

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
Administration Building – Regents Room
June 1, 2024 – 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Pyle moved to approve the May 10, 2024, meeting minutes. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. Emerita Status for Ms. Cheryl Pachak Brooks

Dr. Jamie Laurenz said Ms. Cheryl Pachak Brooks, instructor of music, retired at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year. At the recommendation of her dean, department chair and the faculty evaluation committee, she is being recommended for emerita status. Ms. Pachak Brooks is a well-respected faculty member and has provided 39 valuable service to the University.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the Emerita status for Ms. Cheryl Pachak Brooks as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

2. ENMU Mission Statement and Strategic Plan

Dr. James Johnston said the current Mission Statement and Strategic Plan will expire this fall. The Chancellor appointed taskforces comprised of all levels of staff and administrators to review and revise these documents to reflect day-to-day processes and operations. No wholesale changes were made; rather, there was a redirection and focus on new objectives.

In keeping with ENMU's shared governance process, the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan were taken to the University Council for review and approval.

Regent Bustos asked who monitors these plans to ensure there is quantitative progress. Dr. Johnston said the President's Office monitors progress and is part of the Higher Learning Commission criterion.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU Mission Statement and Strategic Plan as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

3. Bank of America Investment Executive Summary

Dr. Johnston stated the ENMU Foundation's assets are sitting at \$32M. At present, we have received \$4.5M in gifts during FY24. During the recent economic downturn, the Foundation safe harbored holdings in certificates of deposit and treasury notes. Since this time, we have moved to Bank of America as our strategic partner and consultant and will work on a two-part strategy, including risk tolerance and performance expectations. When current CDs and treasury notes mature, assets will be strategically moved into the market.

4. Domestic Partner Petition

Mr. Benito Gonzales said the domestic partner petition is being brought forth at the request of the Faculty Senate. There should not be a significant impact on the University, but it would benefit several ENMU personnel if approved System-wide. This option would provide medical and dental benefits to the domestic partners of our employees and could also be used for employee recruitment.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the domestic partner petition as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

5. Approval of Research and Public Service Projects, FY26

Mr. Tony Major said the following Research and Public Service projects are being brought forward for funding in FY26. Last year, several project fundings were added to the Instruction and General base. We are asking for a 10% increase for each project from last year's proposal. Our RPSP submittals will be reviewed by NMHED in September, prior to the legislative deliberations in spring 2025. These requests reflect a 10% increase from last year.

	FY26 Request
• Nursing Program Expansion-funds	\$356,000
• Blackwater Draw	100,000
• Athletics	3,713,000
• KENW	1,381,000
• Greyhound Promise	100,000
• Teacher Education	200,000
• Literacy Intervention Program	215,000

Regent Pyle moved to approve FY26 Research and Public Service projects with a 10% increase and grant authority to Mr. Major and Dr. Johnston to increase this amount if deemed appropriate. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

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

Dr. Powell requested approval of \$600K for the ENMU-Roswell nursing program as their RPSP project for FY25. If approved, they will hire and retain nursing faculty as this program expands. The Health Science Building is scheduled to undergo remodeling specifically for the nursing

program and should be completed by fall 2025. If approved, this proposal will be submitted to NMHED for FY26 RSPS funding.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell FY25 Research and Public Service Projects as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

7. ENMU-Roswell Approval for HVAC System Replacement Expenditure

Dr. Powell asked for approval for an expenditure of up to \$500K for the replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning for the Health Science Building. During the 2024 legislative session, \$440K in capital outlay was approved in SB275 to purchase, replace, equip, and install HVAC equipment at the Roswell branch campus.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Roswell HVAC system replacement expenditure as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell reported that 33 of 39 students graduated with a certificate or degree from the Early College High School program last Saturday. This cohort was the most affected by COVID-19.

Workforce Training funds have been received to provide training for high-demand jobs at no or low cost to the student. These programs include:

- CDL Class A/B
- Remote Piloting License
- Aviation Maintenance
- Healthcare and Mental Health
- Welding certificates

An auxiliary of Eastern New Mexico Medical Center donated \$100K to the ENMU-Roswell Foundation to renovate a space at the hospital for Health Science students on clinical rotations. This space will be used for student shift briefings and lessons and to store personal belongings.

The National Championship Air Races have chosen Roswell as their location for their May/June 2025 event. This will be an economic boon for the Roswell community and will bring an estimated 10-15K visitors to the area. ENMU-Roswell campus will be involved in the coordination of events.

Dr. Powell provided construction updates on several ongoing projects:

- Sewer/sanitation project – complete
- Exterior lighting and surveillance system upgrades are nearing completion
- Architects and engineers are refreshing the Facility Master Plan, and it should be ready for approval in September
- An RFP for the nursing expansion project is out. This space should be available by fall 2025
- NMPSIA funds have been received for the ITS Building roof replacement
- Swimming pool repair work is complete

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper reported the Village of Ruidoso has been under a fire watch since May 16. The current fire is 16% contained and several staff members have been evacuated from their homes.

Warranty work will begin on the campus parking lot Monday, June 3. The campus has received \$100K in Workforce Training funds, which will go toward helping student teachers.

June 14-15 is the designated date for the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Clay Shoot "Aim High." The much sought-after Kids College program will kick off July 29 – August 2.

A MOU has been agreed upon between Ruidoso and ENMU-Ruidoso that will allow the campus to be a staging area for situational needs (i.e., fire, power outages, etc.).

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. Johnston reported that summer enrollment is down 2% (3 students) and up 1.1% in student credit hour production. Fall is currently up 5.3% in headcount and 4.3% in student credit hour production. Fall housing is up 9.3% from last year, with 556 students. The on-campus student presence is trending up.

The Financial Aid Department has worked diligently to work through issues with the Department of Education's rollout of the new FAFSA application. These are nationwide problems, and our office has done an excellent job overcoming this situation. To date, we have 3,627 applications.

Dr. Johnston said he recently attended the GO Bond cycle meeting. This is a well-organized process, and he looks forward to working for System-wide funding.

The New Mexico Department of Transportation Commission meeting met on our campus this week. Over one hundred officials from around the state were in attendance. Roads on and around campus and the walking bridge were brought to their attention.

June 5 marks the date for the Blue Cross Blue Shield ribbon cutting for the new fitness court on campus. This facility serves to promote health and wellness and broadens the initiative to bring the campus and community together.

ENMU Day at Isotopes Park is June 15. Tickets are available from the ENMU website.

Dr. Johnston reported on two recent hires. Ms. Erin Morgan comes to us with 25 years of experience in higher education and will serve as the Executive Director of Information Technology Systems and the System CIO. Mr. Kevin Fite will join the ENMU administration on July 1 as Athletic Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 2:38 p.m. to discuss one threatened or pending litigation matter involving the University pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA (1978); and to discuss an endowed gift and naming opportunity. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 3:51 p.m.

Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes;

Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle reported that one matter pertaining to pending litigation and an endowed gift and naming opportunity was discussed. No action was taken.

OPEN SESSION

Regent Pyle made the following motion:

Based on the discussion in Executive Session regarding the endowed gift and naming opportunity, I move that the Board of Regents approve the naming of the Loy Family Athletic Complex that provides full naming rights for the current Eastern New Mexico University Greyhound Stadium and the current Greyhound Arena in recognition of a significant financial contribution to ENMU by Steve and Linda Loy of \$2,500,000. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion.

Vote: Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Birmingham – Yes;

O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.


President of the Board

NOT PRESENT
Secretary of the Board