



New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

Special Meeting Notice November 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (Corrected)

October 16, 2023

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents will hold a special open meeting on November 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room-107 of the Rodgers Administration Building at 803 National Ave., Las Vegas, New Mexico. The meeting will be livestreamed via Zoom. This notice will be submitted to various media outlets, posted on the university's website at <https://www.nmhu.edu/board-of-regents/board-of-regents-announcements>, and in the Rodgers Administration Building. The livestreamed meeting will be accessible through the following link: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/99373471046>

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the agenda will be posted on the NMHU website at <https://www.nmhu.edu/board-of-regents/board-of-regents-announcements/> and in the Rodgers Administration Building no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

**Special Meeting Agenda
November 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order – Chairman William Garcia (9:00am)
2. Roll Call (9:00-9:05)
3. Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements (9:05-9:10)
4. Approval of the November 3, 2023 Special Meeting Agenda (9:10-9:15)
5. Approval of the Minutes from August 25, 2023, August 31, 2023, and September 6, 2023, Board Meetings (9:15-9:30)(15min)
6. Consent Calendar – Action Items (9:30-9:35)(5min)
 - A. Quarterly Report and Certification for FY24/Q1 – VPFA Gonzales
 - B. Disposition of University Inventory – VPFA Gonzales
7. Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Lauren Fath (9:35-9:50)(15min)
8. Staff Advisory Senate Report – Mr. Robert Anaya (9:50-10:05)(15min)
9. Associated Students of NMHU Report – Mr. Kayl Rainer (10:05-10:20)(15min)
10. President's Report – Dr. Sam Minner (10:20-10:35)(15min)
 - A. Facilities Building Project Schematic Design and Additional \$3M State Funding Request – Action Item (10:35-10:50)(15min)
 - B. Sininger Hall Renovation Project Update (10:50-11:05)(15min)
 - C. Dome Track Update(11:05-11:20)(15min)
 - D. Other (11:20-11:25)(5min)
11. Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs – Dr. Roxanne Gonzales (11:25-11:30)(5min)
 - A. Reforestation Update (11:30-11:45)(15min)
12. Executive Vice President, Student and Donor Engagement – Ms. Terri Law (11:45-11:50)(5min)
 - A. Enrollment Update (11:50-12:05)(15min)

13. Public Comment * (12:05-12:20)(15min)
14. Executive Session – (a) discussion of limited personnel matters related to President Sam Minner’s evaluation and goals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); (b) discussion of limited personnel matters related to the discussion of the hiring, promotion, dismissal, assignment, 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); (c) deliberations in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); (c) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(5); (d) discussion of 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); and (e) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property of the university, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(8) (12:20-3:20) (3hrs)
15. Public Action and Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion (3:20-3:25)(5min)
16. Vice President of Finance & Administration – Ms. Stephanie Gonzales (3:25-3:30)(5min)
 - A. HR/Payroll Update (3:30-3:45)(15min)
 - B. Cash Flow Report (3:45-4:00)(15min)
17. Dean of Students – Dr. Kimberly Blea (4:00-4:05)(5min)
 - A. Housing Deferred Maintenance Plan Update (4:05-4:20)(15min)
18. Golf Course Management Committee Report and Recommendations – Action Item (4:20-4:30)(10min)
19. USDA Funding Grant Request Disposition and Next Steps Discussion – Action Item (4:30-4:45)(15min)
20. Presidential Selection Committee Update – Dr. Brandon Kempner (4:45-4:55)(10min)
 - A. Board of Regents Interviews with Finalists – Discussion Item (4:55-5:05)(10min)
21. HLC Update – Dr. Keith Tucker & Ms. April Kent (5:05-5:10)(5min)
22. Regent’s Comments (5:10-5:20)(10min)
23. Adjournment – Action Item (5:20pm)

*** PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – The agenda for each regular meeting of the Board of Regents shall include an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters of public interest related to the University. Unless otherwise determined by the Chairman of the Board, this public comment period shall last no longer than fifteen (15) minutes and each person addressing the Board shall speak for no more than three (3) minutes. When deemed necessary, persons wishing to address the Board may be required to sign in so that the public comment period may be conducted in an orderly manner. Matters of individual concern, such as employee grievances or student appeals that do not involve a matter of public interest, are not appropriate topics for the public comment period. University policy provides administrative channels to pursue such matters. The Board of Regents may not act on any item raised during the public comment period, but may refer items to be placed on the agenda of a future meeting for action. (NMHU Board of Regents Policy Guide, pages 20-21).

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
November 3, 2023

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on November 3, 2023. The meeting was held at the Rodgers Administration Building, Room 107, 803 National Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701. The university made every effort to accommodate members of the public as stated in the October 16, 2023, meeting announcement. The meeting was livestreamed via Zoom. Members of the public were able to access the livestream through the following link: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/99373471046>

Call to Order – Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.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. Sam Minner, President; Ms. Stephanie Gonzales, CPA/VP for Finance, Administration; Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs (via Zoom); Ms. Theresa Law, JD, CFRE/Executive VP for Student and Donor Engagement (via Zoom); Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students; and Mr. David Lepre, VP for Marketing and Communications

Others Present: Dr. Lauren Fath, Faculty Senate Chair; Mr. Robert Anaya, Staff Advisory Senate President (via Zoom); Mr. Kayl Rainer, ASNMHU President; Ms. April Kent, HLC Liaison Officer; Ms. Patricia Ives, NMHU Legal Counsel; and Ms. Carolina Martinez, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant. Numerous faculty members, staff, students, community members, and public participated in the meeting as it was streamed via Zoom.

Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements

Chairman Garcia stated that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the notice and agenda with the meeting date, time, and place for the November 3, 2023, special meeting were posted in a timely fashion and in compliance with the NMHU Board of Regents Open Meetings Act Resolution.

Approval of the November 3, 2023, Special Meeting Agenda

Regent Smith moved to approve the November 3, 2023, special meeting agenda as presented. Regent Lucero seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes from August 25, 2023, August 31, 2023, and September 6, 2023

Regent Smith moved to approve the minutes from the **August 25, 2023**, regular meeting as presented. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Smith moved to approve the minutes from the **August 31, 2023**, special meeting as presented. Regent Lucero seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Sanchez moved to approve the minutes from the **September 6, 2023**, special meeting as presented. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Consent Calendar – Action Items

Quarterly Report and Certification for FY24/Q1 – VPFA Stephanie Gonzales

Disposition of University Inventory – VPFA Stephanie Gonzales

Regent Smith moved to approve the Consent Calendar items: Quarterly Report and Certification for FY24/Q1 (**Attachment A**) and the Disposition of University Inventory (**Attachment B**) as provided. Regent Sanchez seconded. A roll call vote was taken, voting in favor were: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Lauren Fath

Dr. Fath introduced herself to the Board noting that she is the new Faculty Senate Chair. She reported that she has been an NMHU faculty member since 2015. Dr. Fath summarized her written report (**Attachment C**).

Dr. Fath reported that thanks to a generous donor, the Faculty Senate is making progress implementing an endowed speaker series. President Minner asked the Senate to develop a process for speaker selection and to identify compensation options.

The Faculty Senate is pleased with the university's notice of re-accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and are awaiting the full report so the university can prepare for the upcoming focused visits.

This May, the general faculty voted unanimously, 62 votes to 0 votes, to condemn the AVPAA–Forestry for an April 3, 2023, email. They requested that the email be rescinded, an apology to those named, and a disciplinary review by administration. They are waiting for a reply.

The Faculty Senate continues to seek a response to outstanding IPRA requests from Fall 2022 related to the AVPAA–Forestry position. They plan to work with the records administrator to ensure the faculty senate and the university administration are aligned on filed requests and to seek reconciliation regarding IPRA requests not addressed within legal time constraints.

The general faculty continues discussing Regent Bill Garcia's letter from July 14, 2023. They feel the letter did not achieve a satisfactory resolution (which led to the May 3, 2023, faculty vote of no confidence in the Board of Regents). The faculty senate, under new leadership, welcomes communication from the Board that demonstrates resolutions of unresolved issues. They feel resolutions of faculty concerns requires action by the Board and the university administration to regain the faculty's confidence.

Staff Advisory Senate Report – Mr. Robert Anaya

Mr. Anaya report that the staff is concerned with the Paycom transition. He thanked VPFA Gonzales and Mr. Aaron Flure, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration, for their responsiveness and transparency during the transition process.

Mr. Anaya congratulated Dr. Eric Romero, Assistant Professor of Languages and Culture, and the entire Matanza Committee for the great job they did organizing this year's Matanza. He acknowledged Regent Rivera for his hard work and participation in the event. He thanked President Minner for his vision and support of cultural community events.

Associated Students of New Mexico Highlands University Report – Mr. Kayl Rainer

Mr. Rainer reported that the ASNMHU is providing funding for students and student clubs to attend conferences.

Mr. Rainer stated that, on the advice by Dr. Blea, the ASNMHU performed a survey on the dining hall food and services. They scored a 2.1 out of 5 on survey. The survey will help the ASNMHU prepare for next steps to be implemented next semester.

President Minner invited Mr. Rainer to meet with VPFA Gonzales, Dr. Blea, Regent Rivera, Mr. Aaron Flure, and Sodexo staff to discuss the dining hall food and services.

President's Report – Dr. Sam Minner

President Minner reported:

- Fall enrollment numbers are up.
- Retention numbers are trending upward.
- The Sininger Hall renovation project has had a few issues but progress is ongoing.
- The DNP is scheduled to go before the Legislative Finance Committee for review and approval. If approve, the university would seek approval from our regional accreditors. This would require a site visit.
- The Matanza, a campus/community event, was a huge success thanks to hard work and coordinating the volunteers.
- This year's homecoming events were also a major success.
- He is confident the VPFA with the Human Resources Director will get the human resources and payroll offices back on track.
- The university received an \$800K (approximate) grant for education, social work and counseling.

Regent Lucero recused himself from all discussion and consideration of the Facilities Building Project Schematic Design and Additional \$3M State Funding Request Action Item. He exited the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Facilities Building Project Schematic Design and Additional \$3M State Funding Request – Action Item

President Minner called on Ms. Sylvia Baca, Associate Vice President of Facilities, Planning, Maintenance & Management to present. She recalled that in 2021 the university received \$4.5M in general obligation bonds, earmarked for the Facilities Building project. The funding was received July 2023. She is hopeful that construction will begin in April 2024. Baker A+D was awarded the RFP bid. She introduced Mr. Mark Baker, owner of Baker A+D. AVP Baca and Mr. Baker provided a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment D**). A discussion regarding the need for a new building with a lounge area for meals and breaks, multiple restrooms, and ADA compliant for the approximately 90 employees was held.

Regent Rivera moved to approve the Additional State Funding Request up to \$3.5M. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Smith moved to approve the Facilities Building Project Schematic Design. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Lucero rejoined the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Sininger Hall Renovation Project Update

AVP Baca provided a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment E**).

AVP Baca explained that the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) requires that the university absorb \$200K in project costs, related to the human remains, before they would consider assisting with additional funding for the project.

AVP Baca informed the Board the discovered remains are from the early to mid-1800s. The Las Vegas Cemetery extends under the Lora Magnum Shields Science Building to Sininger Hall, north towards Connor Hall and east towards the Donnelly Library.

Regent Lucero asked if there were any penalties or cost increases due to the delay. AVP Baca responded that the contractor could assess a \$1500 penalty. She informed the Board that was in communication with the contractor and determined that she would not hold them to the ten-month job completion deadline which would have been May 2024. The contract will be extended to the end of June 2024. The Board suggested that AVP Baca work with NMHU legal counsel to review and update the construction contract if deemed necessary.

Dome Track Update

President Minner informed the Board that the comprehensive campaign is proving successful soliciting and collecting gifts. He is personally working to secure some large donor gifts.

A written Dome Track Update was provided in the Board meeting packet (**Attachment F**).

Ms. Shanna Halalilo, Co-Athletic Director, reported that Mr. Andrew Moore, earned the Runner of the Year Award. He came in 1st place at the RMAC Cross Country Championship Meet.

Mr. Jim Deisler, Co-Athletic Director, remarked that he is hopeful that both cross-country teams make it to Nationals.

The Board recessed from 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

President – Other

President Minner announced that Dr. Brandon Kempner was selected to serve as Chief of Staff beginning January 1, 2024. Dr. Kempner remarked that he has served as the College of Arts & Sciences Dean for 4 ½ years and is looking forward to the change. He noted that Highlands has many ongoing complex projects and will be going through a presidential transition soon. He is ready and excited to begin his new role. Chairman Garcia commended President Minner on his selection. Regents commented that they are very impressed with Dr. Kempner's work ethic and professionalism and look forward to working more closely with him.

President Minner announced that Mr. David Lepre, Vice President for Marketing and Communication had taken on additional duties. He is now leading the Legislative Fellows Program and Government Relations. Mr. Lepre stated that he is looking forward to representing the university and the state.

**Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. Roxanne Gonzales
Reforestation Update**

VPAA Gonzales announced that she and Dr. Josh Sloan both serve on the New Mexico Reforestation Center Board. She called on Dr. Sloan, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Forestry and Reforestation Center, to present.

Dr. Sloan provided a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment G**). Dr. Sloan added that there would be approximately 20 full-time positions, housed and/or working at the Reforestation Center's physical site. He pointed out that the NMHU Forestry Program is already attracting new students to the program. He informed the Board that a group of students from Jemez Pueblo were planning to attend the forestry training. Dr. Sloan reported that Highlands, under the memorandum of agreement which established the Reforestation Center, is the entity responsible for the training, the education, the workforce development, and outreach programs.

Dr. Gonzales reported that the Forestry Department has a Master's in forestry degree proposal under review by the academic affairs. The Master's would attract students to the program.

Mr. Kayl Rainer, ASNMHU President, asked what other pueblos had shown interest in the program. Dr. Sloan reported that the following have shown interest either directly and/or indirectly, the Santa Clara, Jemez, Picuris, and Santo Domingo Pueblos.

Regent Rivera thanked VPAA Gonzales and Dr. Sloan for all of their hard work putting the proposal together.

Regent Smith asked what next steps entail. Dr. Sloan responded that, upon announcement of the award, the university has an RFP for construction ready to be issued. Depending on the site, the

HU Forestry Program would need to work with the Board, governing body, or owner to establish a property transfer or a lease agreement.

Regent Lucero asked what type of jobs, of the 20 forecasted, would be created. Dr. Sloan answered that they would be everything from growers that handle the plants and seed on a daily basis all the way up through budget, middle and upper management, and a facility director.

**Executive Vice President of Student and Donor Engagement – Ms. Terri Law
Enrollment Update**

VPSEM Law provided a PowerPoint presentation in advance of the meeting (**Attachment H**).

A lengthy discussion regarding students being refused due to the lack of housing was held. Chairman Garcia asked why students were not housed in area hotels until dorm rooms could be identified. Dr. Blea informed that conversations regarding the lack of housing were not held and that the Student Affairs, Housing Office, and Strategic Enrollment Management Department have been in communication and have developed a plan to house students in the event the dorms are full in the future. Mr. Rainer added that the Housing Office worked to accommodate all of the students housing requesting by doubling designated single rooms.

Regent Sanchez informed the Board that he was aware of parents bringing their out-of-town students to campus then not letting them attend the HU based on the poor conditions of the housing facilities.

Ms. Tina Clayton, Director of the International Student Center, commended the Housing Office for working hard to accommodate the international students.

Regent Smith asked if students are required to live in the dorms. Dr. Blea reported that the university has a freshman residency policy requiring freshmen to live in the dorms with the exception of those who live within a 40-mile campus radius.

Regent Sanchez asked about the agreement to house Luna Community College students in the residence halls. Dr. Blea informed that an agreement has been in place for many years and that President Minner and Dr. Edward Martinez, President at Luna Community College, signed a formal housing agreement last year. Dr. Blea made it known that LCC students are not placed in dorm rooms until the NMHU housing deadline has past ensuring that NMHU students have preferential placement.

Public Comment

Dr. Gloria Gadsden, Criminal Justice Professor, made it known that the recent hail storm caused the roof in her office in the Lora Shields Building to leak causing \$1,000 worth of damage to her personal items. She thanked AVP Baca and the Facilities Department for their diligence repairing the damages. She also thanked Dr. Kempner and VPAA Gonzales for their assistance in the matter. Dr. Gadsden informed that Board that the university insurance denied her claim stating it does not cover costs for damage to personal items. She indicated that AVP Flure is researching the matter.

Executive Session – (a) discussion of limited personnel matters related to President Sam Minner’s evaluation and goals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); (b) discussion of limited personnel matters related to the discussion of the hiring, promotion, dismissal, assignment, 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); (c) deliberations in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2); (c) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(5); (d) discussion of 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); and (e) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property of the university, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(8). Regent Lucero moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the items listed. 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. The Board entered into executive session at 12:12 p.m.

Regent Lucero moved to return to open session and stated, for the record, that only those items specified under the executive session motion 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 3:59 p.m.

Public Action and Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion

Regent Lucero moved to accept President Minner’s goals as presented during executive session. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Smith moved for President Minner to take action on real property as discussed during executive session. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Lucero moved to grant a waiver of Policy 475 of the Personnel Policies & Procedures Manual’s Probationary Period Section 5.1, regarding the probationary period of an involuntary transfer from one regular position to another as discussed in the closed executive session. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Regent Lucero moved that President Minner proceed in accordance with the discussion held during closed session regarding pending and threatened litigation. Regent Rivera seconded. Regent Smith stated for the record that having a conflict of interest, she left the room during discussion of this item. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, and Chairman Garcia. Regent Smith abstained. Motion carried.

Regent Rivera stated for the record that he recused himself from deliberation of an appeal due to a conflict of interest.

Vice President of Finance & Administration (VPFA) – Ms. Stephanie Gonzales

HR/Payroll Update

VPFA Gonzales summarized the written report she provided in advance of the meeting (**Attachment I**).

VPFA Gonzales reported:

- The first check date from Paycom was pushed back to the 2024 calendar year to further review and update data as necessary.
- In addition to working to verify data for Paycom implementation, HR staff was working with the auditors who requested over 90 employee records.
- A new ticketing system for tracking issues was implemented.

Regent Lucero thanked VPFA Gonzales and her staff for their hard work and encouraged everyone to stay focused on solutions. He noted that these are critical tasks for any institution especially the concerns raised by the Faculty Senate Staff Senates. VPFA Gonzales stated that she would be scheduling regular meetings with the Faculty and Staff Senates and the Faculty and Staff Collective Bargaining units to ensure everyone is on the same page.

Chairman Garcia requested that VPFA provide an HR Report that identifies the number of complaints by week and the age of the complaints before getting resolved.

Cash Flow Report

VPFA Gonzales summarized her presentation (**Attachment J**).

VPFA Gonzales stated that she is in communication with NMHED to request the Opportunity Scholarship funding reimbursement throughout the year instead of the end of the fiscal year.

An extensive discussion about reserve balances, liquidity cash, state investments, endowments, operating cash, legacy fund was held. Regent Lucero requested that a report on the items discussed be presented at the next Finance Committee Meeting. Regent Smith recommended contacting the NMHED via email to follow-up on telephone communications to ensure that VPFA Gonzales's requests for funding are addressed in order to meet university obligations.

Dean of Student – Dr. Kimberly Blea

Housing Deferred Maintenance Plan Update

Dr. Blea added the following to her written report (**Attachment K**):

- She has met with VPFA Gonzales, the Housing Department, AVP Baca, and the Co-Athletic Directors to develop a university-wide deferred maintenance plan in addition to the housing deferred maintenance plan developed by the Housing Task Force.

- All housing facilities have now undergone a facilities condition assessment. Once the report is finalized the task force will reconvene with Regents Lucero and Rivera and representatives from the SEM Department, students, and student athletes to further develop a housing deferred maintenance plan.
- A solicitation for quotes for renovations of Connor Hall C-Wing is out.
- The current deferred maintenance budget of \$500k, is not enough to make the extensive revisions and upgrades needed.
- When Connor C-Wing is fully on-line it would have 35 single and 70 double rooms.

Golf Course Management Committee Report and Recommendations – Action Item

Chairman Garcia moved to table the Golf Course Management Committee Report and Recommendations – Action Item. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

USDA Funding Grant Request Disposition and Next Steps Discussion – Action Item

Chairman Garcia moved to table the USDA Funding Grant Request Disposition and Next Steps Discussion – Action Item. Regent Lucero seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

Presidential Selection Committee Update – Dr. Brandon Kempner

Dr. Kempner reported that the Presidential Search closed on October 30, 2023. The search committee is reviewing the 79 applications submissions. A discussion regarding the university residence, residential issues, and furnishings was held.

Board of Regents Interviews with Finalists – Discussion Item

Special Closed Board meetings will be scheduled for each of the five presidential finalists. The candidates will participate in a 1 ½ day interview process during their campus visits.

HLC Update – Ms. April Kent

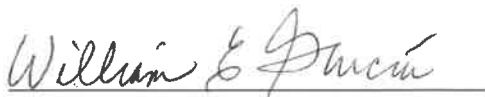
Ms. April Kent, HLC Liaison Officer, provided a PowerPoint presentation (**Attachment L**). She informed the Board that the next accreditation visit is scheduled for September 2025.

Regent's Comments

There were no additional comments.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary/Treasurer
NMHU Board of Regents