

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Hotel Santa Fe – Hacienda Conference Room
January 18, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Phillip Bustos called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Phillip Bustos, Trish Ruiz, and Lance Pyle were present. Regent Dan Patterson joined telephonically. Regent Chandler Head did not attend.

***Roll call: Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Head – No response;
Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Patterson –Yes.***

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Patterson recommended moving item 4 from the consent agenda to routine business matters. Regent Ruiz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2022, meeting.
Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.***

Regent President Phillip Bustos recognized Regent Patterson for his eight years of service as board member, and thanked him for his dedication to the University and the Higher Education Regent Consortium. Regent Lance Pyle was also recognized for his service as Board President in 2022, and a gavel plaque was presented to him as a gift of thanks.

Regent Patterson exited the meeting.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. Annual Authorization of Officers (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)
2. Authorization of Open Meetings Act (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)
3. Resolution for Signature Authority, Portales (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.***

Other Matters

1. Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2022

Mr. Tony Major said the annual audit has been completed for the office of the State Auditor, and copies have been provided for the Regents to review. The External Auditor, Scott Eliason of the Jaramillo Accounting Group, was introduced. Mr. Eliason stated this was a good audit, as it has been since their involvement with the University over the past several years. In compliance with a State Audit rule, this information is being communicated to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Eliason covered the components of the audit, which includes the three campuses and their respective Foundations. The scope and timing of the audit were reviewed, with

planning beginning in April, testing in May, and the final report on November 1, 2022. The scope of the audit covered four federal programs, including Student Financial Aid, the TRIO cluster, the GEAR-UP program, and the COVID – Educational Stabilization Fund.

Two findings were reported, one resolved and one repeated. Regent Pyle asked what measures are being taken and what recommendations from management are being made to correct the repeated finding. Mr. Major responded that clarity has been provided on whose responsibility these matters fall under as well as a checks and balance process to prevent a recurrence.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the audited financial statements for FY22 as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0.

2. Legislative Funding Requests

Mr. Tony Major presented a list of prioritized Legislative requests for 2023, most of which have been proposed at a previous Regents meeting. Two added recommendations include a Hazmat Building (\$150K) for hazardous materials storage until disposal arrangements can be made and auxiliary storage buildings (\$800K) for records and equipment during building renovations.

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| • HED requests | \$17,750,000 |
| • Legislative requests | 10,633,200 |
| • RSPS | <u>5,108,985</u> |
| TOTAL | \$33,492,185 |

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the Legislative funding requests as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Replacement Mobile Home- Blackwater Draw Site

Mr. Major proposed replacing the 30-year-old mobile home at the Blackwater Draw site. This structure has well outlived its useful life. If the Regents approve, this \$150K request will be presented to HED for final approval.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the request to replace the mobile home at the Blackwater Draw Site as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Promotion and Tenure Decisions

Dr. Jamie Laurenz reported the following tenure and/or promotion decisions, which will be effective at the beginning of the next academic year:

Awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor.

Maria Duarte, History

Jayson Evaniuck, Educational Foundations, and Secondary Education

Scott Golem, Art

Kristin Kuhlmann, Nursing

Michelle Schmidt, Sociology
Rick Shepardson, Digital Filmmaking
Sidney Shuler, Music
Erik Stanley, Anthropology

Promoted to associate professor
Dustin Seifert, Music

Promoted to professor
Adrienne Bratcher, Communicative Disorders

5. Resolution Recognizing Major Ronald Dutrell Milam
Dr. James Johnston summarized the vision of this resolution, which would culminate in a campus and community ceremony on September 11, 2023. Major Ronald Milam earned a bachelor's degree in University Studies in 1991 at ENMU and served in the United States Army. It was during this time that he lost his life during the September 11, 2001, attack on the US Pentagon.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the resolution recognizing Major Ronald Dutrell Milam as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

6. ENMU-Roswell 2023-2027 Strategic Plan
Dr. Shawn Powell discussed the development of the strategic plan and expressed appreciation to Annmarie Oldfield, Edna Yokum, and several others who worked on this project.

The three key goals of this plan include:

- Student Success
- Community Success
- Institutional Success

Campus constituencies and community members were consulted and participated in the progression of this plan.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the 2023-2027 strategic plan for ENMU-Roswell as presented.

Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

7. ENMU-Roswell 2024 General Obligation Bond Proposals
Dr. Powell presented two construction projects for consideration for the 2024 GO Bond election. The primary proposal is for the expansion and renovation of the aviation maintenance building, and the secondary proposal is for replacing the roof and exterior restoration of the Instructional Training Center. These two projects are on the 2020-2025 Facility Master Plan.

Project costs and architectural proposals will be presented at a future Regents Meeting. The required submission date for NMHED is June 1, 2023.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the 2024 General Obligation Bond proposals for ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

8. New and Deactivated Programs for the 2023-2024 ENMU-Roswell Catalog
Dr. Powell introduced Annemarie Oldfield, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, and Edna Yokum, head of the curriculum committee from the Roswell campus.

Ms. Yokum reported that in accordance with Senate Bill 77, they have worked to develop programs that would transition seamlessly to a four-year program. Three deactivations are recommended based on enrollment, graduation rates, and workforce data: Human Services AA, Human Services COE, and Early Childhood Education AS (non-licensure). These programs have been identified for their inability to align the associate degree with the bachelor's degree requirements for students seeking to transfer to a four-year institution.

The new program: Introduction to Early Childhood Education COE, which requires MATH 2125 and 2126 in the Teach Education degree, will better serve students interested in teaching, even at the daycare level.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the new and deactivated programs for the 2023-2024 ENMU-Roswell catalog as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

9. ENMU-Ruidoso Additional Capital Outlay Request
Mr. Ryan Trosper proposed an addition to the previously approved Capital Outlay requests, which would provide for the program development, vehicle, and equipment for the upstart of a Rodeo program at ENMU-Ruidoso.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the additional Capital Outlay requests for ENMU-Ruidoso as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Amendment to ENMU Chancellor/President Employment Agreement
Regent Lance Pyle said the matter of an amendment to Dr. Johnston's contract was discussed at a previous Regents meeting. The amendment (paragraph 12) would allow for the reimbursement of actual moving expenses of \$13,500. The addition of this language has been reviewed by the University attorney.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the amendment to the ENMU Chancellor/President Employment Agreement as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

Regent Phillip Bustos reported on the recent meeting with the Audit and Finance Committee. The University's investments are doing well. Discussions on the University Master Plan, audits, and the solar project were also discussed. More information on these matters will be forthcoming soon.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell reported spring 2023 enrollment (ongoing through census day) is up 12% compared to last spring.

Ongoing Capital projects include:

- Electrical panel upgrade – construction in progress
- Exterior lighting and surveillance System – construction in progress
- Tree trimming – project to be completed soon
- Sewer and sanitation piping and restroom renovations – project approved today
- Nursing program expansion – pre-bid work ongoing
- Fiber optic cable upgrades – quote to be discussed at a special CCB meeting
- Data server room upgrades – planning in progress

Dr. Powell gave COVID-19 updates:

- Students – 82 total since reporting began, most recent case - November 28, 2022
- Faculty/Staff – 121 total since reporting began, most recent case – January 9, 2023

Upcoming events include the January 17-19 Leadership New Mexico Connect Program, the January 18 State Board of Finance Meeting, the February 3 Leadership Roswell campus visit, and the February 23, 5-7:00 p.m. reception for Chancellor Johnston at the Anderson Museum.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper said there are four open positions at the Ruidoso campus. Housing continues to be an obstacle in hiring employees for their campus.

Spring 2023 enrollment is up by 8% in headcount and 1.5% FTE.

Mr. Trosper met with Hilltop Securities regarding potential capital bond projects. More information is coming soon on the outcome of these meetings.

The HVAC replacement project is now complete, and Ruidoso community meetings will begin in February to discuss the potential usage of the recent property acquisition.

Upcoming events include the January 24 visit from the Department of Workforce Solutions Secretary, a Community Meal on January 30, the February 16 Chancellor's reception, and the February 17 Board of Regents meeting on the Ruidoso campus.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM

Dr. James Johnston thanked the student lobbyists and ENMU Ambassadors for their efforts today at the Roundhouse.

Spring 2023 enrollment is up 8.3%, and FTE is up 8.5%. These numbers will fluctuate as we approach census day.

In response to Regent’s requests, work is underway to develop a dashboard to report ongoing enrollment, recruiting, and retention data. This product is being refined and will be available soon.

Dr. Johnston stated that work is underway to provide data to support the Tuition and Fee proposal that will be brought to the February meeting.

Dr. Johnston reported the hire of a new head football coach, Kelley Lee. Additionally, a committee has been formed to plan an inauguration ceremony on Friday, May 5. More information to come on this event.

The student lobbyists were asked to introduce themselves: Andres Chavez, Peyton Santillanes, Tamia Smith, Alana Perea, Erika Chavez, Michael Vigil, Erik Salomon, and Adrian Coss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. *Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 2:18 p.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

Roll call: Regent Bustos –Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Head – No response; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Patterson – No response.

*Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 2:39 p.m.
Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*

Regent Pyle reported that one personnel matter was discussed. No actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Ruiz moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m.
Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.*



President of the Board

Secretary of the Board