

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales
Administration Building, Regents Room
November 15, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Trish Ruiz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Trish Ruiz, Ray Birmingham, Logan O'Brien, Lance Pyle, and Phillip Bustos were present.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Birmingham moved to amend the agenda by removing the College of Business program highlight. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Pyle moved to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2024, meeting. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2025 – 2026 Official Holiday Calendar (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)
2. Fall 2024 Graduation List (*Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Action*)
3. ENMU-Roswell Fall 2024 Graduation List (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Annual Audit Report

Ms. Jessica Small provided the Regents with the 2024 Annual Audit Report. She stated that these procedures take place each year in accordance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The internal auditor is responsible for communicating the following to the Board:

- The purpose of the mission of an internal audit
- The audit framework used by the department
- Independence and objectivity of the internal audit activity and the internal auditor
- Results of the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program

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

2. Amendments to Policies

Mr. Benito Gonzales presented two policy amendments:

- Policy 1-2, Approval, Publication and Compilation of Policies
Change: Change the title of the Executive Director of HR and Planning and Policy, removed information on the process for initiating a document as this is no longer the process.
- Policy 65-2, Inspection of System Records
Change: Added the technology exception from the 2024 IPRA Compliance guide.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the amendments to policies 1-2, and 65-2 as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

3. FY25 Capital Projects

Mr. Tony Major presented a prioritized list of requests based on need and the fit of legislative interests. The list provides a range of funding opportunities that can take advantage of the non-recurring funds available during the 2025 legislative session.

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| • Agriculture – Animal Education and Research Center | \$408,000 |
| • Allied Health Education and Research – Anatomy and Imaging System | 450,000 |
| • Information Technology Systems – Infrastructure Upgrades | 893,935 |
| • Athletics – Baseball Outfield Turf | 1,000,000 |
| • Physical Plant – Air-cooled Chiller | 1,200,000 |
| • Blackwater Draw National Historic Landmark – Infrastructure Upgrades | 450,000 |
| • KENW Equipment - | 200,000 |
| • Digital Film & Theatre – Facilities & Equipment Upgrades | 400,000 |
| • Expanding STEM Education and Research | 375,000 |
| • College of Fine Arts – Supporting Fine Arts Performance | 307,000 |

Mr. Major commented that approval from HED has been received for the \$8M supplement for the Student Academic Services Building and we will also seek legislative approval for \$1.9M for HVAC upgrades for the Roosevelt Science Center.

Regent Bustos moved to approve the FY25 Capital Projects as presented. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

4. Tuition, Fees, Room, and Board, FY26

Mr. Major stated that we are back to the pre-pandemic timeline with information on tuition and fees. This proposal would only ask for an increase in room rates between \$41-70 per semester. This dollar amount would be used to offset the increase in operating costs and deferred maintenance.

The University anticipates an increase in operating costs of nearly \$540K, based on the current Higher Education Price Index. This is a 3.0% forecasted increase for FY26. To cover this cost increase, the University would need an increase in state support or an increase in tuition and

fees. A 1% increase in the I&G appropriation is equal to a 2% tuition increase; therefore, we would need a 2.5% increase in I&G to cover the gap.

5. ENMU-Ruidoso Capital Outlay Requests

Mr. Major presented two capital outlay requests for consideration at the 2025 Legislative Session:

- Retaining Wall Improvements - \$200,000
- Science Lab Updates - 105,000

These requests would assist students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso Capital Outlay requests as presented. Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

6. ENMU-Ruidoso Nexus Phase IV

Mr. Major presented a request to approve \$730,703.62 for the Nexus Phase IV project. This dollar amount covers potential cost escalations above the projection of \$617,802 which a contractor submitted under the state pricing agreement.

A supplement of \$280K was received from the state, but due to the recent fires and flooding, the cost of materials and contractors has increased dramatically. The contractor committed to this project has agreed to hold the bid cost through January 2025. The balance for this project will be paid out of ENMU-Ruidoso capital reserves.

Regent Birmingham moved to approve the increased project costs of the ENMU-Ruidoso Nexus Phase IV project as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Shawn Powell said spring 2025 enrollment numbers are down seventy-five students from spring 2024; however, dual enrollment will likely bring a substantial increase before the semester begins.

The General Obligations Bond passed in Chaves County by 57%. The ENMU-Roswell Foundation has provided financial assistance to those affected by recent floods. Students, faculty, and staff have all benefited from this assistance.

The Community College Board has an opening for District 1, and the application process has been extended through November.

The Roswell campus has been involved in Question-Persuade-Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training, both in English and Spanish. To date, fifty-five people have participated in the training.

Ongoing construction projects include:

- Sprinkler System
- Walkway and Parking Lot Phase 1
- ITC Roof replacement and EIFS repair planning

- Aviation Maintenance Building Architectural RFP
- Hail/flood damage to several campus buildings

Dr. Powell reported on several upcoming events, including the November 23 Turkey Trot 5K fun run/walk, the December 4 Foundation banquet, and the December 6 Campus-wide meeting and holiday meal.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Ryan Trosper was attending the American Association of Community Colleges Small and Rural College Commission meeting in Washington, D.C. Written updates were given to the Regents.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston reported on early spring 2025 enrollment numbers. Student credit hour production is trending 1,000 more than year to date (up 6.8%), and headcount was fifty more than this time YTD.

One Eastern Phase II is focusing on several 2+2 programs that have great promise, including Education, Business, Nursing, Social Work, Criminal Justice, and Aviation Science.

This afternoon, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place in response to our dedication to supporting students with the new Student Academic Services Building. The demolition of Bernalillo Hall is nearing completion, and plans for a new Agricultural Animal Production and Management facility are in the works.

Roosevelt County saw a significant increase in support of the General Obligations Bond (3), which passed with an overwhelming 60.8% in favor, as compared to 52.6% in the 2022 election.

Dr. Johnston provided updates on the newly established University Advancement and Public Relations division. The total fundraising goal for FY25 is \$7,500,000, of which 55% has been met. The addition of the Alumni Engagement Platform (EMMA) has broadened our outreach to 12,770 active contacts and a 98.16% delivery rate for emails sent. In addition, the Communication Services division recently received the CASE District IV award for the ENMU Reads Summer Reading Program.

Upcoming campus activities include:

- Romeo & Juliet, UTC Main Stage (this weekend)
- Men's and Women's basketball season has begun
- POPS Concert, Saturday, November 16
- Winter holiday events

REGENTS MATTERS

1. Proposed Board of Regents Meeting Calendar for 2025
Regent Trish Ruiz introduced the proposed Regent Meeting calendar for 2025. Regent Pyle suggested the addition of a September meeting.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the 2025 Regents Meeting calendar with the addition of a September meeting. Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz- Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 9:37 a.m. to discuss three limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes; O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

*Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 10:49 a.m.
Regent Birmingham seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes, Birmingham – Yes;
O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*

Regent Pyle reported that three personnel matters were discussed. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

*Regent Bustos moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.
Regent O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Birmingham – Yes;
O'Brien – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.*



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board