



Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees Application

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The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Library District) was formed in February 1985 to consolidate the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Library Districts. The purpose of the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District Board of Trustees (Board of Trustees) is to establish, supervise, and maintain a library system, including the annual preparation of the budget. The Board of Trustees appoints the Library's Executive Director and has the authority to make policies.

The Board of Trustees consists of ten (10) members, five (5) appointed by Clark County, and five (5) appointed by the City of Las Vegas. The Board of Trustees is an independent authority and does not report to the Clark County Board of County Commissioners nor to the Las Vegas City Council.

Members serve four-year (4-year) terms and may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Application Overview:

If you are interested in applying for membership on the Board of Trustees, please complete the application below. If you have any questions related to the Board of Trustees or the application process, please email AdministrativeServices@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

Full Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): Constance Jeanine Brooks

Home Street Address: [REDACTED]

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: _____

Employer: UNLV

Occupation: Vice President Government & Community Engagement

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Relevant Affiliations: Please list below any other committees you are currently serving on. Please list, if applicable, the jurisdiction and term of appointment. If you were appointed by an individual and not by a local jurisdiction, please include that information. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

See attached

Skills and Experience: Please provide a brief description of your qualifications; include any special skills, interests, experience, or training which you possess or have completed that would benefit the work of the Board of Trustees. If you need additional space, please attach an additional sheet of paper.

See attached

A resume or letter of interest is REQUIRED. Please attach it to this application.

I certify that I am a resident of the consolidated Library District. I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be accepted or considered.



Signature

5/29/2024

Date



CONSTANCE J. BROOKS, Ph.D.

SUMMARY

Accomplished higher education and public affairs leader with demonstrated success in intergovernmental relations, public policy development and advocacy, engaging elected officials, community engagement and advancing strategic initiatives.

CORE COMPETENCES

- External Outreach Strategist
- Federal, State, and Local Legislative Affairs Advocate
- Policy Development
- Engaging Elected Officials
- Board Governance
- Forging Partnerships
- Established Community Leader
- Strategic Planning
- Leader in Diversity Equity & Inclusion
- Organizational Development
- Government Finance

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Affairs

Research Focus: Public Policy-
University of Nevada Las Vegas

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Fellow; Research Focus: Field
Research Design - Yale
University

Master of Social Work

Area of Concentration:
Administrative Practice and
Policy; University of Nevada
Las Vegas

Bachelor of Science in Social

Work; Minor in Psychology;
Southern Illinois University at
Carbondale, Illinois

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Vice President of Government and Community Engagement Aug. 2022 – Present University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)

- An integral member of the President’s Cabinet, leading external affairs through higher education advocacy, policy development and community engagement
- Serve as spokesperson and chief liaison between UNLV and all branches of government
- Serve as representative and spokesperson at community convenings throughout Nevada
- Lead Carnegie Community Engagement Classification recertification efforts
- Co-Chair of UNLV Minority Serving Institution Council Community Engagement Committee
- Serve as innovative supervisor to UNLV Government and Community Engagement team – fostering professional development opportunities
- Perform research, policy analysis and program development
- Present reports / briefings at Board of Regents, Alumni Board and Research Foundation meetings; and provide testimony before legislative bodies and various public agencies

Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs and Advancement May 2021 – Aug. 2022 Nevada System of Higher Education

- An integral member of the Chancellor’s Cabinet, responsible for higher education advocacy, policy development and implementation throughout Nevada
- Serve as chief advocate – leading strategy development for NSHE’s external affairs, communications, and community outreach efforts
- Serve as lead lobbyist – assisting NSHE college presidents and government affairs representatives with legislative advocacy at the local, state and federal levels of government
- Led crisis communications to include to COVID-19 response
- Chair of the inaugural NSHE Mental Health Task Force tasked with addressing impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic – received first federal award
- Lead staff to NSHE Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access Committee and Council
- Serve as innovative supervisor to NSHE Public Affairs team – fostering professional development opportunities
- Perform research, policy analysis and program development
- Presented updates at Board of Regents meetings, and provide testimony before legislative bodies and various public agencies

Vice President of Regional Government Affairs
MGM Resorts International, Washington, DC

Jan. 2019 – June 2020

- Selected as the Company’s first Vice President of Regional Government Affairs to oversee legislative activity in Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio
- Effectively collaborated in the development of legislative strategies to advance the Company’s corporate objectives
- Partnered with legislative and state leadership in seven states on public policy and workforce development initiatives
- Collaborated and liaised with MGM regional leadership, internal and external stakeholders to foster coordination and cohesion around the Company’s immediate and long-term public policy goals
- Facilitated communication across all stakeholders around jurisdictional legislative priorities
- Represented MGM at national gaming and legislative conferences

Vice Chancellor for Government and Community Affairs
Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE); Las Vegas, NV

Aug. 2012 – Dec. 2018

- Established a successful reputation as a legislative liaison and lobbyist at the Nevada Legislature and in local government; enhanced NSHE’s legislative agenda as lead lobbyist for three regular and three special legislative sessions
- Effectively catalyzed community partnerships and outreach among local, state, and federal agencies
- Built successful relationships with elected and appointed officials to advance priorities for member institutions
- Enriched coordination among NSHE institution presidents and campus leadership to strategically develop initiatives in government affairs, community outreach, and diversity and inclusion
- Fostered system-wide initiatives on behalf of the Board of Regents
- Empowered staff to be innovative, serving as the supervisor for the Policy Analyst, Communications Manager, and the “Establish Programs to Simulate Competitive Research” (EPSCoR) team
- Led strategic initiatives as staff to the Board of Regent’s Cultural Diversity and Title IX Compliance Committee
- Researched and implemented national best practices in higher education administration, governance, and diversity initiatives

Adjunct Professor
University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)

Jan.2012 – Present

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs School of Public Policy and Leadership; School of Social Work

- SWK 101 – Introduction; 401- Public Policy; 402- Research
- PPY 713 - Legislative Decision Making, 2020 Fall Semester

Director of Government Affairs and Diversity Initiatives
College of Southern Nevada (CSN); Las Vegas, Nevada

Nov. 2011 – Aug. 2012

- Was impactful as the legislative liaison and lobbyist, representing the interests of CSN to the Board of Regents, state legislature, and local government
- Successfully delivered testimony and lobbied legislators regarding the CSN budget and proposed legislation
- Developed strong relationships with elected officials and community leaders on behalf of the College
- Improved diversity and inclusion activities at the College by developing a diversity strategic plan

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HONORS / AWARDS

- 2022 Cox Communications Black History Month Honoree
- 2019 UNLV Alumni of the Year Award – Graduate College
- NV Urban Chamber Women in Business and Politics Award
- Leadership Las Vegas Graduate
- Distinguished Women of Nevada Publications
- Clark County Women of Vision and Valor Award
- Clark County Leadership Forum Graduate
- New Generation Leadership Award
- 2005 UNLV Academic and Community Service Scholarship

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

- Association of State Colleges and Universities National Government Relations Taskforce
- Nevada Commission for Women, Governor Appointee
- Las Vegas Clark County Library District Board Trustee
- Nevada Humanities Board
- Communities in Schools Board
- Kidsvention Voices in Voting Board
- United Way of Southern Nevada Volunteer
- UNLV School of Social Work Advisory Board
- UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Alumni Board
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

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Relevant Affiliations:

- Nevada Partners – Board Member since 2023
- Communities in Schools – Board Member since 2022

Skills and Experience:

I am a prior LV-CCLD board member. I served in 2018-2019, but had to resign due to being relocated to Washington, DC based on my employment. I thoroughly enjoyed serving my community in this capacity as I understand the power of libraries; having spent a large portion of my childhood in a library. It's where imagination thrives and potential is realized, for almost everyone that enters its space. Libraries have also served as a community gathering place, where historically, several major convenings have taken place; many of which helped to shape the Las Vegas community.

I have been a Las Vegas resident for over 20 years (with the exception of moving away for a job opportunity for a little over a year). In my 20 years of experience, I have made it a priority to give back and be a contributing member of the community. I have done so by volunteering with United Way of Southern NV, Catholic Charities, serving as a Commissioner for the NV Commission on Women, and a host of other volunteer opportunities.

I would be delighted to serve once on again on the board that means most to me. For the library is central to who I am as a professional and community advocate. To further advance the mission of the LV-CCLD and support its growth throughout the community would be an honor.