

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Special Meeting**  
**Regents Room**  
**September 9, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Dan Patterson, Jane Christensen, Terry Othick, Veronica Ayala and Susan Tatum were present.

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Ayala moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Christensen moved to approve the minutes of August 26, 2016 as presented. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REPORT FROM THE REGENT PRESIDENT**

President Othick welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said this is an exciting time at Eastern with the beginning of a new school year, a new stadium dedication and encouraging enrollment numbers. There will be challenges addressing state funding cuts, but he is confident that solutions can be found.

**REPORT FROM THE ENMU SYSTEM PRESIDENT**

Dr. Gamble reported that enrollment for the fall semester exceeded 6,000 students for the first time in Eastern's history, with a census day total of 6,014. The University has grown 68% in the last two decades. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* has named Eastern as the 18<sup>th</sup> fastest growing master's level university in the nation. The Roswell campus' enrollment increased by 8.7% in headcount for the fall, and the Ruidoso campus has seen a decrease of 4.5%.

**PRESENTATIONS FROM PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH FIRMS**

Mr. Othick stated that the ENMU Purchasing Department received five responses to Request for Proposal #259. The Regents, in their August 26 meeting, narrowed the field to two firms to make presentations today.

Presentation One is from Dr. Zachary Smith, senior partner and deputy marketing director of Witt/Kieffer (Irvine, CA).

Presentation Two is from Dr. Hugh Prather, Prather Consulting (Albuquerque, NM).

Both firms made their presentations to the Board. Each firm was allotted ninety minutes.

[Mr. Othick requested a brief lunch break.]

Presenters for Business Item 1 were present in the audience, and the Board agreed to hear this item before proceeding with deliberations on the selection of a presidential search firm.

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Consideration for a Resolution authorizing application to the New Mexico State Board of Finance for an allocation of the State's qualified energy conservation bond authority for

certain qualified energy projects of the University; and expressing official intent to issue University System Revenue Bonds to induce approval of such application and to reimburse certain expenditures relating to such qualified energy projects.

Mr. Scott Smart introduced Mr. Greg Salinas of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. who has been the bond counselor representing ENMU on several occasions. An energy conservation project was presented at the August 26, 2016 meeting. A resolution is being presented today to seek funding for this project from the State's qualified energy conservation bond authority. This resolution authorizes the University to make application to the State Board of Finance for these funds. It is uncertain at this time if the University is identified as a "state entity" by the State Board of Finance for this purpose, but Mr. Salinas suggested that the University go forward with the application.

Mr. Smart requested approval of the resolution presented today to make application to the State Board of Finance for this allocation. The resolution was read in its entirety and is included in these minutes.

*Regent Patterson moved to approve the resolution to make application to the State Board of Finance for funds from the State's qualified energy conservation bond authority. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

It was agreed by the Board to proceed with the Executive Session as the next agenda item.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

*Regent Tatum moved to enter executive session at 12:27 p.m. to discuss two limited personnel matters. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

*Roll call: Regent Patterson – yes; Regent Ayala – yes; Regent Tatum – yes; Regent Christensen – yes; Regent Othick – yes*

#### OPEN SESSION

*Regent Ayala moved to return to open session at 12:47 p.m. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

President Othick reported that the regents discussed one limited personnel matter, but no action was taken during executive session.

#### REGENTS MATTERS

1. Discussion and Awarding of Contract to Presidential Search Firm

The regents heard both presentations earlier in the meeting and discussed both proposals. They also agreed that contracting with a search firm would be the best way to move forward.

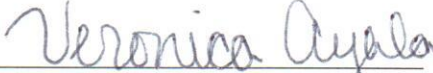
*Regent Patterson moved to award a contract to Prather Consulting as the presidential search firm. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 2-3-0. Regents Patterson and Christensen voting 'Aye'; Regents Tatum, Othick and Ayala voting 'Nay.' Motion failed.*

*Regent Tatum moved to award a contract to Witt/Kieffer as the presidential search firm. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 4-1-0. Regents Tatum, Othick, Christensen and Ayala voting 'Aye'; Regent Patterson voting 'Nay.' Motion passed. Regent Othick will contact Witt/Kieffer and Prather Consulting regarding the decision of the Board today.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Regent Tatum moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Regent Ayala seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

  
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President of the Board

  
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Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley  
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