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September 29, 2021

Regent Byron Brooks
Board of Regents

Re: Request to carry concealed firearm at NSHE's Las Vegas Administrative Office

Dear Regent Brooks:

Chancellor Rose has forwarded to me your request for authorization to carry a concealed firearm at the NSHE System Administrative Office located in Las Vegas pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 33(6) of the Board of Regents' *Handbook*, which authorizes the Chancellor to grant permission, under certain circumstances, for an individual to carry a firearm at NSHE administrative offices. Given your position as a Regent and the need for an independent review of your request, our legal team has advised that it is appropriate for this review and decision to be made by the Chair of the Board.

The Board of Regents has enacted its weapons policy recognizing sensitivity surrounding the possession of firearms on any System property, except under the most limited circumstances. Due to recent threats to the System and its representatives, University Police Services is providing increased security at NSHE System Administrative Offices, and especially during Board meetings. However, notwithstanding these additional security measures, I recognize and appreciate the special circumstances you have identified, as well as your unique weapons training and background.

As required by the *Handbook*, University Police Services Southern Command Director and Vice President of Public Safety Services Adam Garcia has conducted a background check and a law enforcement review of your request. Director Garcia has confirmed the nature of the threats that you have articulated and recommends that you be granted limited approval to carry your concealed firearm at the NSHE System Office in Las Vegas under certain conditions. Accordingly, and based upon Director Garcia's recommendation, I approve your request with the following limitations:

- You are responsible for complying with all local, state, and federal laws governing the possession of a firearm.
- The firearm must be presented to University Police Services for a safety inspection before this approval is effective.
- The firearm must be concealed at all times.

- The firearm must be carried on your person at all times while inside System Administration Offices, and not stored elsewhere, such as an office, briefcase, or vehicle.
- This approval is only applicable to the NSHE System Administration Offices located in Las Vegas and Reno, and no other institutions or properties.
- This approval shall only be valid until July 1, 2022, at which time a request for renewal may be submitted.
- A request for renewal must undergo a new review process.
- This approval is conditional and may be revoked by the Chair of the Board at any time and for any reason, including, but not limited to, a change of threat assessment by University Police Services or failure to comply with the above criterion.

University Police Services is well positioned to secure our administrative offices and those present at these offices. Consistent with the advice of Director Garcia, your firearm is intended solely for your personal protection. The protection of others at the NSHE System Administration Offices in Las Vegas remains the sole responsibility of University Police Services and their partner law enforcement agencies. It is my profound hope that you feel safe while attending any Board meeting and while carrying out your responsibilities as a Regent.

Please let me and Director Garcia know if you have any questions about this approval or need further guidance regarding appropriate safety policies and protocols.

Best regards,

Board of Regents
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CATHY MCADOO, Chair

University Police Services
Southern Command

/s/ Adam Garcia

ADAM GARCIA, Vice President
and Director

Regent Brooks
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Cc:

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