



Board of Regents Special Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 ~ 1:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

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The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2020, with Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Other Board members present were Jerry Armijo, David Gonzales, Yolanda King, and Veronica Espinoza. Other university administrators, staff, and guests included:

Stephen Wells
Vanessa Grain
Juliann Ulibarri
Mark Adams
Cleve McDaniel
Peter Phaiah
Doug Wells
Van Romero

JoAnn Salome
Dave Lepre
Dave Manzano
Thom Guengerich
David Cox
James Scott
JoAnn Salome

Dave Lepre Jr.
Alex Garcia
Adam Cavotta
Brian Borchers
Dylan Purcell
Christian Peterson

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. In accordance with social distance requirements ordered by Gov. Michelle Lujan-Grisham, the Chair announced that the meeting would be streamed via Zoom Webinar, and then she read the relevant provisions and requirements from the Attorney General for conducting virtual meetings under the Open Meetings Act, including asking that everyone who speaks, comments, or makes a motion identifies themselves each time. Chair Peacock also instructed Ms. Grain to conduct roll-call voting for all action items.
 - a. **Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the Albuquerque Journal and El Defensor Chieftain.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Regent Gonzales moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a roll-call vote of the Regents.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Recurring Reports.**
 - a. **Office of Academic Affairs, VP Wells.** VP Wells reported on the latest Admission figures for the Fall 2020 semester. He stated that enrollment is expected to be up by



about 40 students for undergraduates compared to last year and up by about 20 graduate students. Four-year, five-year, and six-year graduation rates are at the highest level ever at NMT, which is a good benchmark, but also creates challenges for offsetting enrollment increases. Regent Armijo said that NMSU has recently announced that their campus is open and asked if NMT would make a similar public statement. President Wells said NMT will submit the opening plan to the Higher Education Department by Friday, June 26. President Wells further reported that the NMT website is continually updated with all the details about reopening.

5. Action Items.

- a) **Approval of May 8, 2020, minutes:** Regent King moved approval of the minutes as presented. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the Regents.
- b) **Approval of Unrestricted Fund Purchase:** VP McDaniel presented for approval library subscriptions for Elsevier in the amount of \$407,000.00 and EBSCO Subscription Services for \$414,180.80. Regent King moved to approve the subscription purchases, with the additional phrase “up to that amount,” and pending an inquiry by VP McDaniel to try to negotiate a lower price. Regent Gonzales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the Regents.
- c) **2020 NMHED Funding Requests and 5-year Plan.** Regent King moved approval as presented. Regent Armijo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote of the Regents.

6. Individual Board Member Comments. None.

7. New Business. None.

8. Executive Session. NMSA 1978, Sec.10-15-1 (H)(2), (If required to Consider Legal or Personnel Matters). On a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from David Gonzales, the Board unanimously adjourned its regular session at 1:42 p.m. to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote of the Regents.


9. Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session. The meeting reconvened at 3:46 p.m. with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken and only legal and personnel items were discussed. Regent King moved and Regent Armijo seconded to reconvene, with unanimous approval by roll call vote of the Regents.

10. Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:50 p.m. on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Armijo. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a roll-call vote of the Regents.




President

Attest:


Secretary/Treasurer