

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Special Board of Regents Meeting
Administration Building – Regents Room
November 29, 2022 – 3:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Lance Pyle called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Pyle attended in-person. Regents Bustos, Head, Ruiz, and Patterson were present virtually.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Regent Head moved to approve the minutes of September 30, October 5, November 3, and
November 15, 2022. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. FY23 Budget Adjustment Request, Portales (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)
2. FY 23 Budget Adjustment Request, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
3. FY23 Budget Adjustment Request, Ruidoso (*Mr. Ryan Trospen, Action*)
4. Report of Actuals FY23, Portales (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)
5. Report of Actuals FY23, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
6. Report of Actuals FY23, Ruidoso (*Mr. Ryan Trospen, Action*)
7. Fall 2022 Graduation List, Portales (*Mr. Christopher Lindemann, Action*)
8. Fall 2022 Graduation List, Roswell (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

*Regent Ruiz moved to approve the consent agenda. Regent Head seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

*Regent Patterson moved to enter into executive session at 3:37 p.m. Regent Head seconded
the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion of one limited personnel matter, the hiring of a President, in accordance with Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978).

*Regent Bustos moved to return to open meeting at 3:59 p.m. Regent Ruiz seconded the
motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved*

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Action Regarding the Appointment of Chancellor/President and Approval of Employment Agreement

Regent Lance Pyle said the Regents have met in Executive Session numerous times during the month of November. After input from faculty, staff, community, and students, they have reached an agreement on Dr. James N. Johnston as the next President/Chancellor of Eastern New Mexico University.

Dr. Johnston has agreed to the terms outlined in the employment agreement. The contract term is two years, commencing on January 3, 2023, and terminating no later than January 2, 2025. The salary is \$268K, payable in 26 bi-weekly installments, beginning January 20, 2023. Standard contract language was used from the previous presidential employment agreement.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the appointment of Dr. James N. Johnston as President/Chancellor of Eastern New Mexico University and approved the employment agreement as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle introduced Dr. Johnston, who joined the meeting virtually.

Dr. Johnston thanked the Regents for entrusting this outstanding University to him. Throughout this process, he was very impressed with the great work being done system-wide and now looks forward to the things we will do together. He stated that he was also impressed with the people committed to the search process and the respect and openness he perceived from faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Dr. Johnston said he and his wife, Stephanie, are truly honored to become members of the Greyhound family.

2. Turfing of the Softball Outfield

Mr. Tony Major stated they are asking for up to \$400K for the Women's Softball Field outfield turfing project. The infield was returfed over the summer, resulting in a rift between the infield and outfield that this turfing will correct.

The University is prepared to seek approval from NMHED upon Regent approval and has resources to address the project.

Regent Ruiz moved to approve the turfing of the softball outfield as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

3. Award of Posthumous Degree to Analuisa Mendoza

Dr. Jamie Laurenz said on October 13, 2022, students Analuisa Mendoza and Alicia Bustos were tragically killed in a crash near Amarillo, TX.

Ms. Mendoza was completing her associate degree this December, with plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. She had completed 72 hours toward her degree, and her

parents, Luis and Rome Mendoza, have requested that Analuisa's degree be awarded posthumously.

Regent Patterson moved to award a posthumous degree to Analuisa Mendoza as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and prepared by Karen Van Ruiten
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*