

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**ENMU-Portales**  
**Administration Building – Regents Room**  
**June 3, 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, Lance Pyle, and Logan O'Brien were present. Regents Trish Ruiz and Ray Birmingham joined virtually.

***Roll call: Regent Bustos– Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien – Yes; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Birmingham - Yes.***

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as presented.***  
***Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the May 12 and May 30, 2023, meeting minutes.***  
***Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Memorial Resolution – Mr. Duane Ryan

Dr. James Johnston recognized the outstanding contributions and legacy of Mr. Duane Ryan and presented a resolution for Regent approval.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve the memorial resolution honoring Mr. Duane Ryan as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.***

2. ENMU Social Work Endowment

Dr. Jamie Laurenz said he was recently informed that ENMU had been awarded \$9M to support the endowed faculty positions in social work. A request was presented to approve an MOU between NMHED and ENMU to allow the distribution of the awarded funds to the institution.

Dr. Laurenz acknowledged the time and efforts of Dr. Melissa Moyer, Dr. Mary Ayala, Dr. John Montgomery, Dr. James Johnston, and Mr. Tony Major. Regent Pyle commented on the outstanding efforts of the University to get this program up and running.

***Regent Ruiz moved to approve ENMU Social Work Endowment as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.***

3. Approval of Research and Public Service Projects, FY25

Mr. Tony Major presented the proposed list of Research and Public Service Projects that will go before NMHED in September, prior to the 2024 Legislative Session. All requests have increased by 10% from last year.

- Student Success - \$439K
- At-Risk Students - \$236.5K
- Nursing Program Expansion - \$356K
- Allied Health (Social Work, Speech/Hearing Rehab) - \$150K
- Blackwater Draw - \$100K
- Athletics - \$3.713M

- KENW - \$1,256,500
- Greyhound Promise - \$100K
- Teacher Education - \$200K
- ENMU Literacy and Intervention Program - \$175K
- Teacher Pipeline (FY23 Junior Bill) - \$275K

Regent Pyle recommended increasing the request for Athletics and KENW to 15% above what was awarded last year.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve a 10% increase in requested funding above what was awarded in 2023 and a 15% increase for Athletics and KENW for the FY25 Research and Public Service projects. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

4. Greyhound Arena HVAC Replacement

Mr. Major said the HVAC system at Greyhound Arena is at the end of its useful life. A request not to exceed \$430K will go before NMHED if approved at the Regent level. The proposed breakdown would be \$211K from state funding and \$219K from institutional reserves.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the Greyhound Arena HVAC replacement as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

5. ENMU-Roswell Proposals for FY25 Research and Public Service Projects

Dr. Shawn Powell presented the following RPSP proposals for the ENMU-Roswell campus:

- Nursing Expansion Program - \$385K
- Special Services Program - \$132K
- Aviation Maintenance Technology - \$100K
- Veterans Center - \$65K

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell FY25 Research and Public Service projects as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

6. ENMU-Roswell Architect Selection for Walkway and Parking Lot Improvements

Dr. Powell presented a request to hire an on-contract architect for the walkway and parking lot improvements on the Roswell campus. These projects are included in the facility master plan and are a current safety concern.

The estimated cost of this project is \$2.6M, and the architectural service fee would be 9.0% of the maximum allowable construction cost.

Regent Pyle voiced concern that this architectural firm is the same one involved in the Master Plan. He would like to see other firms involved in the future.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell architect selection for walkway and parking lot improvements as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

7. ENMU-Ruidoso Research and Public Service Projects FY25

Mr. Major presented three RPSP projects on behalf of the ENMU-Ruidoso Campus.

- Nursing Partnership - \$178.6K
- Mescalero Language and Culture - \$150K
- Workforce Training Expansion - \$148K

*Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso FY25 Research and Public Service projects as presented. Regent Ruiz seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

## **ROUTINE MATTERS**

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

Dr. Powell reported summer enrollment is up 18% from last year, and fall is up 17% from this time last year. Early College High School had thirty-one graduates, and 28 students earned degrees or certificates. The remaining three students will complete their programs over the summer.

Updates on current Capital Projects included the near completion of the exterior lighting and surveillance system, continued progress on the sewer and sanitation piping and restroom renovation project, and the near completion of the electrical panel upgrades.

Upcoming events include the October 14 partial solar eclipse event on campus and the ENMU-Roswell 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 24.

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

Dr. Johnston referred to the electronic updates provided by Mr. Ryan earlier in the week. No formal report was presented.

### **REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation**

Dr. Johnston provided dashboard updates and made particular note of the increase in housing assignments as compared to this time last year. Summer enrollment numbers are up by 11.4%, and fall enrollment is increased by 5.4%.

Dr. Johnston said that an arborist was hired to perform risk management evaluations on campus trees and reported that some of our Chinese Elms had exceeded their life expectancy. These trees could pose specific hazards if not removed. Plans are underway to remove and replace trees that have been identified as “at-risk.”

Academic departments participated in meetings with Dr. Johnston during the spring semester, and staff meetings will take place during the summer months. Information gathered at these meetings will be part of a strategic vision going forward.

Construction efforts are underway to update the catering preparation room at the President's home. The remaining funds allocated for the University Home remodel must be expended by the end of the month.

Dr. Johnston reported several upcoming events, including the burying of the beef and Foundation Barbeque events. Also, ENMU Day at Isotopes Park, the Amarillo Sod Poodles game, and the El Paso Chihuahuas alumni events all taking place during the month of June.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. ***Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 2:05 p.m. to discuss one legal matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978), and review ENMU Administrator Evaluations. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

***Roll call: Regent Bustos –Yes; Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent O'Brien – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes; Regent Birmingham – Yes.***

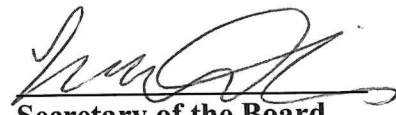
***Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 3:36 p.m.  
Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. Regent Ruiz 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  
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