

New Mexico Highlands University
Special Board of Regents Meeting
February 17, 2022

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a virtual special meeting on February 17, 2022. The university made every effort to accommodate members of the public as stated in the February 11, 2022 meeting announcement/agenda. The meeting was livestreamed via Zoom Platform. Members of the public were able to access the livestream through the following link:

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Chairman Marchi called upon Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students to read an opening statement:

“Thank you for joining the NMHU Board of Regents today, February 17, 2022 for our virtual Special Board meeting. The university has made reasonable efforts 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 via Zoom Platform.

Board members participating in the meeting remotely are: Mr. William Garcia, Ms. Danelle Smith, Mr. Christopher Ulibarri, Dr. Frank Sanchez and Chairman Mr. Frank Marchi.”

“Also participating in the meeting remotely are Dr. Sam Minner, Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Mr. Max Baca, Dr. Kimberly Blea, and Dr. Terri Law.”

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

Call to Order – Chairman Marchi called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Board Members Present: Mr. William Garcia, Mr. Frank Marchi, Ms. Danelle Smith, Dr. Frank Sanchez and Mr. Christopher Ulibarri.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Sam Minner, President; Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Max Baca, Vice President for Finance, Administration, and Government Relations; and Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students.

Others Present: Ms. Veronica Black, Staff Advisory Senate Chair, Ms. Patricia Ives, University Legal Counsel, and Ms. Maria Sena, Senior 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 February 17, 2022 Agenda

Regent Smith moved to approve the Board's virtual special meeting agenda for February 02, 2022 with the request made by President Minner. Regent Ulibarri seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Garcia, Regent Smith, Regent Sanchez, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Marchi. Motion carried.

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) February 2022 Comprehensive Evaluation

Dr. Sam Minner provided an in-depth training to the Board of Regents in preparation for the HLC visit scheduled for February 28, 2022 and March 1, 2022.

He gave an overview on the University's accreditation, standard pathway, and history with HLC. He also discussed the assurance argument and the challenges that the University has faced the last several years. He reviewed the agenda for the HLC visit. The board is scheduled to meet with the HLC Peer Reviewers on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session– (a) limited personnel matters related to the contract and goals of Dr. Sam Minner, NMHU President pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); (b) limited personnel matters related to the dismissal, resignation, and/or investigation or consideration of complaints or charges against any individual or public employee pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); and (c) threatened or pending litigation subject to the attorney- client privilege in which the university is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, 10-15-1(H)(7). Regent Ulibarri moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. Regent Garcia seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Garcia, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Marchi. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 4:28 p.m.

Regent Ulibarri moved to return to open session. Regent Smith seconded. Regent Ulibarri 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 Sanchez, Regent Smith, Regent Ulibarri, and Chairman Marchi. Motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Public Action and Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion


No action or statements were made.

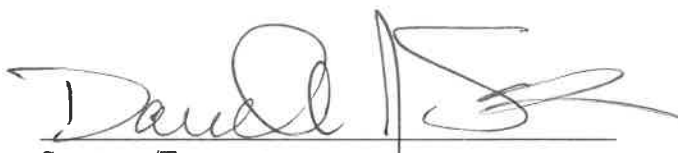
Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Follow up Items

1. Dr. Minner will check with the HLC Liaison to determine if board members can attend any other sessions during the visit
2. Max Baca to provide CFI information to all Regents
3. Dr. Minner to provide training document to Regents for their review


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NMHU Board of Regents


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NMHU Board of Regents