt McCarty** **Information**  
GBC Foundation Director Matt McCarty reported on Foundation activities. Matt anticipates a lot of travel over the next few months. He will be heading to Winnemucca weekly over the next five weeks. He is working on getting some things going for the match portion of the \$5 million grant from the Pennington Foundation.

**9. President's Update – Joyce Helens** **Information**  
President Joyce Helens reported on the upcoming travel to all locations for their commencement and graduation activities. GBC has 575 graduates this year. We will be filling key positions this summer so that we can have a full leadership team in place for fall.

**10. Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Report – Nate MacKinnon** **Information**  
Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges Nate MacKinnon reported there are two new presidents in the System. Dr. Vincent Solis will be president at WNC and Dr. Federico Zaragoza will be president at CSN. They both are Latinos who blew away the campus committees with their interviews. By August 4 there will be 4 permanent community college presidents in place.

Nate reported the final data for the Nevada Promise Scholarship was presented at the May 31 Community College Committee meeting. GBC had 111 students who qualified (30% of the original applicants). GBC will have the highest percentage to complete. Nate is hopeful that the program will receive more money in the next legislative session.

Nate reported the Chancellor has created the Chancellor's Workforce Advisory Group to meet the needs of Nevada employers. The committee has already met one time. The committee consists of high level workforce development people. The committee will focus on the top 10 in demand occupations according to the Governor's list. Teaching and Nursing are on that list. Cathy McAdoo asked what other positions, specifically diesel and the other the other positions mentioned at this meeting. The institutions will be brought in at some point soon.

**11. New Business** **Information**

Caroline McIntosh would like an update on workforce and the broad band efforts at next meeting including update from Nate Mackinnon. Andy Bath said a timeline needs to be put onto the Mining Center for Excellence and to set a goal for the end of 2018 for the mining summit.

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| <b>12. Public Comment</b> <i>(see foregoing notation regarding public comment)</i> | <b>Information</b> |
| No public comment.   |                    |
| <b>13. Adjourn</b>   | <b>Information</b> |
| Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.   |                    |