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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Committee to Conduct a Study Concerning the Cost and Affordability of Higher Education  
(Assembly Bill 202 [Chapter 150, *Statutes of Nevada 2017*])

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2018  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Legislative Building, Room 2135  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

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Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4401  
555 East Washington Avenue  
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and

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1500 College Parkway  
Elko, Nevada

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I. Opening Remarks and Introductions  
Assemblywoman Amber Joiner, Chair

II. Public Comment  
(Because of time considerations, each speaker offering comments during the period for public comment will be limited to not more than 3 minutes. A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted in person or by e-mail, facsimile, or mail before, during, or after the meeting.)

*For Possible Action*

III. Review of the Committee's Duties and Work Plan  
Jennifer Ruedy, Senior Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division,  
Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB)  
Asher A. Killian, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel, Legal Division,  
LCB

*For Possible Action*

IV. Overview of the Budget and Funding Sources for the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE)  
Chester (Chet) Burton, Chief Financial Officer, NSHE  
Brody Leiser, Senior Program Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, LCB

*For Possible Action*

V. Overview of NSHE Including the Board of Regents' Strategic Plan Goals  
Thom Reilly, D.P.A., Chancellor, NSHE

*For Possible Action*

VI. Presentation on College Affordability and the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship and Silver State Opportunity Grant Programs  
Crystal Abba, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs, NSHE

*For Possible Action*

VII. Presentation on the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 396.918)  
Representative of the Office of the State Treasurer

*For Possible Action*

VIII. Overview of the Nevada Promise Scholarship and Need-Based Scholarship Programs in Nevada  
Representatives of NSHE

IX. Overview of State Approaches to the Affordability of Higher Education

A. State Support for Higher Education

Dustin Weeden, Senior Policy Analyst, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association

B. Comparing States' Tuition and Fees and Defining Affordability

Christina Sedney, Senior Policy Analyst, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

C. Options for the Creation of a Need-Based Grant Program

Sarah Pingel, Ed.D., Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States

D. Alignment of Policy Decisions Around Appropriations, Tuition, and Financial Aid to Create an Affordable Pathway to Higher Education

Demarée K. Michelau, Vice President, Policy Analysis and Research, WICHE

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XI. Adjournment

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