

IAC Chair John Tierney called the meeting to order at 7:07 am.

Terri Clark, Billie Crapo, Dave Roden, Stacy Smith, John Tierney

Caroline McIntosh, Barbara Gallagher

Natalie Brown, Amber Donnelly, Mardell Dorsa, Mary Doucette, Mary Dugan, Joyce Helens, Leslie Maple, Sam Spearing, Staci Warnert

The review/approval of the meeting minutes for the meeting on November 16, 2023, was deferred until the next meeting of the GBC IAC.

Chair Tierney spoke on the early education teacher conference will be held in October. He has been working as a mentor for a few teachers in Las Vegas. He also worked with We the People program that simulates congressional hearings helping to answer questions along with Barbara Gallagher. As an attorney she did an excellent job answering questions. Chair Tierney then spoke about the Global Fellow application and the hope that a few experience teachers from Nevada would get selected to go to South Africa.

– Terri Clark talked about the hospital's behavioral health unit that's coming up. It is scheduled to open later next year. About six years ago there was a behavioral health unit on the third floor. It closed in 2016. A couple of reasons for the closure was it was hard to keep providers and we did not have enough geriatric patients to keep it open. Today, we have a totally different situation. There are about 225 patients a year that the hospital has had to send to another location to get critical behavioral care. They are already in a mental health crisis, and they show up in the emergency room. The need for a behavioral health unit is there. On the provider side, the hospital has access to a large national Behavioral Health Organization with technical and clinical expertise, processes, and networks that they are bringing to the table. The hospital received a grant from the city from the ARPA funds that will be used to refurbish the patient rooms.

Billie Crapo reported on some of the things that the Elko Chamber of Commerce is focusing on. They continue having their lunch and learns and are scheduling them out for the rest of the year focusing on customer service, branding, social media, and cyber security.

Stacy Smith reported that grant writing season has kept her busy. She commented that she is seeing more energy within the community by an increased participation in fundraising events. The past three large community events that happened to be fundraising events were sold out. They are also seeing the more of the snowbirds coming into the area.

- President Joyce Helens reported her focus in the next few weeks will be to absolutely make sure there is a seamless transition for Dr. Amber Donnelly's presidency. We have hired Tony Asti for the Executive Director for Finance and Administration. Tony is a retired CFO, who, after

retirement, went into consulting. We have some challenges in looking at our budget. We are reviewing all the MOUs with UNR, TMCC, WNC and CSN to what is working and how much it is costing GBC. President Helens talked about the ad hoc Committee on the Funding of Higher Education. It has several people on the committee such as legislators and others. GBC, Dr. Donnelly, will be presenting at their next meeting in March. Utilities, infrastructure and deferred maintenance, ADA compliance and safety are issues that we have no control over the costs. The committee is being challenged to fix a broken formula funding system that was set up with competition in mind rather than collaboration.

Dr. Amber Donnelly agreed that President Helens is helping to ensure a seamless transition into the presidency. That includes attending some high-level meetings and getting an opportunity to work within the system and build those relationships. She reported she is preparing a presentation to SAMSA on money that we received that is paying for two years of our mental health services and what we need for this important program to continue. As a smaller institution, GBC had the most staff, faculty and students who took the Mental Health First Aid training. This is something to be immensely proud of.

Dean Mary Doucette announced the GBC Career Fair is scheduled for April 17. The GBC Student Award Ceremony will be on April 19. Graduation dates are posted on the GBC website.

Dr. Spearing reported on the Welding Lab expansion.

Some of the Foundations priorities will be to reestablish the alumni network. She hopes to roll something out with this year's graduating class. The Foundation has also been focused on building up their annual fund and building up the flexible funding that comes into the college. The Foundation has events planned to help build awareness and bring in some financial support. We are looking at doing an event here in Elko on June 22. The Foundation will be putting on the GBC 2nd Annual Golf Tournament. They have also talked about doing golf tournaments at some of our satellite centers. The main priority project currently is the Mining Center of Excellence. That is a collaborative project with UNR Mackay School of Science and Engineering. The Foundation is in the process of refining our case for support and the fundraising for that campaign. The target of the campaign would be upwards of \$3 million.

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Brown talked about the ad hoc Committee on Higher Education Funding. There are four more meetings left for that group. It should wrap up in May. There is material and information about the current state of higher education funding and some of the recommendations the colleges have put forward. The other information item I wanted to share is there was a joint interim standing committee on education, where