Resolution A

1.0 WHEREAS, in 2013 the Nevada State Legislature adopted Assembly Bill 335 (AB 335) sponsored by the Speaker of the Assembly and approved by the Governor thus creating enabling legislation for the formation of the Campus Improvement Authority Board (CIAB) as a public body to study the need for, feasibility of and financing alternatives for a large events center (stadium) and other required infrastructure and supporting improvements in the Authority area; and

2.0 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education (Board of Regents) appointed its members before the designated deadline, thus creating the CIAB; and

3.0 WHEREAS, the term “stadium” is most commonly used to refer to a large events center or mega events center; and

4.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB has been meeting as a public body since October of 2013, complying with Nevada’s Open Meeting Law requirements, and analyzing the need for, feasibility of and financing alternatives for a stadium and other required infrastructure and supporting improvements.

5.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CIAB has approved its final report, complete with specific recommendations and supporting materials, and will submit this report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel bureau by Sept. 30, 2014, all as required by AB 335.
Resolution B

1.0 WHEREAS, the vision of UNLV is to become a Tier One – Carnegie Research Very High – institution with athletic, academic and campus experience consistent with its aspirational peers; and

2.0 WHEREAS, Tier One universities are research focused with overall academic excellence, attract the brightest and best students and faculty, are committed to student success, receive more federal grants and generate more economic development for the community and the state; and

3.0 WHEREAS, UNLV’s goals as a university include elevating our academic and student success, research, and athletics programs. A stadium connected to the campus is consistent with this vision and master plan and necessary for the long-term success of UNLV athletics; and

4.0 WHEREAS, Sam Boyd Stadium (formerly known as the Silver Bowl) has been an excellent facility to serve the needs of UNLV and Southern Nevada for more than four decades, is limited by its location and capabilities to fully support the future needs of UNLV, the community and the growth of special events that attract incremental tourists; and

5.0 WHEREAS, like the Thomas & Mack Center (T&M) did for UNLV basketball, a new stadium will improve the recruiting and enhance the competitiveness and financial performance of UNLV football and bring all of UNLV’s athletics programs on campus or an extension of campus; and

6.0 WHEREAS, the T&M provides a good example of the role a neutral site facility for special events which benefits both the university and community as a whole; and

7.0 WHEREAS, as a stadium is an integral part of the campus and it will enhance the experience for students, faculty, visitors and community as a whole, and

8.0 WHEREAS, a sound financial operating model can provide net operating revenue from the stadium to support the academic mission of the university much as the T&M has for the athletic mission of the university; and

9.0 WHEREAS, a stadium close to the world famous resort corridor (The Strip) will enhance the visibility of UNLV and its recruiting of students and faculty while enhancing the tourism infrastructure; and

10.0 WHEREAS, Las Vegas attracts 40 million visitors annually with a full range of activities and events; but does not have a state-of-the-art venue to host events requiring more than 40,000 seats; and
11.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there is a clearly established need for a new stadium on the UNLV campus, or as an extension of the campus, and close to The Strip; and

12.0 FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new stadium will host football games, special events and other activities that benefit UNLV, and the community as a whole.
Resolution C

1.0 WHEREAS, a new stadium must be a public private partnership that includes UNLV and the community as a whole, and

2.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB engaged the tourism industry and the broader community to understand the potential need for and benefits of a stadium; and

3.0 WHEREAS, economic models developed for the stadium take into account any substitution of visitors, as the focus of the facility must be on meeting the needs of UNLV and increasing the number of special events and/or visitors to Las Vegas as well as retaining any financially beneficial events that may otherwise leave; and

4.0 WHEREAS, a new stadium located on the UNLV campus, or as an extension of the UNLV campus, and located in proximity to The Strip capitalizes on the Las Vegas brand and uniqueness of the market; and

5.0 WHEREAS, the stadium complements the portfolio of existing venues, including privately funded venues, in the Las Vegas area; and

6.0 WHEREAS, a new stadium shall be utilized as a neutral site venue to retain and attract special events much the same way the T&M has attracted new business such as the NBA Summer League, USA Basketball, the PBR World Finals and the National Finals Rodeo; and

7.0 WHEREAS, a new stadium will provide employment and generate a significant economic benefit for Clark County and the state.

8.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that for this stadium project to be feasible it must bring together the university and community as a whole in the form of a public-private partnership that most effectively serves the needs of all stakeholders.
Resolution D

1.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB has the authority to develop recommendations for a stadium including without limitation, the type and general design of the center and the approximate number of seats to be included in the center; and

2.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB also has authority to calculate a preliminary cost for construction of such a stadium and other required infrastructure and supporting improvements to the extent money is available for this purpose; and

3.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB has considered all types of facilities ranging from basic open air stadiums to elaborate, fully enclosed stadiums and stadiums with retractable roofs; and

4.0 WHEREAS, members of the CIAB analyzed stadiums that host college and professional football teams and other special events, and

5.0 WHEREAS, select members of the CIAB toured recently constructed facilities in Texas to get first-hand experience of the various designs and accompanying features associated with state-of-the art modern stadiums; and

6.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB ultimately focused its efforts on a more narrow range of options from a state-of-the-art collegiate stadium, to a larger and more extensive open-air model to a domed or enclosed stadium (even giving some consideration to an open air structure to accommodate a dome at a later date); and

7.0 WHEREAS, to meet the current and aspirational needs at UNLV and the needs of the community to host large events at a neutral site, at a minimum, the facility should be a state-of-the-art open air collegiate stadium on campus or an extension of campus and have approximately 45,000 seats, and include a shading system that enhances the fan experience in summer months.

8.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB was provided analysis as to the approximate cost of such a facility and related infrastructure of $523 million, of which the all-in cost of the stadium is $423 million and $100 million is related to the site and infrastructure costs.

9.0 WHEREAS, some members expressed a desire for an enclosed/domed facility; and

10.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB was provided analysis of a larger, more extensive open air state-of-the-art collegiate stadium along with a domed or enclosed stadium but both models were deemed to not be feasible at this time.

11.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the project should be a state-of-the-art, open air collegiate stadium which includes a shading system and has approximately 45,000 seats.
Resolution E

1.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB analyzed financing alternatives for a stadium and other required infrastructure and supporting improvements; and
2.0 WHEREAS, that a state-of-the-art collegiate stadium can be financially viable with a model that includes significant public financing;
3.0 WHEREAS, significant private funding, including philanthropy, will be required for the stadium to be financially viable and integrated into the UNLV campus masterplan; and
4.0 WHEREAS, UNLV has several significant initiatives and needs as part of its vision to become a Tier One - Carnegie Research Very High - university; and
5.0 WHEREAS, the proposed stadium is among those significant initiatives, along with a proposed public medical school, a new academic building for its Hotel College, and other needs being defined under its “Path to Tier One” planning process; and
6.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB members clearly recognize that there are many other public needs in our Las Vegas and broader Southern Nevada community; and
7.0 WHEREAS, both UNLV’s and the community’s initiatives and needs will require considerable public and private funding and non-financial resources to properly address them; and
8.0 WHEREAS, the region’s economy continues to improve from the “great recession,” but it remains challenged; and
9.0 WHEREAS, public revenue streams have not fully recovered and there is uncertainty regarding the local and state tax structure; and
10.0 WHEREAS, multiple proposals for new sports facilities, with consideration of public funding, add uncertainty to the dialogue concerning these facilities.
11.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public/private state-of-the-art stadium is not feasible at this time.
Resolution F

1.0 WHEREAS, AB 335 restricts the CIAB to study the need for, feasibility of and financing alternatives for a stadium within the Authority area with the boundaries defined as Maryland Parkway, Tropicana Avenue, Swenson street and Flamingo Avenue; and

2.0 WHEREAS, UNLV officials have determined the original site on the northeast corner of Harmon Avenue and Swenson Avenue is not feasible due to flight operational issues associated with the Federal Aviation Administration and McCarran International Airport; and

3.0 WHEREAS, UNLV officials have identified alternative sites with one location on campus and an additional location near the university that could be an extension of the campus; and

4.0 WHEREAS AB 335 provides the CIAB to recommend legislative action that may be required further for the development of a stadium.

5.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the CIAB recommends that the Legislature allow consideration of alternative sites that can be considered an extension to the current campus.
Resolution G

1.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB recognizes that pursuant to AB 335 that the operating authority of the Board expires on or before Sept. 30, 2015; and
2.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB recognizes that pursuant to AB 335, the Legislature, limited scope of the Board;
3.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB recognizes the need for a successor structure to the CIAB with a longer timeline and broader scope to continue work on a new state-of-the-art collegiate stadium if authorized by the relevant public entities; and
4.0 WHEREAS, the CIAB determined that there is a need for a state-of-the-art collegiate stadium, but that is it not feasible to pursue at this time; and
5.0 WHEREAS, the work performed by the CIAB provides a strong foundation on which to continue to consider a stadium to be pursued at a later date; and
6.0 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislature enact legislation to continue the CIAB through the 2017 Legislative Session by extending the authorization of the CIAB from the current September 30, 2015 to September 30, 2017; and
7.0 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature include the appointment/re-appointment of members, a mandate for its work, and a timeline for that work to be completed.