

**Regents District 12** — Clark County

2024 Candidates: Amy Carvalho (Incumbent), Jonathan Maxham

<b>Question</b>	<b>Amy Carvalho (Incumbent)</b>	<b>Jonathan Maxham</b>
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Any notable endorsements	I have not actively sought any endorsements at this point.	
Educational background	I am a graduate of Rancho HS, here in the Clark County School District. I also graduated with an AA in General Studies from CCSN, a BA in Anthropology from UNLV, and an MBA from WGU.	

<p>Current profession/employment</p>	<p>Currently, I am a real estate investor/business owner/property manager.</p>	
<p>Professional/employment background</p>	<p>I have been an entrepreneur for over 20 years, owning several types of businesses, including convenience stores, a coffee shop, and investing and managing real estate. I believe my unique combination of liberal arts and business education has provided me with the foundation to be very successful. I owned multiple 7-Eleven locations for over 18 years and was thought of as a local leader and subject-matter expert in the organization. I recently sold them to the next generation of business owners. I served 6 years on the 7-Eleven National Business Leadership Council, representing and advocating for franchisees and improving the relationship with the 7-Eleven C-Suite. I have also owned and managed residential and commercial real estate.</p>	
<p>Past elected offices or other public service</p>	<p>The Board of Regents is my only elected office. I was appointed by the Clark County Commission to serve 8 years on the Boulder City Library District. I was also appointed by the Governor to serve 8 years on the NV Dept of Ed's Council to Establish Academic Standards. I have been actively involved in my community and have volunteered in many ways.</p>	

<p>Briefly, why are you running for the Board of Regents at this time?</p>	<p>As the current Chair of the Board, I feel it is important for me to continue the work that I am currently doing to bring more professionalism and collegiality to the board. To do that, I chose to run again.</p>	
<p>What are your three highest priorities for the Board of Regents and the Nevada System of Higher Education?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To remain as one system with a focus on educating a strong workforce in NV.</li> <li>2. To establish a system-wide strategic plan.</li> <li>3. To advocate for equitable funding for all our institutions.</li> </ol>	
<p>From your perspective, what is the role of higher education in Nevada?</p>	<p>From my perspective, the role of higher education in Nevada is aligned with the 1940 Statement on Principles of Academic Freedom and Tenure, which is that higher education serves as a common good. NSHE is the source for public higher education in this state and, as such, must always be considered the ultimate expert and arbiter of higher education and workforce development in the State of Nevada.</p>	
<p>The Board of Regents oversees two comprehensive universities, a four-year state university, four community colleges, and a research institute. Given limited resources, how would you balance the needs and allocate resources for the various institutions of NSHE?</p>	<p>This is one of the most important aspects of being an engaged regent – understanding the unique needs of the institutions in our system and always working to balance those needs. Obviously, equitable and adequate funding is paramount and should be understood. Also, understanding and applying mission differentiation when necessary, will guide decisions on balancing needs and resources.</p>	

<p>The Board of Regents and Nevada System of Higher Education have been in the news lately and over many years for conflicts among and between Regents, the Chancellor, campus Presidents, and the Legislature. How would you address those issues?</p>	<p>This has been an issue for many years. I have worked diligently to repair relationships during my time on the Board of Regents and within the system. I am thought of as a fair and balanced regent. I believe that continuing open and transparent communication is a key to resolving conflicts and building a healthier working relationship among Regents, the Chancellor, Presidents, and external stakeholders.</p>	
<p>What are your thoughts about collective bargaining for NSHE professional employees? Specifically, do you support or oppose legislation for collective bargaining rights for NSHE professional employees in statute?</p>	<p>This is a question that I have been dealing with over the last 18 months or so. I support collective bargaining to the extent that all professional employees support it. It appears to me as one regent (not speaking for the board) that there is work to be done between the NFA and Faculty Senate to come to agreement on what collective bargaining should look like. I look forward to those discussions and working as a board toward consensus in this area so we can all speak with one voice.</p>	
<p>In the wake of the December 6th tragedy at UNLV, how would you propose to improve campus safety?</p>	<p>I believe our campuses are safe. UPD's response was excellent. However, I think we can improve campus safety by better communication about campus apps, consistency in building security measures, and keeping safety top of mind for everyone by regular reporting to the Chancellor and the Board.</p>	
<p>Would you support or oppose a policy to regulate discussion of or teaching about topics such as Critical Race Theory and gender identity on NSHE campuses?</p>	<p>I would 100% oppose any policy that limits or regulates discussion or teaching of Critical Race Theory and gender identity on NSHE campuses. Our campuses must be open and welcoming to all and I support academic freedom in all forms.</p>	

<p>What is your view of NSHE governance? Should the Board of Regents concern itself with the internal operations of the eight NSHE institutions, or else should the Board simply hire the Presidents and let them run the institutions?</p>	<p>I believe the Board of Regents should set the direction and goals of the system and supervise the work of the Chancellor and Presidents who are the experts that the Board hires to run the system and institutions. The Board should not be involved in administrative work on any campus. Shared governance is the cornerstone of all governance in higher education.</p>	
<p>Recently, a search for Chancellor ended with no hire and an appointment of an Interim Chancellor. What steps would you recommend to create a transparent and successful process for hiring a highly qualified candidate for Chancellor?</p>	<p>A national search for a Chancellor is my top recommendation. This means hiring a search consultant that is highly competent and can assist in attracting the most qualified applicants, who, in my opinion, must have a Ph.D. and dynamic experience in higher education. Forums on each campus for stakeholders to share input on qualifications must be held. Regular public communication about the process is crucial.</p>	
<p>A proposed constitutional amendment to remove the Board of Regents from the Nevada Constitution is on the ballot this November. What is your position on the proposed amendment?</p>	<p>I feel strongly that voters in Nevada must retain the ability to choose regents. The Board of Regents should not be an arena for politics or political favors, which would be probable with appointing regents. Perhaps stronger qualifications for who can file to run might be an improvement, but I am not in favor of changing the Constitution.</p>	
<p>If elected to the Board of Regents, do you pledge to uphold the principles of academic freedom and tenure as expressed in the AAUP/AACU <a href="#">1940 Statement of Principles of Academic Freedom and</a></p>	<p>Yes</p>	

<a href="#">Tenure?</a> (Choose one)		
Responses in questionnaires from other organizations:		Ballotpedia Questionnaire: <a href="https://ballotpedia.org/Jonathan_Maxham#Campaign_themes">https://ballotpedia.org/Jonathan_Maxham#Campaign_themes</a>