



New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

Notice & Agenda of Special Open Meeting July 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

On this date and time, the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents will hold a special virtual meeting addressing the agenda items listed below. Copies of this notice and agenda may be obtained on the University's website at <https://www.nmhu.edu/board-of-regents/board-of-regents-announcements> no less than 72 hours before the meeting. The meeting will be held live **as a virtual meeting only** and livestream via **Zoom Platform**. Members of the public may access the livestream through the following link:

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Chairman William Garcia
2. Roll Call
3. Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements
4. Approval of the July 11, 2023 Agenda
5. Executive Session—limited personnel matters related to the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges brought before the New Mexico Higher Education Department pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15- 1(H)(2).
6. Public Action and/or Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion
7. Adjournment

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
July 11, 2023

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a virtual special meeting on July 11, 2023. The university made every effort to accommodate members of the public as stated in the July 7, 2023 meeting announcement. 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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Call to Order – Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Board Members present: Mr. William Garcia, Mr. Robert Lucero, Mr. Cody Rivera, Dr. Frank Sanchez, and Ms. Danelle Smith.

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost & VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students, and Mr. Max Baca, Special Assistant to the President.

Others Present: 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.

Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements

Chairman William Garcia stated that in compliance with the meeting notice requirement, it was confirmed that the notice and agenda were posted timely in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Memo read, "In compliance with the Board of Regents Open Meetings Resolution, notice of the date, time, and place of the July 11, 2023 special meeting and agenda was posted in the Administration Building and on the University's Board of Regents webpage.

Approval of the July 11, 2023 Agenda

Regent Smith moved to approve the Board's meeting agenda for July 11, 2023 as presented. Regent Lucero seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Executive Session—limited personnel matters related to the investigation or consideration of complaints or charges brought before the New Mexico Higher Education Department pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15- 1(H)(2).

Regent Lucero moved to enter into a closed session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. Regent Smith seconded.

Regent Sanchez motioned that the Board not enter into executive session and that discussion of the executive session matters occur in open session for transparency. There was no second, the motion died.

A roll call vote was taken on Regent Lucero's motion, voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Voting against: Regent Sanchez, Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 5:06 p.m.

Regent Lucero moved to return to open session and stated for the record that only those items specified under the executive session were discussed and the Board took no action. Regents present confirmed. Regent Smith seconded the motion. A roll call was taken, voting in favor of returning to open session were Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 6:37 p.m.

Public Action and/or Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion

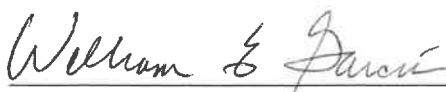
Regent Smith stated that the Board of Regents had reviewed the memo from the Faculty dated November 2022.

Regent Smith moved to approve the Regent's response to the Faculty memo and have the Chairman of the Board of Regents immediately issue the response. The Board directed President Minner to proceed as outlined in the memo. Regent Rivera seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Lucero stated that the Board of Regents received a letter dated June 2023 from the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED). Regent Lucero moved to direct President Minner to prepare a response on behalf of the Administration to the points brought forth in the HED letter, to direct legal counsel to prepare a separate letter on behalf of the Board of Regents in response to the HED letter, and to request an extension of time for response to the HED letter in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act and provide the Board time to response after the July 21, 2023 Special Board meeting. Regent Smith seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary
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