

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall
NMHU Main Campus, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
Monday, May 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Chairman Sanchez
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda for May 18, 2015
4. Contractor Presentations on Trolley Building Project
5. Executive Session – (1) Limited personnel matters related to the hiring, promotion, demotion, dismissal, assignment or resignation of or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual or public employee; (2) bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining; (3) deliberation upon competitive sealed proposals for a Trolley Building Project Contractor; (4) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney-client privilege in which the University is or may become a participant; and (5) real estate acquisition or disposal. Pursuant to provisions of NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(2)(5)(6)(7)&(8).
6. Selection of a Contractor for the Trolley Building Project – Action Item
7. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan – Action Item
8. President’s Report – Dr. Jim Fries
9. Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 section 21-1-16.1B to discuss and take action upon the selection of a candidate for appointment to the position of University President from the following list of finalists:
 - Dr. Teresita Aguilar, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico
 - Dr. Lucas Lamadrid, Vice President of Higher Education Programs at Three-W International in Belmont, North Carolina
 - Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich, President and Professor at Westminster College in Salt Lake City, Utah
 - Dr. Sam Minner, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Radford University in Radford, Virginia
 - Dr. William Taylor, Professor of Economics at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico
 - Dr. Darcy Zabel, Interim President at Friends University in Wichita, Kansas
10. Discussion and Possible Action on an NMHU President and Approval of the Presidential Contract – Action Item
11. Adjournment

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The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on May 18, 2015 in 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 9:07 a.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Ms. Ryan Andrews-Armijo, Mr. Frank Marchi, Ms. LouElla Marr-Montoya, Ms. Sandra Turner, and Mr. Leveo V. Sanchez

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. James Fries, President; Dr. Teresita Aguilar, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Max Baca, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration; and Dr. Fidel Trujillo, Dean of Students

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Ms. Kimberly Blea, Staff Advisory Senate President; and Ms. Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant; and numerous individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, students, community representatives, and media. The meeting was broadcast live over the KEDP Radio Station

Approval of the May 18, 2015 Special Meeting Agenda

Regent Turner moved to approve the May 18, 2015 special meeting agenda as presented. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Contractor Presentation on Trolley Building Project

President Fries informed the Board that three construction firms who submitted proposals for the Trolley Building Construction Project will be presenting their construction plans to the Board. They are Franken Construction, AnchorBuilt Inc., and FCI Constructors of New Mexico.

Ms. Sylvia Baca reported that changes have developed at the Trolley Building site. The RFP Highlands sent out indicated that the university would remove all concrete slabs and footings at the site before construction would begin. After working to remove the footings and concrete slabs it was determined that the water table is at seven feet. Geological testing reports showed that the water table was at twelve feet and lower. Ms. Baca indicated that after a general contractor award was made, filling in the resultant hole and proper compaction would be change order #1.

Franken Construction - Contractor Presentation on Trolley Building Project

Mr. Jim Franken, President of Franken Construction, introduced the Trolley Building Project Team: Mr. Larry Franken, Superintendent; Mr. Phillip Martinez, Project Manager; Mr. Brent Franken; and Ms. Myra Villalobos. They presented their construction plan.

AnchorBuilt Inc. – Contractor Presentation on Trolley Building Project

Mr. Ray Zamora, President of AchorBuilt Inc., introduced his Trolley Building Project team. They are: Mr. Michael Franco, Assistant Project Manager; Mr. Harold Burwinkle, Superintendent; Mr.

Rosendo Garcia, Project Coordinator; and Ms. Roberta Zamora, Business Manager. They presented their construction plan to the Board.

FCI Constructors of New Mexico – Contractor Presentation on the Trolley Building Project

Mr. Mike Foutz, Vice President of Operations at FCI Constructors, introduced the Trolley Building Project team: Mr. Cullen Zion, Superintendent; and Mr. Bryan Gadd, Project Manager. FCI presented their Trolley Building Project plan to the NMHU Board of Regents.

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Regent Marchi moved to return to open session. Regent Turner seconded. Regent Marchi stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session were discussed and no action was taken by the Board. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of returning to open session were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 1:23 p.m.

Selection of a Contractor for the Trolley Building Project – Action Item

Regent Turner moved to accept the bid proposal submitted by Franken Construction (**Attachment A**) for the Trolley Building Project. Regent Marchi seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Five-Year Capital Projects Plan – Action Item

Mr. Max Baca informed the Board that the university's Five-Year Capital Plan was due at the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) by June 1, 2015.

The first priority is to seek state funding to renovate the Rodgers Administration Building's HVAC system, elevator, restrooms, roofing, windows, and update equipment and furniture.

The second priority is to relocate the facilities building. The current building is out-of-code and does not serve the Facilities Department's needs.

The third priority is to seek state finding for the university's infrastructure. The university received \$5 million from the last General Obligation Bonds cycle, some of that funding is being used to repair building roofs, provide electrical upgrades, and improve the university's safety features.

Regent Marchi moved approve the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan as presented (**Attachment B**) Regent Turner seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

President's Report

President Fries announced the following:

- Mr. Kenneth Mountjoy, Jr., criminal justice student at NMHU, passed away in the residence halls last week. No foul play is suspected.
- The Women's Outdoor Track Team was the RMAC Champions.
- The Rugby 7-Team Club is one of eight teams traveling to Philadelphia for the National Championships.
- The *International Student Voice Magazine* featured articles on Ms. Salcia Slack, NMHU Women's Track Team member; and Ms. Alicia Moreno, NMHU Volleyball Team member. Ms. Slack is from Jamaica and Ms. Moreno is from the Dominican Republic.
- A number of faculty members applied for tenure and/or promotion. Dr. Geri Glover, Associate Professor of Counseling was granted tenure. The following faculty applied for, and were granted, both tenure and promotion to Associate Professor: Dr. Margot Geagon, Business; Dr. Gloria Gadsden, Criminal Justice; Dr. Taik Kim, Math Education; and Dr. Seansook Park, Reading Education. Dr. Edward Martínez, Professor of Forestry, was promoted to Full Professor.
- Dr. Teresita Aguilar was appointed to the National Latinos Children's Institute Board of Directors. She has also been very busy chairing the NMHU's strategic planning process.
- NMHU launched its new website today.
- To date, 265 students have accepted an NMHU scholarship.
- He, Mr. Baca, and Chairman Sanchez will meet with NMHED officials to review last year's audit report.

President Fries announced that Dr. Maureen Romine will no longer be chairing the Faculty Senate. She has served as the Faculty Senate Chair during his tenure. He thanked her for her leadership and commitment to NMHU. Dr. Romine will be the Faculty Senate Vice-Chair beginning the fall semester. Dr. Romine has worked at the university for 43 years.

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Regent Marr-Montoya moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the item listed. Regent Turner seconded. A roll call was taken; voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 1:43 p.m.

Regent Marchi moved to return to open session. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Regent Marchi stated for the record that only the item specified under the executive session was discussed and no action was taken by the Board. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken and voting in favor of returning to open session were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 3:14 p.m.

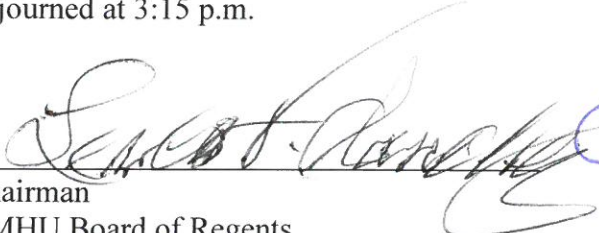
Discussion and Possible Action on an NMHU President and Approval of the Presidential Contract – Action Item

Chairman Sanchez stated that he and Regent Marchi, a committee approved by the Board at a prior meeting, were authorized to begin negotiations with a presidential candidate. Upon finalization of the negotiations, the Board will hold a special meeting to discuss and possibly take action on the hiring of a new President for New Mexico Highlands University and approve a presidential contract.

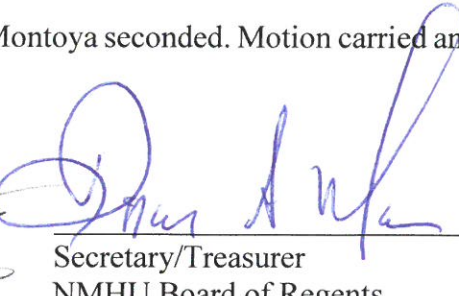
Regent Marchi moved to table the Discussion and Possible Action on an NMHU President and Approval of the Presidential Contract action item. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Adjournment

Regent Turner moved to adjourn. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents