

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Roswell, OTC Bldg., Rm. 124
May 9, 2025 – 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, Emily Wilbanks, and Phillip Bustos were present. Regent Pyle joined virtually. Regent Birmingham was not in attendance.

Roll call: Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Wilbanks – Yes; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Bustos – Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Bustos moved to amend the agenda by adding ENMU-Roswell staff recognition by Dr. Shawn Powell. Regent Wilbanks moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Bustos moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2025, meeting. Regent Wilbanks seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks– Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Shawn Powell introduced and recognized members of his staff and thanked them for their contributions and hard work over the past academic year. Mr. Eric Mann was introduced as the interim vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. Mr. Chris Meeks, Registrar, was introduced and information was given about the two commencement ceremonies and meal that are taking place later in the day.

BUSINESS MATTERS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. ENMU-Roswell Property Disposal and/or Transfer (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

Regent Bustos moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks– Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Emerita Status for Dr. Annemarie Oldfield

Dr. Shawn Powell recognized Dr. Oldfield for her stellar years of service and a strong role as vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. She has been a steadfast advocate for the ENMU-Roswell campus and played a vital role in the accreditation process. In addition, Dr. Oldfield holds a commendable record for community involvement and has worked diligently to connect the community with the campus.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the emerita status for Dr. Annmarie Oldfield as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

2. Deactivation of ENMU-Roswell Automotive Tech Diesel Program

Dr. Powell introduced Mr. Dusty Baker, Technical Program Director, and Dr. Edna Yokum, dean of Technical Education, who explained that the certificate of employability for the Automotive Technical Diesel Program is not providing the necessary skills to meet the industry's requirements, according to several local employers. Dr. Yokum requested that this

program be deactivated as they are researching ways to revise it and find the required funding, equipment, and space to bring it back in an improved format.

Regent Bustos moved to approve deactivating the Automotive Tech Diesel Program at ENMU-Roswell as presented. Regent Wilbanks seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

3. ENMU-Ruidoso Five-Year Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Ryan Trosper provided information on the proposed five-year capital projects plan, along with their projected costs:

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| • Workforce training space (2025) | Cost - \$6,000,000 |
| • Parking lot improvements (2025) | 375,000 |
| • Retaining wall improvements (2025) | 200,000 |
| • Childcare lab (2027) | 800,000 |
| • Student and staff housing (2027) | 11,000,000 |
| • Equipment covering (2026) | 400,000 |

New Mexico Higher Education Department Summer Hearings requires that institutions provide their capital projects list for the summer hearings.

Regent Bustos moved to approve the five-year capital plan for the ENMU-Ruidoso campus as presented. Regent Wilbanks seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

4. ENMU-Ruidoso Summer Capital Outlay

Mr. Trosper said that in preparation for the NMHED summer hearings, the following proposals are being brought before the Board for approval before moving forward:

- Childcare lab – expansion of early childhood education practicum. The requested funding will enable the renovation of an existing space to meet potential needs.
Estimate cost - \$800,000
- Workforce training equipment – this equipment would be utilized in the newly built facility in multiple ways.
Estimated cost - \$500,000

Regent Pyle moved to approve ENMU-Ruidoso's summer capital outlay plan as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

5. ENMU-Ruidoso Architect Selection for 2026 General Obligations Bond Proposal

Mr. Trosper asked for approval to hire an architect to plan and design the potential 2026 General Obligations Bond proposal. The desired architect is ASA Architects.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the ENMU-Ruidoso architect selection for the 2026 GO Bond proposal as presented. Regent Wilbanks seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

6. Capital Projects for Summer 2025 NMHED General Obligations Bond (GOB) Capital Outlay Hearing

Mr. Tony Major brought forward two capital project proposals for General Obligations Bond funding:

- Agriculture and Art Annex \$18,000,000
- Health Science Building 21,000,000

Regent Pyle moved to approve the capital projects for the Summer 2025 NMHED GO Bond capital outlay hearing as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

7. Five-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Major discussed project submissions for the NMHED summer hearings. This list includes the substantial projects funded through GO Bond and Severance Tax Bonds:

Capital Projects FY25-26 GO Bond

- Agriculture Science/Art Annex \$18,000,000
- Health Sciences Building 21,000,000

Capital Projects FY26-27 Severance Bond

- HVAC Control Replacement
- Greyhound Arena Locker Room Renovations

Capital Projects FY27-28 GO Bond

- College of Business classroom renovations
- College of Education roof replacement

Capital Projects FY28-29 Severance Bond

- Campus Union Building renovations
- College of Business roof replacement

Capital Projects FY29-30 GO Bond

- Greyhound Arena renovations
- College of Education classroom renovations

Capital Projects FY30-31 Severance Bond

- Air-cooled chillers
- Access controls – interior doors

Regent Wilbanks moved to approve the five-year capital plan as presented. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell said that due to the fall flooding in Roswell, alternative considerations had to be made for spring commencement. The events will be held at Pearson Auditorium on the NMML campus at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Presently, fall 2025 enrollment matches fall 2024, with semester credit hour production up 5%. Dr. Powell thanked Mr. Devin Stroman, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, for his continued endeavors toward increased enrollment.

Dr. Powell mentioned that Congresswoman Theresa Leger Fernandez is on campus today. The Roswell Community College Board recently approved provisions to move forward with a Mill Levy for the next city election in fall 2025.

Upcoming events include three summer camps supported by the ENMU-Roswell Foundation. The Air Races pilot qualifications start May 19 and will bring 200 – 400 people to campus. The races will take place in September. The Foundation golf tournament will occur over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, and summer courses begin June 2.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Mr. Trosper said the costs associated with having to close their campus last summer due to the fires and flooding have been offset by a \$400K award from Project Serve.

Cross Country and Rodeo programs are up and running with athletes from surrounding communities, including Mescalero and El Paso.

Upcoming events include Kids' College – June 23-27, and the Aim High fundraiser – June 20-21.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston commented on the tremendous efforts that went into coordinating the first One Eastern Day at ENMU-Roswell on May 1. The next One Eastern event is scheduled for July 26 in partnership with ENMU-Ruidoso.

Summer enrollment is up 219 students (15.6%), and student credit hour production is up 17.7%. Fall headcount is up 269 students (14.8%), and student credit hour production is up 19.1%.

Dr. Johnston provided a year-in-review report from Academic Affairs that illustrates the significant work of this division. The caliber of the work being done is truly impressive.

The Honors Convocation Breakfast and commencement take place tomorrow, with 416 graduates walking. Alumnus and former student athlete Mike Boit will be the commencement speaker.

Upcoming events include the June 7-8 Foundation Burying of the beef and Foundation barbeque, the June 27-29 New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame induction of Steve Loy and Michael

Sinclair, and the July 11-12 Regent Work Session and Alumni Golf Tournament in Albuquerque.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Bustos moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m. Regent Wilbanks seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Wilbanks – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.



President of the Board

NOT PRESENT

Secretary of the Board

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