

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to NMSA 1978 Sections 21-1-16.1B and 10-15-1H(2) the Board of Regents for New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) will hold a special meeting on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 10 a.m. at 905 University Avenue, Las Vegas, NM (Kennedy Alumni Hall) on the main NMHU campus for the purposes of discussion and final action on the selection of a person for the position of President of NMHU.

The proposed agenda for such meeting is as follows:

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
Margaret J. Kennedy Alumni Hall
NMHU Main Campus, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
Monday, June 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Sanchez
2. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum of the Board
3. Approval of Agenda for June 29, 2015 special meeting
4. Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 21-1-16.1B and Section 10-15-1H(2) 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

5. Discussion and Possible Action on an NMHU President and Approval of the Presidential Contract – Action Item
6. Adjournment

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**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
June 29, 2015**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on June 29, 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 10:10 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. Teresita Aguilar, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Max Baca, Interim Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dr. Fidel Trujillo, Dean of Students; and Mr. William Wootton, Vice President for Advancement

Others Present: Dr. Maureen Romine, Faculty Senate Chair; Ms. Doris Gallegos, Staff Advisory Senate Vice-Chair; Mr. Joseph Dominguez, ASNMHU President; Carolina Martínez, Executive Administrative Assistant; and numerous other individuals in the audience, including faculty, staff, and media. The meeting was broadcast live over NMHU's KEDP Radio Station.

Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda for June 29, 2015

Regent Marchi moved to approve the special meeting agenda for June 29, 2015, as presented. Regent Turner seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Executive Session – Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 21-1-16.1B and Section 10-15-1H(2) 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:

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Regent Turner moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed and for the Discussion and Possible Action on an NMHU President and Approval of the Presidential Contract – Action Item. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded.

Regent Turner moved to delete item #5 from her motion to enter into executive session. Regent Marchi seconded.

A roll call was taken on both motions and voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez. Motions carried unanimously and the Board entered into executive session at 10:13 a.m.

Regent Marr-Montoya moved to return to open session. Regent Turner seconded. Regent Marr-Montoya 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. 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 10:50 a.m.

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

Chairman Sanchez informed the audience of occurrences which delayed the Presidential selection and announcement. The legal notices were printed on June 5, 2015 in both the local and statewide newspapers. The new President is being announced today, June 29th, which is 25 days after the legal announcements.

Chairman Sanchez announced that the Board agreed to select Dr. Sam Minner to serve as the university's next president.

Regent Andrews-Armijo moved to appoint Dr. Sam Minner as the new President of New Mexico Highlands University as of June 29, 2015. Regent Turner seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Regent Marchi noted that a great deal of time was spend interviewing the finalist and reviewing their application packets. Regent Marchi stated that the Board feels that Dr. Minner understands and supports the university's mission; he has a strong enrollment management background; he has international higher education experience; he has increased online presence; and has a servant leadership philosophy. Dr. Minner is in the best position to move Highlands to the next level.

Regent Turner added that Dr. Minner's broad educational background; work experiences; and broad administrative assignments were the most comprehensive of all of the finalists and he is the best suited for Highland's needs.

Regent Marr-Montoya commented that Dr. Minner had a strong interest and experience in faculty development; recruitment; marketing and retention programs; and is very interested in working at an open enrollment university with diverse learners.

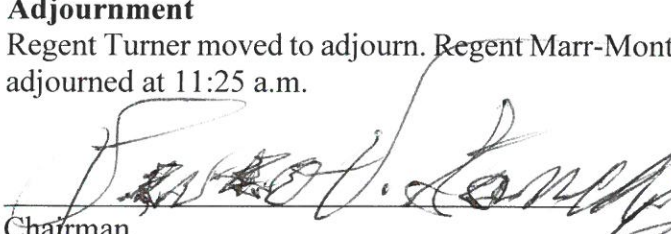
Chairman Sanchez added that Dr. Minner had worked in the southwest for fourteen years; he received his Ph.D. in Tucson, AZ and also worked there as a faculty member; and he served as the founding Dean of the School of Health, Science and Education at Truman University, in

Missouri. Dr. Minner is currently serving as Provost at Radford University in Virginia, which is roughly three times larger than Highlands. Chairman Sanchez further added the Dr. Minner has vast experience in proposal development and submission.

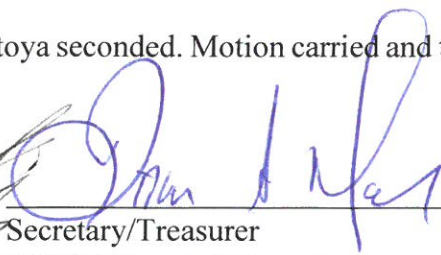
Regent Marchi moved to approve the contract between New Mexico Highlands University and Dr. Sam Minner. Regent Turner seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Andrews-Armijo, Regent Marchi, Regent Marr-Montoya, Regent Turner, and Chairman Sanchez.

Adjournment

Regent Turner moved to adjourn. Regent Marr-Montoya seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents