



**Board of Regents Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 2021
9:00 am
NMT Main Campus ~ Macey Center Galena Room**

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 9:02 a.m. Thursday, September 30, 2021, with Regent Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Board members present were: Jerry Armijo, Dr. Dave Lepre Sr., Dr. Yolanda King, and Veronica Espinoza. Other university administrators, staff, and guests included:

Stephen Wells
Vanessa Grain
Ashlie Jojola
Cleve McDaniel
Doug Wells
Van Romero
Jenny Ma

Michael Hargather
Alex Garcia
Nelia Dunbar
Mark Adams
Robert Balch
JoAnn Salome
David Manzano

Lisa Majkowski
Marianna Huckabee
Linda Melendres
Valentina Avramidi

1. **Call to Order.** Regent Peacock called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
 - 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 King moved to approve the agenda. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment.**
 - a) None
4. **Recurring Reports.**
 - a) **SGA, President Dallin Sobers.** Mr. Sobers could not attend but provided a written report of SGA updates.



- b) **GSA President, Marianna Huckabee.** No report.
- c) **Student Life, VP Phaiah.** No Report.
- d) **Academic Affairs, VP Wells.** VP Wells provided the current enrollment report. He reported that enrollment numbers remained stable with a total headcount increase of 4 percent and total credit hours increase of 3.4 percent. VP Wells also said the University is working to increase diversity in gender and nationality of students.
- e) **Capital Projects, VP McDaniel.** VP McDaniel was not able to present in person but provided a written report to the Board. Ms. Jenny Ma, AVPAF, and Alex Garcia, Director of Capital Projects, were present to answer any questions. Regent Armijo announced that Cuatro Bursum signed over the deed for the Bursum House to NMT, including a bill of sale for all property in the house.
- f) **Research, VP Romero.** VP Romero reported that the NM Natural History Museum will be promoting NMT with a feature in October, November, and December 2021.
- g) **Advancement, Director Foster.** Asst. Director Lisa Majkowski reported that the Office of Advancement is completing an appeal that will raise money for all academic departments, and, additionally, that the President's Golf Tournament total sponsorship exceeded \$231,000. She also reported that the President's Club Reception is October 9, 49er's is October 13-17, and the Inventors and Entrepreneurs Workshop is October 14. Lisa said that she is working with Drs. Aly El-Osery, Michael Schaefer, Nelia Dunbar and Judy McShannon to obtain a grant that will increase the number of minority graduate students.
- h) **Bureau of Geology, Director Dunbar.** Director Dunbar presented a new Geology Guide to the Board. She reported a recent alumni donation from Dr. Peggy Barroll, an NMT Alum supported by the Bureau during her Ph.D., who pledged \$20,000 a year in support of the Brightstar Program. These funds will partly support students and an endowment. Director Dunbar mentioned Dr. Virgil Lueth, NMT Mineralogist and Curator of the Mineral Museum since 1994, is retiring, and his position has been announced.
- i) **PRRC, Director Balch.** No report.
- j) **Human Resources, Director JoAnn Salome.** No report.
- k) **Faculty Senate, Dr. Hargather.** Dr. Hargather reported that NMT faculty held an info session with President Wells and other administration. He also said that the faculty is doing a lot of work within Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and will work to get the information to the Vice Presidents.
- l) **Marketing & Communication, Director Lepre.** No report.
- m) **Government Affairs, Director Manzano.** No report.
- n) **President's Report.** He also shared updates on campus COVID-19 testing, cases, and vaccination rates. President Wells reported that the LFC staff concluded the funding



formula process. He also said a NMHED hearing will occur in October to allow all RRSPs to be considered for receiving increases.

5. Information Items

- a) **NMT Foundation Updates.** Regent Armijo reported that the NMT Fall Foundation Board meeting was held, and the Board voted to add another member to its ranks, Ms. Lisa Noel. He also reported that the Foundation Board voted to make contributions to NMT for student scholarships and to support advancement.
- b) **NMT University Research Park Corp Updates.** Regent King reported there was an emergency RPC meeting, and the next meeting will be in December.
- c) **Degree Conferrals for February 2021.** The Board acknowledged the August 2021 graduation list.
- d) **Restricted Fund Purchase Notification of Awards.** The Board acknowledged the notification of awards.

6. Action Items.

- a) **Approval of August 26, 2021 Minutes.** Regent Armijo moved approval. Regent King seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b) **Approval of Resolution for 2011 System Revenue Bond Refinancing.** Regent Armijo moved approval of the Resolution for 2011 Bond Refinancing as well as the HED Capital Project Transmittal Packet. Regent King seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c) **Approval of Resolution for FSB Savings Account to Support Line of Credit.** Regent King moved approval. Regent Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d) **Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with the State Investment Council.** Regent Armijo moved approval. Regent King seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

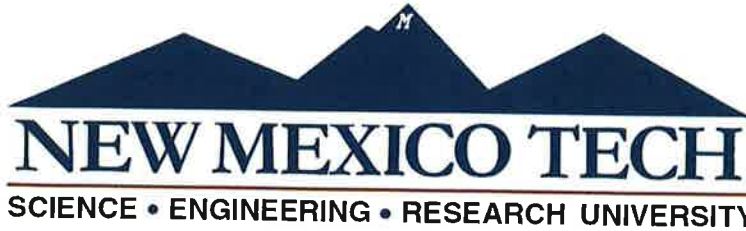
7. Individual Board Member Comments.

- a) None

8. New Business.

- a) The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 19.

- 9. Executive Session.** NMSA 1978, Sec 10-15-1 (H)(2), (If Required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters) On a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Espinoza, the Board unanimously adjourned its regular session at 10:32 a.m. to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote of the Regents.



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- 10. 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 11:55 a.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. Approval was unanimous.
- 11. Adjournment.** Regent Armijo moved to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the motion to adjourn.



President

Attest:



Secretary- Treasurer