

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Hotel Santa Fe, Hacienda Room**  
**Santa Fe, NM**  
**January 17, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Trish Ruiz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Trish Ruiz, Logan O'Brien, Lance Pyle, and Phillip Bustos were present. Regent Ray Birmingham was not in attendance.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Ruiz asked to amend the agenda by adding guest introductions. Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

**INTRODUCTIONS**

1. Regent Ruiz asked ENMU-Ruidoso president Ryan Trosper to introduce the first guest. Theresa Trujillo-Saiz, Executive Director of the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges, was introduced. Ms. Trujillo-Saiz spoke about her new position serving ENMU-Roswell and Ruidoso, as well as the NMSU and UNM branch campuses.
2. Regent Ruiz introduced Mr. Peter Serena, vice president of the ENMU Foundation. Mr. Serena reported on the state of their investments and scholarship awards. For FY 2022-2023, \$464K in scholarships were awarded, and \$607K for FY 2023-2024. Mr. Serena noted a \$2.7M increase in donations from FY22 to FY23 and credited Noelle Bartl for her continued hard work for the Foundation. Since 1979, Eastern New Mexico University has received \$27.9 in philanthropic contributions.
3. Dr. James Johnston introduced Rey Coss and thanked him for the excellent coordination of student lobbyists. Mr. Coss said that the ENMU student presence in the Capitol Building was outstanding, and our lobbyists were able to meet with our district Legislators. Lobbyists from the Portales campus include Andres Chavez, Hamilton Gillis, Brendan Hillis, Erik Salamon, Tamia Smith, and Micaela Vigil. Student lobbyists from ENMU-Roswell: Daniela Garcia, Tyrah Esquibel, Josel Salazar, and Nicholas Terry. ENMU-Ruidoso was represented by Faith Masue and Olivia Withrow.
4. Dr. Johnston introduced two new administrators, Dr. Christy Johanson, vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Mr. Warren Lloyd, vice president for University Advancement and Public Relations.

Regent Trish Ruiz took a moment of personal privilege to recognize Regent Phillip Bustos for residing as the 2023 Board President. She thanked him for his tremendous work and dedication to the University.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Bustos moved to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2023, meeting. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

## BUSINESS MATTERS

### Consent Agenda

1. Authorization of Open Meetings Act (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)
2. Annual Authorization of Officers Authorizing Signature Authority (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)

***Regent Bustos moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.***

### Other Items

1. ENMU-Roswell Faculty Tenure Notification

Dr. Shawn Powell said the following faculty members have met all the requirements to be granted tenure and were nominated by their peers and recommended by the Faculty Evaluation Committee:

- Jennifer Cain
- Joey Coburn
- Lafonda Humpherys
- Eric Mann
- Justin Powell
- Vanessa Stroman
- Ty Whatley

2. ENMU-Roswell Facility Master Plan Priorities

Dr. Powell said the updated presentation is intended to bring awareness to the Regents of proposed construction and renovation priorities and receive their feedback. Handouts were provided, denoting the timeframe and the criticality of each recommendation. In summary, the high-priority capital improvements required in the next two years are estimated to cost \$18,179M. The necessary capital improvements needed within two to three years are estimated at \$16,393M, and the short-term capital improvements required within three to five years are estimated at \$16,553M. Dr. Powell added that these projects are the recommendation of the contracted architect and engineers.

3. ENMU-Roswell Deactivated Programs for the 2024-2025 Catalog

Dr. Powell identified two programs that were deactivated based on the findings of data analysis and stakeholder input:

- Commercial Driver's License – Certificate of Employability
- Pharmacy Technician – Certificate of Employability.

Dr. Powell stated that the CDL program is being deactivated and moved to the Center for Workforce Training. The Pharmacy Technician program is being deactivated because local pharmacies are now hiring and training personnel on-site.

***Regent Pyle moved to approve the 2024-2025 deactivated programs at ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.***

## **ROUTINE MATTERS**

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

Dr. Powell reported their overall enrollment is down 9% from this time last year, but there are 400 dual credit and Youth Challenge students enrolling next week. These additional students will bring enrollment numbers up to the same as last year.

Dr. Powell said they are advertising for a livestock judging coach in preparation for a livestock team next fall. An update was given on construction projects, including the completion of exterior lighting and the near completion of the surveillance system. Fiber optic cable installation is underway, and the sewer and sanitation piping and restroom renovation project is ongoing.

Regent Pyle asked for an update on the roofing renovations for the ITC Building. Dr. Powell stated that they have received an email from CCSMI, and a check is ready. The project must go through the approval process again, and hopes to bring this matter to the February Board meeting.

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

Mr. Ryan Trosper thanked vice president for External Affairs Robin DeMott for bringing two student lobbyists to the opening of the 2024 Legislative Session. It is an excellent opportunity for them to interact with their peers from other campuses.

Spring enrollment is down 9% but up 5% for degree-seeking students. Dual credit enrollments have not been accounted for due to inclement weather and school closures.

Mr. Trosper said the safety and security locking system is 80% complete. Projects in the planning phase include purchasing a generator, athletic equipment, and Nexus Phase 3 exterior improvements.

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

Dr. James Johnston reported spring 2024 headcount is up 4.6%, and credit hour production is up 5.7%. He expressed thanks to the recruiters and counselors for their ongoing efforts and engagement.

The One Eastern initiative continues to move forward. A list of items has been developed, and we are now working specifically on one instance of Banner. Phase two of this initiative will begin soon and focus on academic programming. Updates on the mission and vision statements and strategic plan continue to progress on schedule.

The unveiling of our new brand will take place on January 23 at an all-campus event. The new mark will replace all previous ones and firmly establish our brand for years to come.

Dr. Johnston said the 90<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration plans are underway, and John Houser and his team compiled a historical video documenting the progression of the University.

Lastly, Dr. Johnston mentioned the onboarding of vice presidents Dr. Christy Johanson and Mr. Warren Lloyd and said they both hit the ground running on January 8.

## REGENT MATTERS

### Lobbying Overview

Mr. Larry Horan commented on the many benefits of having student lobbyists at the Legislative Session and commended our students and coordinators for their efforts.

The 30-day session is limited to revenue matters, and work is underway to pass a budget of \$3.5B in new revenue. General Obligations Bonds recommendations take place during the 30-day session every other year, and capital outlay requests will move forward to the Governor soon.

The Governor has signaled that she wants to discuss safety and gun control at this session and the modernization of the oil and gas industry and affordable housing for New Mexico residents.

Mr. Horan mentioned new legislators, Greg Nibert (Senate) and Jared Hambree (House). There is ongoing discussion about changing the length of the session to 45 days each year rather than the rotation of the 30/60 session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 2:13 p.m. to discuss two limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) - Presidential contract renewal and one faculty retention matter. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

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

*Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 3:11 p.m.*

*Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes, Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

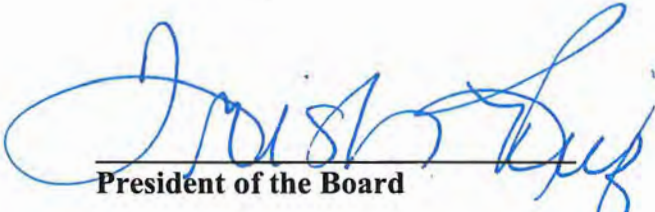
Regent Pyle reported one personnel matter and one faculty retention matter, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) was discussed.

Former Regent President Bustos and Dr. James Johnston signed the agreed-upon 2024 Chancellor's contract.


## ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.*

*Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – No response; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*



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President of the Board



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Secretary of the Board