

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Virtual Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Eastern New Mexico University - Portales**  
**Administration Building – Regents Room**  
**June 26, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Dan Patterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Lance Pyle, Chandler Head, and Trish Ruiz were physically present, and Phillip Bustos was present virtually.

*Roll call: Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Head – Yes;  
Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Bustos –Yes.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Pyle moved to remove item 5 from the agenda and approve the remainder of the agenda as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2021. Regent Head seconded.  
Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

Regent Dan Patterson thanked Carol Fletcher for her many years of service and wished her a happy retirement. She began working at ENMU as a student employee and that turned into a lifelong career. Carol has served as the Controller for the Business Office for several years and has done an outstanding job.

Regent Patterson introduced Ms. MyChelle Andrews, Director for District 23 Toastmasters International, and Ms. Donna Labatt, a charter member of the Peanut Valley Toastmasters Club. Ms. Andrews recognized Dr. Caldwell for her keynote speech at their recent conference and presented her with a plaque as a token of their thanks. She noted Dr. Caldwell's gift for public speaking and thanked her for her willingness to contribute to their group.

**REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT**

Dr. Shawn Powell reported that since April 2020, there have been 51 COVID-19 cases on their campus. The last positive case was in April 2021, bringing the count to 25 students and 26 faculty/staff/administrators.

Enrollment numbers for fall 2021 are encouraging, and he thanked Annemarie Oldfield and Devin Stroman for leading these efforts.

Dr. Powell gave updates on ongoing capital projects, which include renovation of the Automotive/Welding Building and construction of the Maintenance Building. These two projects should be complete by the end of the year. In addition, electrical engineering design for electrical panel upgrades are in progress, PAC renovations are scheduled to begin this month, and the sanitation and sewer line replacement and restroom renovation will begin in early July. Planning for fiber optic cable and communication room upgrades is underway.

Dr. Powell thanked Scott Smart for his help with the emergency relief funds (ARP, CARES, CRRSAA and HEERF) distribution. To date, 60% of the \$3.2 million has been distributed to students, and the remaining money is being used for operational funds.

The Legislative Finance Committee met last week on the ENMU-Ruidoso campus. The funding formula is currently being reviewed, with possible revisions coming this summer. Dr. Powell is the incoming president of the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges and will be involved in future meetings.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT**

Mr. Ryan Trosper thanked Drs. Caldwell and Powell for attending the LFC meetings in Ruidoso this week. The HED Secretary, Stephanie Rodriguez, toured the facility on Tuesday and other legislators toured on Wednesday.

ENMU-Ruidoso campus updates include the completion of Phase II of the Nexus Project with Phase III beginning this fall. The property acquisition will be presented to NMHED in July and will move forward to the State Board of Finance for final approval.

The New Mexico Workforce Connection recently had their adult education students complete an inaugural entrepreneurship program. The US Department of Labor recognized this program at their national meeting this week.

Mr. Trosper reported the Community Development and External Affairs department is collaborating with Region IX to host social, motivational training for educators later this summer.

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM**

Dr. Patrice Caldwell recognized outstanding employees and faculty who received the Spirit of Eastern Awards and Presidential Awards for Excellence. In-person celebrations will take this fall. Additionally, Dr. Manual Varela, one of our most accomplished researchers, recently had a cover story published, "Bacterial Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents," in *Antibiotics* (Vol 10:5) May 2021. He listed five ENMU students as co-authors.

Dr. Caldwell reported fall enrollment down by 3%. The Enrollment Services team has launched the "summer melt" initiative to regularly email students throughout the summer, encouraging them to enroll for fall. Staff from Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, and Advising traveled to Albuquerque to enroll students from the Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Rio Rancho area. Twenty-five new freshmen, four transfers, and four continuing students were registered.

The 2020-2021 Strategic Plan update was reviewed. Ongoing initiatives include EAB Activities, Canvas implementation, Greyhound Club fundraising for Athletics, ENMU Reads, and the Facilities Master Plan. Additional updates will be presented at subsequent meetings.

Dr. Caldwell said there are four Athletic Director candidates interviewing this week and next. The hiring committee will convene next week to review the strengths and weaknesses of these applicants. In addition, the head softball coach has been hired, along with other key positions. The Athletic Department will be fully staffed by fall.



Lastly, Dr. Caldwell commented on the pleasure of working as a System with the branch campus presidents. Presidents Powell and Trosper are very articulate and passionate about their respective campuses, students, and communities.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. ENMU-Roswell Spring 2021 Graduation List Addendum

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Head seconded. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

## BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Approval of Research and Public Service Projects, FY23, Portales

Dr. Caldwell presented the seven projects that were presented last year and asked for the restoration of funding from FY20. KENW and Athletics are of particular concern after being cut in the previous year.

Discussion took place among the Regents on the possibility of restoring funding from FY20 plus 6% to current funding and an increase of 10% for the higher need areas.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the Research and Public Service Projects for FY23, with a funding increase of 6% for all programs, and 10% for Nursing, Athletics, and KENW. Regent Head seconded. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

2. ENMU-Roswell HLC Assurance Argument Update

Dr. Powell said the Higher Learning Commission will be on campus for a site visit on October 18-19, 2021. He provided the Regents with a booklet and referred to the back cover of the booklet for the assurance argument.

3. ENMU-Roswell Architect Selection

Dr. Powell asked that in accordance with policy 55-2, the board approve the use of an “on-contract” architectural service to assist with the development of the RFP proposal for upgrading the sanitation and sewer piping and restroom renovations.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell Architect selection as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

4. ENMU-Roswell Research and Public Service Projects, FY23

Dr. Powell presented three projects for research and public service, which included the Nursing Expansion Program, the Special Services Program, and Aviation Maintenance Technology. The total requested for these projects is \$514,300.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell Research and Publics Service projects for FY23, as presented. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

5. West Campus Electrical Upgrade

Mr. Scott Smart said this project was brought to the board at the May 14, 2021 meeting. The lines are owned by ENMU and were installed in 1961. They are in a critical state of disrepair and are not compliant with state code. The previously discussed estimate for this project was \$1 million. Due to the rate of inflation, the new estimated cost is \$1.5 million.

The University is ready to take this project to the NM Higher Education Department for approval and will request \$1.88, which will cover contingency for future cost escalation.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the West Campus electrical upgrades as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

**REGENT MATTERS**

**Information Only**

**Mr. Scott Smart**

Update on Construction Projects

Mr. Smart reported that Excel Energy has requested a system impact study on the solar project. All other studies are complete. At this time, it is thought the power generated would not impact the grid. Phase I of the project is estimated at \$2.9 million.

The Roosevelt Science Center, which is funded by General Obligation Bonds, is \$5 million over budget due to the inflation of construction materials. The institution may have to provide \$4-5 million to cover the overages. Contractor bids will start at the end of the calendar year.

There has been significant progress on the University home. A new roof and windows are in place, and the interior will be ready for sheetrock soon. Mr. Smart stated that this project is still within budget and possibly ahead of schedule.

The Student Academic Services Building will be the next project for GO Bond funding, and a presentation will be made to the board this fall.

Regent Pyle asked about the roads on campus that are maintained by the City of Portales. He asked that a letter be composed by the board and the University President to get some of our city-owned streets repaired.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Regent Ruiz moved to enter executive session at 2:56 p.m. to discuss one limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and two threatened or pending litigation matter involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978. Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

***Roll call: Regent Patterson –Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Head – Yes;  
Regent Ruiz – Yes; Regent Bustos – Yes.***

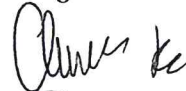
***Regent Bustos moved to return to open session at 4:03 p.m.  
Regent Head seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

Regent Patterson reported that one personnel matter and one threatened or pending litigation matters were discussed. No actions were taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Regent Ruiz moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Regent Head 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 prepared by Karen Van Ruiten  
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*