



Board of Regents Special Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

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The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents Special Meeting convened at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024, with Chair Jerry Armijo presiding, as a Virtual Public Zoom Meeting. Other Regents present were Dr. David Lepre, Dr. Yolanda King, Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala and Student Regent Adrian Salustri. Other University administrators, staff and guests included President Mahyar Amouzegar, Vanessa Grain, Dr. Michael Jackson, Dr. David Greene, Richard Cervantes, and Attorney Melissa Kountz and public viewers attended via Zoom.

1. Call to Order. Chair Armijo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

a) Proof of Meeting Notice. Ms. Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the *Albuquerque Journal* and *El Defensor Chieftain per NM OMA requirements*.

2. Approval of Agenda. Regent King moved to amend the agenda action item 4a) and modify it to read "Approval of the Regents Committee Recommendations Regarding the Strategic Plan". Regent Lepre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, followed by a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.

3. Public Comment. None.

4. Action Items.

a) Approval of the Regents Committee Recommendations Regarding the Strategic Plan. Regent King reported a unanimous decision by the appointed committee of Regent Lepre, Regent Salustri and herself to endorse the current NMT vision, mission and shared values section of the Strategic Plan, as they are currently approved. Regent Lepre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, followed by a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.

b) Approval of Unrestricted Fund Purchase for Dell Computers. VP Cervantes explained the purpose was to purchase 262 computers for ITC as inventory to offer to departments as theirs become obsolete. Regent King moved for approval as presented. Regent Lepre seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, followed by a roll-call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.

5. Individual Board Member Comments. Regent Lepre reported that he would like to hold a Finance subcommittee meeting in February 2025. He said he would also like an update from the Director of M&C regarding the redesign of the website and getting input from the campus on the new design. Regent Lepre also commented on the recent LFC Hearing on December 11 and members of the committee talking about what HEI's can do to assure them that their investments in higher education is worthwhile in terms of what HEIs are producing and giving back to the State on NM. Regent Lepre said he would like a meeting with the Budget Office on how NMT can begin to measure NMT's productivity and determine if NMT was becoming more productive and more effective over time so that NMT would then be in a position to respond. He said this would be a great selling point to NMT's legislative committees that NMT was taking stock of this situation and in support of their investments they make in NMT.

6. New Business. None

7. Executive Session. NMSA 1978, Sec. 10-15-1 (H) (2), (If Required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters). Chair Armijo entertained a motion to meet in Executive Session. Regent King so moved. Regent Mukkamala seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

8. Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited legal and/or personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session. Chair Armijo reconvened the regular meeting at 5:41 pm. He announced that only those items listed in the agenda were discussed, and that no action was taken.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:41 pm on a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Lepre.



President

Attest:



Secretary- Treasurer