

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Meeting
ENMU-Portales, Regents Room
November 14, 2025 – 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 and Lance Pyle were present. Regent Phillip Bustos joined virtually. Regents Emily Wilbanks and Ray Birmingham were not present.

Roll call: Regent Ruiz– Yes; Regent Birmingham– No response; Regent Wilbanks – No response; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Bustos – Yes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Bustos moved to amend the agenda by moving the Report of Actuals (items 3, 4, and 5) to the first items on the agenda. Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Pyle moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2025, meeting. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos - Yes. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Consent Agenda

1. FY26 Budget Adjustment Request (*Mr. Tony Major, Action*)
2. ENMU-Roswell Budget Adjustment Request (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)
3. ENMU-Ruidoso Budget Adjustment Request (*Dr. Ryan Trosper, Action*)
4. Proposed 2026-2027 Holiday Calendar (*Dr. James Johnston, Action*)
5. Fall 2025 Graduation List (*Dr. Jamie Laurenz, Action*)
6. ENMU-Roswell Fall 2025 Graduation List (*Dr. Shawn Powell, Action*)

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Report of Actuals FY25

Mr. Tony Major said that ENMU-Portales has compiled their FY25 Report of Actuals in compliance with the Department of Higher Education's requirements. These two separate reports detail the University's fiscal operations, which pertain to Instruction and General, and operations.

Exhibit One

Revenues:

Variances related to Instruction and General (I & G) are reflected as follows:

The Public Service revenues budget, comprised of KENW and summer camps, was budgeted at \$2,563,000 and came in at \$2,744,784. This represents a 7.1% increase. This was due to additional funding for KENW and an increase in summer camp participation.

Auxiliary revenues, comprised of residence halls, bookstore, and dining services, was initially budgeted at \$5,893,000, and actual revenues reflect \$6,982,892, 18.5% above the revised budget.

Expenditures:

Public Service generated \$316,836 in surplus. The revised expenditure budget was \$2,563,000 and the actual expenditure came in at \$2,246,164. The Auxiliaries' revised expenditure budget was \$5,195,000 and actuals came in at \$4,940,551, resulting in a surplus of \$254,449.

Exhibit two: Instructional and General

Revenues:

The Tuition and Fees revenue budget was \$21,281,000, and actuals reflect \$24,239,244, representing a 13.9% increase. The Land & Permanent Fund increased by 29.8% due to the increase in state land leases. The remaining I&G revenues were close to the revised budget.

Expenditures:

Instruction and General expenditures were budgeted at \$59,274,000 and came in at \$58,881,728, which is 5.3% below budget. There was a reduction in expenses for most functions due to vacant positions.

Year-End Reserve Balances:

Year-end balances are estimated at \$47,048,181. Actual year-end balances are \$48,202,665, which is a positive variance of \$1,154,484, or 2% due to "belt-tightening" across the board.

2. ENMU-Roswell Report of Actuals FY25

Mr. Major recapped that each year, the University is required to report on actual year-end revenues, expenditures, and transfers within our approved budget. These reports illustrate the original budget and estimated actual expenses, which align with our audited financial statements as of June 2025.

Exhibit one: Summary of Current Funds and Plant Funds

Revenues:

The total revenue for all funds and plant funds was \$26,930,179, which is a decrease of \$3,949,321 from the estimated budget of \$30,879,500. This is attributed to an increase in capital outlay revenue in the amount of \$7M from the mid-year budget adjustment request.

Expenditures:

Total expenditures for all funds and plant funds are \$24,196,094, which is less than what was budgeted and resulted in an overall increase to the fund balance of \$2,734,085.

Exhibit two: Summary Instructional and General

Revenues:

Actual revenues from tuition and fees are \$2,951,274, which is a decrease of \$554,226 from FY25. State appropriations were budgeted at \$16,012,500, and actuals came in at \$15,962,500, a 0.3% decrease. The local Mil Levy received from Chavez County was \$1,433,541. This is an increase in the budgeted amount of \$83,541, which is 6.2% higher than the revised budget.

Expenditures:

Instruction and General expenditures were budgeted at \$21,019,000 and came in at \$19,819,397, which was 5.7% under budget. Overall expenditures decreased from a budgeted amount of \$30,616,000 to \$24,196,094, resulting in decreased expenditures of \$6,419,906.

Year-End Reserve Balances:

ENMU-Roswell began the year with \$8,728,103 in operational reserves and ended the year with \$10,327,813, an increase in current funds of \$1,599,710. Currently, there are \$4,888,168 in capital outlay reserves.

3. ENMU-Ruidoso Report of Actuals FY25

Mr. Major reported the following:

Revenues:

Total budgeted operating revenues for the year were \$5.95M, while actual revenues were \$6.27M.

Expenditures:

The total for operating expenditures was \$5.45M, while actual operating expenditures were \$5.68M.

Reserves:

ENMU-Ruidoso began the year with \$3.293M in operating reserves and ended the year with an operating reserve of \$3.757M. Within this amount there is an ending balance of \$2.48M in I&G. This amount is appropriate when considering the costs incurred for facility upgrades.

4. FY27 Tuition, Fees, Room, and Board

Mr. Major proposed that room and board rates be increased by an average of 3% for FY27, which would range from a \$12 - \$103 increase per semester, depending on the room type and hall. This increase is designed to offset rising operating costs.

A 2% increase in Tuition and Fees would be required to offset the gap between state support and the estimated Higher Education Price Index forecast for FY27. It should be noted that ENMU's tuition and fees continue to be among the lowest in the U.S. and is a very affordable options for students in the region. Inflation rates are running at approximately 3%, and the costs of goods and services continue to rise, impacting the cost of operations.

5. ENMU-Roswell FY27 Proposed Fees

Dr. Shawn Powell introduced Eric Mann, interim vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. Mr. Mann proposed a fee increase for the technical education programs due to the rise in the cost of consumables, particularly steel products.

The Tuition and Fees committee evaluated the college's needs, considering factors such as inflation, budget requirements, and actual course expenses, as well as ways to mitigate the impact on students.

Regent Bustos asked if reserves could be used to help with the increased fees. Dr. Powell said they would investigate their options.

6. ENMU-Ruidoso Capital Outlay Requests

Dr. Trosper presented four projects for consideration for legislative support at the 2026 Legislative Session:

• Truck and stock trailer	\$125,000
• Agriculture meat processing equipment	100,000
• Physical Plant UTV for snow plowing	60,000
• Graphic Design program updates	50,000

Regent Pyle moved to approve the 2026 capital outlay requests from ENMU-Ruidoso for the 2026 Legislative Session. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

ROUTINE MATTERS

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-ROSWELL PRESIDENT

Dr. Powell reported a 43% increase in graduation applications, and enrollment is up overall.

The recent Mil Levy passed by a 4% margin and will now be sent to the Secretary of State and the Governor for signature. Funding will be available in two years.

The Higher Learning Commission visited the campus in mid-October and reported overall satisfaction. The next accreditation site visit is scheduled for October 2027.

The ENMU-Roswell Foundation has provided tremendous support, with 106 students receiving scholarships totaling \$92,538, plus the addition of discretionary funds to the President's budget. The Foundation also contributed \$126,000 to the Mil Levy campaign.

Dr. Powell covered several construction project updates, including the ITC roof replacement project, which went before NMHED for final approval earlier this month. The Fire suppression project has a projected completion date of June 2026, but an extension may be necessary. The same holds true for the central walkway construction project.

ENMU-Roswell fall 2025 commencement ceremonies will take place on December 11 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

Dr. Trosper reported a final headcount for fall 2025 at 827 students, 522 on campus. This is a 3.6% increase from last year.

Dr. Trosper is working with the Higher Education Department on the desk review of the Sierra Mall demolition and the work should begin in one month. Work has been completed on the exterior building renovations, and the punch-list walkthrough occurred on November 10.

The ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation has provided seventeen students with scholarships, totaling \$26,750.

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR OF THE ENMU SYSTEM and Dashboard Presentation

Dr. James Johnston said early spring enrollment tracking shows we are ahead in year-to-date numbers.

The One Eastern initiative is currently working with the Portales Independent Schools to strengthen the pipeline and relationships with the University. A steering committee with members from Clovis Community College and ENMU is working to strengthen 2+2 programs, concurrent enrollment, and transfers. This committee will meet again before the winter break.

The Council of University Presidents will meet in December to finalize unified priorities to present at the 2026 Legislative Session. Additionally, the President's Executive Council met in early November. This group is moving forward to help the University and community grow.

A survey was given to the student body to gauge interest in Esports. Overall, students indicated interest. Yucca Telecom and our IT group have worked to provide dedicated support for this group in the

basement level of the Campus Union Building. Adam Aragon is the administrative advisor, and Esports will officially begin in spring 2026.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Proposed Board of Regents Meeting Calendar for 2026

Dr. Johnston stated that the 2026 Regents Meeting calendar has been devised to meet every six weeks. The May 2026 Board meeting has been rescheduled for later in the month to provide some relief during the spring commencement schedule. The June meeting has been omitted, and the customary July work session will be a scheduled Board meeting.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the 2026 Board of Regents meeting calendar. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to enter executive session at 9:57 a.m. to discuss two limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), one pertaining to the presidential performance review and contract renewal. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

OPEN SESSION

Regent Pyle moved to return to open session at 11:00 a.m. Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle stated that two limited personnel matters were discussed, one ongoing discussion regarding the presidential contract will resume in December, but no actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Regent Bustos seconded the motion. Vote: Ruiz – Yes; Pyle – Yes; Bustos – Yes. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board