

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Roswell
Roswell Convention Center
May 12, 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, Lance Pyle, and Ray Birmingham were present. Regent O'Brien was not in attendance.

Roll call: Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien – No response; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Birmingham - Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the April 21, 2023, meeting minutes.

Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. ENMU-Roswell Revised Spring 2023 Graduation List (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
2. ENMU-Roswell 2023-2024 Academic Calendar Revisions (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Other Matters

1. Five-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Tony Major listed the substantial projects funded by the General Obligation Bonds and Severance Tax Bonds, which include:

- Capital Projects FY22-23 (General Fund) – Access Control, \$500K
- Capital Projects FY23-24 (GO Bond) – New Ag/Science Building, \$15M
New Health Sciences Building, \$18M
- Capital Projects FY24-25 (STB) – HVAC Controls Replacement
Greyhound Arena Locker Room Renovation
- Capital Projects FY25-26 (GO Bond) – College of Business Classroom Renovations
Education Building Roof Replacement
- Capital Projects FY26-27 (STB) – Campus Union Building Renovations
College of Business Roof Replacement
- Capital Projects FY27-28 (GO Bond) – Greyhound Arena Renovations
- College of Education Classroom Renovations

Regent Ruiz commented on the necessity of bringing the restrooms in the Greyhound arena up to ADA standards.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Five-year Capital Plan as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0.

2. Capital Projects for Summer 2023 NMHED General Obligation Bond (GOB) Capital Outlay Hearings

Mr. Major said two projects are being proposed for the summer NMHED hearings:

- New Agriculture & Art Annex - \$15M
- New Health Sciences Building - \$18M

A supplemental request of \$3M will be included to offset the reduction in GO Bond funding for the SAS project and the increase in construction costs.

These submissions are due to HED by June 1, and the hearings will be held on the ENMU-Portales campus on July 26, 2023.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve Capital projects for summer 2023 NMHED General Obligation Bond Capital Outlay Hearings as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0.

3. Demolition of Harding Hall and Bernalillo Hall

Mr. Major said Bernalillo Residence Hall had outlived its useful life and must be razed. He noted \$2.5M was awarded by the state during the last Legislative Session to demolish this structure. In addition, Harding Hall must be torn down and removed before the new construction of the Student Academic Services Building can take place. The University has received quotes, and the request for this project will not exceed \$1M.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the demolition of Harding and Bernalillo Halls as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

4. Video Board – Greyhound Arena

Mr. Major reported the University received \$500K in capital outlay at the last Legislative Session to purchase a video board for Greyhound Arena. This will be matched with \$50K in institutional funds and it is hoped that this Board will be in place by the upcoming basketball season.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the video board at Greyhound Arena as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

5. ENMU-Roswell Architect Selection for Fire Suppression System

Dr. Shawn Powell asked for approval of an "on-contract" architect for the fire suppression system, recommended by CES.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the "on-contract" architect selection for the ENMU-Roswell fire suppression system as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

6. ENMU-Ruidoso Five-Year Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Ryan Trospen presented four prioritized projects (in order) for the 2023-2027 Capital Projects Plan:

- 2025 – Workforce Training Space, \$6M. A planned, designed, constructed, furnished, and equipped training space for campus Workforce and trade skill programs. This is the first of a two-phase project
- 2025 – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, \$150K. A planned, designed, constructed, furnished, and equipped electric vehicle charging stations on campus
- 2027 – Student and Staff Housing, \$11M. A planned, designed, constructed, and furnished residence hall facility to house students and assist the campus and community with the workforce housing shortage in the Ruidoso area
- 2025 – Retaining wall improvements, \$200K. A planned, designed, and constructed improvement to the retaining walls around the campus

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso Five-year Capital Plan as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

7. ENMU-Ruidoso Capital Projects for Summer 2023 NMHED Capital Outlay Hearing

Mr. Trospen presented two proposals for the summer 2023 HED capital projects hearings:

- Construction of a Workforce Training Facility – estimated total cost \$6M, with \$3M being requested at the summer hearings and the remaining funds coming from local GO Bond and the institution
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – estimated total cost \$162,500

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso Capital Projects for Summer 2023 NMHED Capital Outlay Hearings as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

8. ENMU-Ruidoso General Bond Election

Mr. Trospen said that in 2019 their campus held a successful general bond election, receiving 79% local support. In order to proceed with campus improvements, which would include the construction of a Workforce Training Facility, a Board approved resolution is needed.

Hilltop Securities will assist with the funding initiatives for this project, which will be neutral to local taxpayers. The ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board approved moving forward at the February 2023 meeting.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso General Bond Election as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

9. ENMU-Ruidoso Architect Selection

Mr. Trosper asked for approval for "on-contract" architectural services to aid with finishing items that were value-engineered out of Nexus Phase 3. If approved, Dekker, Parrish, and Sabatini would assist in the completion of these projects, and the remaining funds approved during the 2023 Legislative Session would be used.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso architect selection as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

10. ENMU-Ruidoso Professor Emeritus

Mr. Trosper reported after 23 years as an ENMU-Ruidoso faculty member, Dr. Cynthia Orozco has announced her retirement at the end of the academic year. Dr. Orozco has been a well-respected history and humanities instructor and has made many contributions to the Chicana Studies field.

Other contributions from Dr. Orozco include establishing tenure as university policy, mentoring hundreds of students, and facilitating workshops and presentations in Lincoln County. She has authored several scholarly works, including No Mexicans, Women or Dogs Allowed: The Rise of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement, the first history of the origins of LULAC.

Given her exceptional contributions to scholarly teaching, she is recommended for Professor Emerita status at ENMU-Ruidoso.

REGENT MATTERS
Information Only

HERC and NMPSIA Updates

Regent Trish Ruiz reported her recent attendance at the HERC Symposium, held at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM. Eastern New Mexico University was represented by Regents Bustos and Ruiz, and several topics were covered, including the roles and rights of Board members. The Governor is pushing for stringent laws on sexual abuse, and we need to ensure our university policies reflect these mandates. Regent Ruiz commented on the Basic Needs Survey, particularly regarding food insecurity, and pointed out that ENMU must do whatever is necessary to ensure our students thrive.

Regent Ruiz also attended the recent NMPSIA meetings, which covered the rise in sexual abuse cases and programming going forth for anonymous reporting. The Higher Education Cabinet Secretary, Stephanie Rodriguez, has been tasked with working on this issue in our state.

ROUTINE MATTERS

ENMU-ROSWELL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – Medical Assisting

Dr. Shawn Powell introduced Cassandra Solis, Medical Assisting Instructor, and Program Director. Ms. Solis said the Medical Assisting program currently has ten students and they are still recovering from the enrollment issues caused by the pandemic. Recruiting efforts are now underway to accommodate the community's needs by reducing the time for program completion and providing online and evening opportunities for those wishing to enroll in the program.

Ms. Solis reported a high demand for CNAs across the state, and they are currently working to provide skilled and qualified personnel to meet the needs across the state.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell reported that Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales attended their Adult Graduation ceremony yesterday and appreciated the involvement from our state government.

Enrollment is up 14% from last year, and graduation numbers are up by sixty-four students. The Basic Needs Survey revealed 53% of students are experiencing food insecurity, 61% are experiencing housing insecurity, and 21% have experienced homelessness in the past 12 months.

Dr. Powell stated three Community College Board members are up for re-election this year (Mireya Trujillo – District 1, Cla Avery – District 5, and Jamila Miller – District 4).

Upcoming events include today's commencement ceremony at the Roswell Civic Center, the May 27 Early College High School Graduation, and the June 17 Youth Challenge Graduation.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan thanked the Regents for their involvement in last night's commencement ceremony. The diversity of students at ENMU-Ruidoso is impressive, and the relationship with the Mescalero Apache Tribe continues to grow. Based on this alliance, the University will ask for funding for Cultural/Language programming as part of the Research and Public Service Requests this year.

The Basic Needs Assessment revealed 75% of those surveyed have experienced some basic insecurity in the past year. Some 68% have had a food deficiency, 71% have experienced housing insecurities, and 37% have experienced homelessness.

Upcoming events include the May 29 Community Meal on campus, the June 30-July 1 AIM High Foundation Fundraiser, and the July 31 College Open House Celebration. ENMU-Ruidoso will once again host Kids College, July 24-28.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston thanked Dr. Powell for the Medical Assisting Program review and commented on the demand for these services.

Recruiting efforts reflect four hundred more completed applications this year than at this time last year, and according to the housing pre-count, we are ahead substantially from last year. Summer enrollment is robust, and fall numbers are also trending high.

Dr. Johnston commented on a report developed by Dr. Laurenz reflecting on efforts in recruiting, teaching, creative works, art exhibitions, musical recitals and performances, and a wide range of achievements from the four colleges. The 33-page report highlights the work of faculty members and a wide range of accomplishments during the academic year.

Another Congressional Directed Spending request moved from Senator Lujan's office in the amount of \$720K for classroom technology. He also forwarded another request for \$500K to enhance the existing collaboration with the New Mexico Water Resources Institute to preserve the New Mexico River Ecosystems.

Dr. Johnston completed meetings with all the academic departments in an effort to identify what we are doing well and opportunities to grow. The next group of sessions will focus on staff departments, and all the gathered information will be part of the strategic vision as we advance.

The Aaron Watson concert was a tremendous success, with over \$20K raised to support the ENMU Foundation initiative to establish an Associated Students Activities Board scholarship.

Dr. Johnston thanked everyone involved in planning the Inauguration Ceremony and Reception. In discussing the Basic Needs Survey, Dr. Johnston stated that along with Lottery and Opportunity Scholarships to assist students with tuition and fees, we must also be mindful of their other basic needs, such as room, board, and books. The Advancement Office will begin working on an endowment to assist students with food and housing insecurities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Regent Ruiz moved to enter executive session at 2:26 p.m. to discuss one** legal matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978). **Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.**

Roll call: Regent Bustos –Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien – No Response; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Birmingham – Yes.

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 3:53 p.m.

Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle reported that one legal matter was discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board