

**New Mexico Highlands University**  
Board of Regents Special Meeting  
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall  
NMHU Main Campus  
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701  
October 6, 2009 at 9:00 am

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for October 6, 2009
4. Approval of the Minutes from July 29, 2009 and September 9, 2009
5. Dr. E Gerald Meyer Day – Action Item
6. Student Union Design – Action Item
7. President’s Report – Dr. James Fries
8. Executive Session – (1) Real estate acquisition or disposal Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(8)
9. 2009 Bond Issue – Action Item
10. Adjournment

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The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents met for a special session on October 6, 2009 at the Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall, on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

**Attendance**

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Mr. Pete Aguilar, Mr. Jesus L. López, Mr. Gregory A. Rael. Regent Ms. Nancy R. Long participated in the meeting via conference call.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; William Taylor, Vice President for Finance & Administration, and Ms. Judy Cordova-Romero, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Others Present: Dr. Kathy Jenkins, Faculty Senate Executive Member; Mr. Wade López, ASNMHU President; and Ms. Carolina Garduño, Executive Administrative Assistant and numerous other individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, students, community representatives and media. The Board meeting was broadcast live via instructional television video to the NMHU Farmington, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, and Raton Centers, and over the KEDP Radio Station.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda for October 6, 2009**

Regent Rael moved to approve the October 6, 2009 agenda. Regent Aguilar seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Aguilar, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes from July 29, 2009 and September 9, 2009**

Regent Aguilar moved to approve the minutes from July 29, 2009 and September 9, 2009 agenda. Regent Rael seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Aguilar, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**Dr. E. Gerald Meyer Day – Action Item**

Chairman Sanchez called on Dr. Joe McCaffrey and Dr. G. Doyle Daves to summarize their presentation for the Board (**Attachment A**).

Regent Rael moved to approve that November 13, 2009 be declared Dr. E. Gerald Meyer Day. Regent Aguilar seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Regent Sanchez, Regent Aguilar, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Rael. Motion passed unanimously.

**Student Union Design – Action Item**

President Fries stated that the university has been working with Studio Southwest on the Student Union Design project. President Fries introduced Ms. Sherry Adams and Mr. David Friedlaender to present the Student Union Design to the Board. (**Attachment B**).

Ms. Adams informed the Board that the new Student Union Building would be built on the corner of 8th Street and National Avenue.

Ms. Adams noted that test holes will be bored to determine if geothermal heating can be used. The system conserves energy and uses fewer natural resources.

Regent López thanked President Fries and the administration for making the student union project a true team effort by involving students, faculty and staff in the design process.

Regent López moved to approve the Student Union Design as presented. Regent Rael seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **President's Report**

- The Memorandums of Understanding with the Las Vegas Police Department and the San Miguel County are signed and in place.
- The Liquor License at the NMHU Golf Course was approved and the Golf Course has been able to sell beer and wine since last Friday.
- A Special Legislative Session is scheduled for October 17, 2009 to review FY10 and FY11 budgets.
- Highlands exceeded the 3% enrollment cap this fall.
- Due to significant enrollment increases in the School of Social Work program in Albuquerque, the university is looking for additional space in order to accommodate the students.
- Master planning process continues and includes possibly possibility of making National Avenue one way after a block of three lanes as one enters the university.
- The Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit is scheduled for November 2-4, 2009 with a lunch meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 with the Board of Regents.
- The Audit Exit Interview is scheduled for 3:00 pm today. The meeting is not open to the public.
- The 2012 Association of Counties Conference will be held partially on the NMHU campus.
- University campuses throughout New Mexico are experiencing problems with Blackboard/Illuminate the distance learning software. IDEAL NM is working with Blackboard, the only providers of the software, to resolve the issues.
- Homecoming went well and the fireworks display at the end of the game was terrific.

**Executive Session – (1) Real estate acquisition or disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, 10-15-1 (H)(8).** Regent López moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of considering real estate acquisition or disposal as allowed by section 10-15-1 (H)(8) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act 1978. Regent Aguilar seconded the motion. A roll call was taken and voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Aguilar, Regent Long, Regent López, and Regent Rael. Motion carried and the Board went into executive session at 10:13 am.

Regent López moved to come out of executive session into open session. Regent Aguilar seconded the motion. For the record, Regent López stated that only matters of real estate acquisition were discussed in executive session and no action was taken. Regents present confirmed the statement. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of the motion were: Regent Sanchez, yes; Regent Aguilar, yes; Regent Long, yes; Regent López, yes; and Regent Rael, yes. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 11:00 am.

Chairman Sanchez called on President Fries to report on the Higher Education Project requests. President Fries informed the Board that HED had finalized its list of 35 capital projects to be recommended for the next round of GO Bond funding and that the Trolley Building renovation is #4 with \$7.1 million funding and that the Rodgers Administration Building renovation is listed #23 with \$2.2 million funding.

#### **2009 Bond Issue – Action Item**

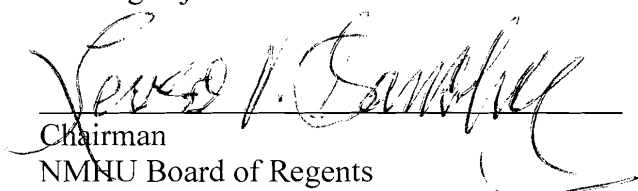
Chairman Sanchez called on Mr. Paul Cassidy, Manager/Investment Banker at RBC Capital Markets to present the 2009 Bond Issue (**Attachment C**). Mr. Cassidy introduced Mr. Duane Brown, Lawyer at Modrall Sperling who presented the Sales Resolution for the 2009 Bond (**Attachment D**) originally adopted by the Board on April 29, 2009.

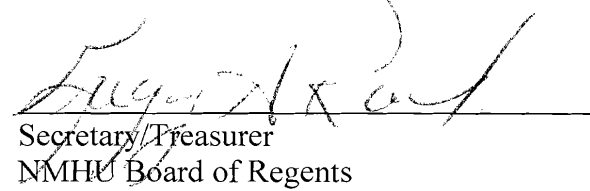
Regent López moved to approve the System Revenue Bond Series 2009 in the amount of \$14 million as cited in the resolution withstanding any and all other rules and action from the Board which would impede immediate adoption of the resolution and that the resolution become effective immediately upon its passage by this Board of Regents. Regent Aguilar seconded. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of the motion were: Regent Sanchez, yes; Regent Aguilar, yes; Regent Long, yes; Regent López, yes; and Regent Rael, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

President Fries thanked Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Brown for their hard work on the 2009 Bond Issue and Resolution.

#### **Adjournment**

Regent Aguilar moved to adjourn. Regent Rael seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:27 am.

  
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NMHU Board of Regents

  
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