

**New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Virtual Special Meeting
November 20, 2020**

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a virtual special meeting on November 20, 2020. The meeting streamed via ZOOM from the New Mexico Highlands University main campus in Las Vegas, New Mexico. The university complied with the Governor's Office and the New Mexico Department of Health's social distancing mandate which limits mass gatherings to five (5) individuals therefore, the Board of Regents meeting was held as a virtual meeting only. The university made every effort to accommodate members of the public as stated in the November 16, 2020 meeting announcement. The items addressed during the meeting were time sensitive and could not wait. Thus, in accordance with the NM Attorney General's Open Government Division Advisory, the meeting was held as a virtual meeting only. Members of the public were able to access the meeting via zoom and/or via phone call:

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Chairman Sanchez called upon Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students to read an opening statement: *"Thank you for joining the NMHU Board of Regents today, November 20, 2020 for our virtual Special Board meeting. The university is complying with the Governor's Office and the New Mexico Department of Health's social distancing mandate limiting mass gatherings to five (5) individuals. The university has made every effort to accommodate members of the public. The items to be addressed at this meeting are time sensitive and cannot wait, thus in accordance with the NM Attorney General's Open Government Division Advisory, the meeting is being held as a virtual meeting only. Board members participating in the meeting remotely are: Mr. William Garcia, Mr. Frank Marchi, Ms. Danelle Smith, Mr. Christopher Ulibarri, and Board Chairman/Mr. Leveo Sanchez."*

"Also participating in the meeting remotely are Dr. Sam Minner, Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Mr. Max Baca, Dr. Terri Law, Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dr. Orit Tamir, Ms. Veronica Black, and Ms. Linda Palos."

"Our presenter for today is former governor and former chancellor, Garrey Carruthers."

"Should Board members or the university lose connectivity and there is no longer have a quorum, the Board meeting will be suspended and no action will be taken until a quorum is reconvened."

Call to Order – Chairman Sanchez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Administrative Personnel Present via ZOOM: Dr. Sam Minner, President; Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Max Baca, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dr. Theresa Law, Vice President of Student and Donor Engagement; and Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students.

Others Present via ZOOM: Dr. Orit Tamir, Faculty Senate Chair; Ms. Veronica Black, Staff Advisory Senate President; Mr. Luke Salganek, University Legal Counsel, and Ms. Maria Sena, Sr. Executive Administrative Assistant. Numerous faculty, staff, students, community members, and the general public participated in the meeting as it was streamed via ZOOM.

Approval of the November 20, 2020 Virtual Special Meeting Agenda

Regent Ulibarri moved to approve the Board's virtual special meeting agenda for November 20, 2020 with the request made by President Minner. Regent Marchi seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Garcia, Regent Marchi, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from October 26, 2020

Regent Marchi moved to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2020 as presented. Regent Ulibarri seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor were: Regent Garcia, Regent Marchi, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried.

Board Professional Development

President Minner introduced the presenter, Dr. Garrey Carruthers. Dr. Carruthers was the governor of New Mexico and a respected chancellor for New Mexico State University. Each board member provided a brief introduction.

Dr. Carruthers training to the Board of Regents and participants was from the article, *The 10 Habits of Highly Effective Boards* from the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Discussions included the culture of inclusion, establishment of a strategic plan, shared governance, and best practices. Members agreed to use the strategic plan for the second part of the board training. President Minner will review the strategic plan to determine if it could be used as part of the performance evaluation of the university president.

Executive Session – (a) limited personnel matters related to Sam Minner pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15- 1(H)(2)

Regent Marchi moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. Regent Ulibarri seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Garcia, Regent Marchi, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 11:30 a.m.

Regent Marchi moved to return to open session. Regent Garcia seconded. Regent Marchi stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session were discussed and the Board took no action. Regents present confirmed. A roll call was taken, voting in favor of returning to open session were: Regent Garcia, Regent Marchi, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 12:44 p.m.

Adjournment

Regent Garcia moved to adjourn. Regent Ulibarri seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Garcia, Regent Marchi, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Sanchez. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



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