

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
President's Conference Room
NMHU Main Campus
Las Vegas, NM 87701
February 27, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Leveo V. Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for February 27, 2012
4. Executive Session – (1) limited personnel matters related to the hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment, resignation, or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against an employee; (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining; and (3) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University may become a participant;. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H) (2)(5)&(7)
5. Contract Action(s) Regarding Student Center – Action Item
6. President's Report
7. Adjournment

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The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on February 27, 2012 in the President's Conference Room in the Rodger's Administration Building on the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez, Mr. Jesus L. López, Mr. Frank Marchi, and Ms. Caitlin Syner. Ms. Nancy R. Long participated in the meeting via conference call.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Ms. Rachel King, NMHU Legal Counsel, Ms. Mariposa Padilla-Sivage, NMHU Legal Counsel; and Mr. Stevan Looney, NMHU Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Ms. Marisol Greene, Facilities Director; Mr. Max Baca, ITS Director; Ms. Sylvia Baca, Facilities Budget Analyst; Mr. Jim Franken; Mr. Michael Saavedra, Purchasing Department Senior Buyer; Mr. Martin Salazar; Mr. Sean Weaver, University Relations Director, and Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Approval of Meeting Agenda for February 27, 2012

Regent López moved to approve the February 27, 2012 agenda. Regent Long seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regents Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

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Regent López moved return to regular session. Regent Marchi seconded. Regent López stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session were discussed and no action was taken. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of coming out of executive session into regular session were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regent Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was called back to order at 12:00 p.m.

Student Center Construction – Action Item

Regent López moved that the NMHU Board of Regents terminate for convenience the AIA contract #A201-2007 with MAKWA Builders, LLC., concerning the construction of the student union building on the northwest corner of National and Eighth Street in Las Vegas, New Mexico effective as of February 27, 2012. Regent Marchi seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, Regents Marchi, and Regent Syner. Motion passed unanimously.

Regent López moved that the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University, pursuant to section 13-1-129 of the New Mexico procurement code, award the contract for the completion of the student union building to Franken Construction Company of Las Vegas, New Mexico through its principal, Mr. Jim Franken in such amount that shall be determined by the NMHU Board of Regents and Franken Construction Company within the next 30-45 days. Regent López stated that section 13-1-129 of the procurement code allows a public agency, New Mexico Highlands University, to contract with a contractor, Franken Construction Company, who is contracted with the State of New Mexico's Cooperative Education Services for a direct procurement of the construction project. The contractor is bound to the prices and costs already agreed to under the Cooperative Education Services agreement on file at the state office in Santa Fe. Regent Marchi seconded. Regents voting in favor of the motion were: Chairman Sanchez, Regent Long, Regent López, regent Marchi, and Regent Syner.

Regent Long exited the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

President's Report

President Fries reported the following:

- The New Mexico Finance Authority approved the bond refinancing package. The materials have been forwarded to the New Mexico Higher Education Department and the State Board of Finance for action.
- NMHU Commencement is scheduled for May 12, 2012. Reverend Samuel "Billy" Kyles, a nationally recognized civil rights leader, will be the commencement speaker.
- The new NMHU website is up and running. President Fries thanked Mr. Sean Weaver and the University Relations staff, and Dr. Andrew Wollner for their hard work developing the new website.
- ENMR is installing fiber optic cable that will enhance services to the campus. The installation is part of a larger circuit that will get high speed internet to the NMHU-Raton facility and will tie back to Albuquerque. NMHU and Las Vegas will now have two carriers providing high speed internet services.

Adjournment

Regent López moved to adjourn. Regent Syner seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Chairman

NMHU Board of Regents

Secretary/Treasurer

NMHU Board of Regents