

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
and Executive Closed Session
June 26, 2025

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special virtual meeting and closed executive session on June 26, 2025. The meeting was livestreamed via Zoom Platform. The university made every effort to accommodate members of the public as stated in the June 23, 2025, meeting announcement. Members of the public were able to access the livestream through the following Zoom link: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/99373471046>.

Call to Order

Chairman Frank Sanchez called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Dr. Frank Sanchez, Mr. Robert Lucero, Ms. Elaine Luna, and Mr. Gary Tripp (all via Zoom)

Administrative Personnel Present

Dr. Brandon Kempner, Acting Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief of Staff; Dr. Kimberly Blea, Vice President for Student Affairs; Stephanie Gonzales, CPA/Vice President for Finance & Administration; Dave Lepre, Vice President for University Relations

Others Present

Patricia Ives, NMHU Legal Counsel; Carlos Padilla, NMHU Legal Counsel; Benito Pacheco, Associate Vice President of SEM; Jennifer Lindline, Faculty Senate Chair; Amalinda Arguello, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Regents; Roberta Ortiz, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Finance; Dr. Veena Parboteeah, Dean of the School of Business, Media, and Technology; Marco Aragon, Communications Specialist; Laura LaCour-Johnson, Recruiter/Center Specialist. Faculty, staff, students, and community members also participated in the meeting.

Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements

Chairman Sanchez stated that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the notice and agenda with the meeting date, time, and place for the June 26, 2025, meeting were posted in a timely fashion and in compliance with the NMHU Board of Regents Open Meetings Act Resolution.

Executive Closed Session

Executive Closed Session: (a) discussion of limited Personnel Matters related to President Neil Woolf's performance evaluation pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2) (1 hour)

Chairman Sanchez called for a motion to enter the executive closed session.

Motion: Regent Lucero

Second: Regent Luna

Vote: Unanimous approval – Motion carried

Reconvene in Open Session

Chairman Sanchez called for a motion to reenter open session. Regent Lucero noted that the only matter discussed in the executive closed session was limited Personnel Matters related to President Neil Woolf's performance evaluation discussed and no action(s) necessary.

Motion: Regent Lucero
Second: Regent Luna
Vote: Unanimous approval – Motion carried

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Regent Luna
Second: Regent Lucero
Vote: Unanimous approval – Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:14 PM.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents