



Notice of Public Meeting

AGENDA

Graduate & Professional Student Association
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 46-02

Thursday, June 18, 2026

2:30 PM

For Members of the Public

View the hybrid meeting via **live stream**:

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IN PERSON: LLB 2141, Graduate Commons, Lied Library
4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

About the Agenda and Public Meeting

This meeting is held in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241.020). The agenda was posted at least three working days in advance, no later than 9:00 AM, and includes all items scheduled for discussion or action. Posting locations include: GPSA Office (CHB-C 111, exterior public bulletin board), Graduate Commons (LLB 2141), Lied Library 1st floor public bulletin board, and GPSA Website [GPSA Agendas Webpage](#). This meeting is held to conduct the official business of the graduate student government, including governance decisions, advocacy efforts, information dissemination, and to provide the public with updates and reports related to GPSA operations.

Meeting Format & Supporting Materials

This is a hybrid meeting. A quorum of voting members shall convene in person and online via Zoom, with public remote access available via YouTube livestream or telephonic participation via Zoom dial-in. For questions or accommodations contact the GPSA Secretary at gpsasecretary@unlv.edu. All materials related to this meeting are available online or upon request from the GPSA Office. Please contact gpsasecretary@unlv.edu for access.

Submitting Public Comment

GPSA meetings are open to the public. Members of the university community and general public are encouraged to attend and participate.

GPSA accepts public comment in three formats:

- (1) Email: Submit written public comment to gpsa@unlv.edu. Subject Line: "PUBLIC COMMENT" and include the meeting type and meeting number
 - (a) (example Email Subject Line: PUBLIC COMMENT for GPSA Council 46-02)
 - (b) Emails must be sent no later than 5:00PM one business day before the meeting.
- (2) In-Person: At the beginning or end of the meeting (limit: 3 minutes)
- (3) Voicemail: Call 702-895-5674 (limit: 120 seconds)

Public comments may be read aloud or summarized at the discretion of the Chair, subject to time constraints. Public Comments must be relevant to GPSA agenda items, be respectful, and cannot contain profanity or discriminatory language. GPSA may refuse comments that are obscene, slanderous, or disruptive per NRS 241.020 and NRS 241.023.

ATTENDANCE

VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Included in official agenda Roll Call; voting members count toward quorum.

2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	TREASURER	SECRETARY
Trey Curtis-Brown	Nehemiah Afam Chukwuere	Kalyani Ganapathireddy	Rachel DeWald

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GPSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

NOT Included in official agenda Roll Call; non-voting members do not count toward quorum.

2026-2027 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Members-at-Large serve the Association as a whole, representing the general membership by contributing to GPSA-related committees, developing initiatives, structuring events, or providing input.

**Members appointed after this agenda was posted will be recorded in the meeting minutes upon request.*

Members-at-Large are not required to attend Executive Board Meetings.

2026-2027 PRESIDENT'S CABINET

President's Cabinet members are appointed any time and serve through the end of the Spring semester.

The 2026-2027 President's Cabinet has not yet been appointed.

Division of Communications & Marketing	Division of Engagement & Outreach	Division of Legislative Affairs	Division of Operations	Division of Sponsored Funding
DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	DIRECTOR	ATTORNEY GENERAL	DIRECTOR
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Nehemiah Afam Chukwere
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	HISTORIAN	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS & LIAISONS (NON-VOTING)

NOT included in the official agenda Roll Call; non-voting. May advise, provide reports, or updates.

2026-2027 GPSA FACULTY ADVISORS

Academic Faculty Advisor, Dr. Bill Robinson (pending Council approval)

Academic Faculty Advisor, Dr. John Colombo (pending Council approval)

Academic Faculty Advisor (ex officio), Dr. Alyssa Crittenden

Administrative Faculty Advisor (ex officio), Virginia Smercina, GPSA Manager

GRADUATE COLLEGE LIAISON

GA Program Coordinator & Advocate, Dante Washington

AGENDA

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

Public comment will be taken during this agenda item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. Comments will be limited to three minutes per person. Persons making comments will be asked to begin by stating their name for the record and to spell their last name. The Board Chair may elect to allow additional public comment on a specific agenda item when that agenda item is being considered.

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Body, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

4) Consent Agenda

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent agenda items will be approved in whole unless a member objects to an item on the consent agenda, in whole or in part. Unanimous consent will be used for the approval of the consent agenda. An individual item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for consideration by any member by request to the Chair.

[Time allotted ~10 minutes]

A. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes for Executive Board Meeting 46-01 will be considered for approval. Minutes are uploaded to the [GPSA Google Drive](#) and are also sent to the Council.

5) Reports & Recommendations

INFORMATION ONLY

Members of the Executive Board, President's Cabinet, the Business Manager, Faculty Advisors, internal Committee Chairs, external Committee Representatives,

and the Graduate College will report to the GPSA Council concerning UNLV related issues or events important to the UNLV graduate and professional student body. Council Representatives may also present, at the discretion of the Chair, any information specific to their department and/or Unit.

No immediate action may be taken on items raised under Reports & Recommendations unless properly scheduled as an agenda item.

[Time allotted for item. ~30 Minutes]

A. Executive Board

- i. President Curtis-Brown
- ii. Vice President Chukwuere
- iii. Treasurer Ganapathireddy
- iv. Secretary DeWald

B. President's Cabinet

- i. Division of Engagement & Outreach, *Director*
- ii. Division of Legislative Affairs, *Director*
- iii. Division of Sponsored Funding, *Vice President Chukwuere*
- iv. Division of Communications & Marketing, *Director*
- v. Division of Operations, *Director*
- vi. Attorney General
- vii. Historian

C. GPSA Manager & Advisor

- i. Manager and Administrative Faculty Advisor, *Nia Smercina*

D. GPSA Faculty Advisors

- i. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Bill Robinson*
- ii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. John Colombo*
- iii. GPSA Faculty Advisor, *Dr. Alyssa Crittenden*

6) Unfinished Business

Unfinished Business is any motion or action item that was under discussion and was postponed or moved to this meeting at the discretion of the public body as approved by the chair. All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

None.

7) New Business

All items will be for possible action unless otherwise stated.

A. Lee Business School Summer Council Appointments FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to review and vote on the appointment of graduate and professional student representatives from the Lee Business School to the GPSA Council for the Summer 2026 term. The Executive Board shall consider the eligibility and qualifications of the nominees and may recommend their appointment to the GPSA Council in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

B. Review of Proposed Constitutional Amendments INFORMATION ONLY

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to review and discuss correspondence received from Peter Goatz regarding potential amendments to the GPSA Constitution. The Executive Board will consider the substance of the proposed changes, identify any questions or concerns, and determine whether further action or referral to the appropriate committee is warranted.

[*\(Ref. 46-02A-EB\)*](#)

[*\(Ref. 46-02B-EB\)*](#)

[Time allotted for item. ~20 Minutes]

C. Presidential Cabinet Appointments FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to review the President's selections for appointments to the President's Cabinet for the 46th Session of the Graduate and Professional Student Association. The Executive Board shall consider the qualifications of the nominees and may vote to confirm the appointments in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

[*\(Ref. 46-02A-CL\)*](#)

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

D. Approval of GPSA Faculty Advisor Appointment FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to consider the appointment of Dr. Bill Robinson and Dr. John Colombo to serve as the Faculty Advisors to the Graduate and Professional Student Association for the 46th Session. The Executive Board shall review the proposed appointment and may vote to recommend approval in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.

[Time allotted for item. ~10 Minutes]

E. Executive Board Retreat Planning and Logistics FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

President Curtis-Brown requests time for the Executive Board to discuss planning and logistics for the 46th Session Executive Board Retreat. The Executive Board will review proposed dates, location options, anticipated costs, retreat objectives, and agenda topics. Discussion will focus on preparing officers for the upcoming year, establishing shared expectations, and identifying priorities to guide the work of the 46th Session.

[Time allotted for item. ~15 Minutes]

8) Announcements

INFORMATION ONLY

(Upcoming events, deadlines, important dates, etc.)

9) Public Comment

INFORMATION ONLY

(See foregoing notation regarding public comment)

10) Adjournment