



New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

Special Meeting Notice and Agenda December 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

December 15, 2023

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section s 21-1-16.1 and 10-15-1 the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents will hold a special meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. for the purposes of discussion and final action on the selection of a person for the position of President of NMHU. The meeting will be held in the Board Room-107 of the Rodgers Administration Building on 803 National Ave., Las Vegas, New Mexico. The meeting will be livestreamed via Zoom. In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, copies of this notice and agenda 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 no later than 72 hours prior to the meeting. The livestreamed meeting will be accessible through the following link: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/99373471046>

For accessibility services call 454-3269 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to ensure that any needed equipment can be made available or special arrangements can be made.



New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

**Special Board of Regents Meeting
Rodgers Administration Building, Room 107
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701
December 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

1. Call to Order – Chairman William Garcia
2. Roll Call
3. Compliance with Meeting Notice Requirements
4. Approval of the December 18, 2023 Special Meeting Agenda
5. Executive Session - Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 21-1-16.1B and Section 10-15-1H(2) to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the hiring of a New Mexico Highlands University President from the following list of finalists:
 - Dr. Roxanne Gonzales-Walker, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
 - Mr. Gerardo Ochoa, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success, Linfield University, Linfield, OR
 - Dr. Michelle Rogers, Former Vice President for Administration, University of Redlands, Redlands, CA
 - Dr. Adolfo Santos, Assistant Provost, Texas A&M University, McAllen, TX
 - Dr. Neil Woolf, Executive Vice President, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR
6. Possible Action on matters discussed in executive session– Action Item
7. Adjournment

New Mexico Highlands University
Board of Regents Special Meeting
December 18, 2023

The New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents held a special meeting on December 18, 2023. The meeting was held at the Rodgers Administration Building, Room 107, 803 National Avenue, Las Vegas, NM 87701. The meeting notice and agenda were noticed and posted on December 15, 2023, in compliance with the open meetings act.

Call to Order – Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 via Zoom – Dr. Roxanne Gonzales, Provost/VP for Academic Affairs; Dr. Kimberly Blea, Dean of Students

Others Present – Mr. Kayl Rainer, ASNMHU President (via zoom); Dr. Brandon Kempner, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences/Chair of the Presidential Search Committee; Dr. Keith Tucker, HLC Director/Accreditation Liaison Officer (via zoom); Ms. April Kent, HLC Liaison Officer (via zoom); 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 live streamed.

Approval of the December 18, 2023 Agenda

Regent Lucero moved to approve the December 18, 2023, Special Meeting Agenda as presented. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried.

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Regent Lucero moved to enter into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing the item listed. Regent Rivera seconded. Voting in favor: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried and the Board entered into executive session at 10:03 a.m.

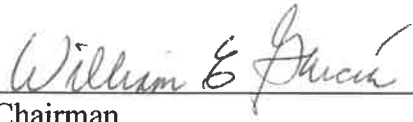
Regent Lucero moved to return to open session and stated, for the record, that only the item listed under the executive session action item was discussed and no action was taken. Regent Smith seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia. Motion carried and the Board went into open session at 3:00 p.m.

Possible Action and Statements as Necessary on Executive Session Discussion – Action Item
Regent Lucero moved that the Board of Regents authorizes Chairman Garcia and Vice Chair Smith to negotiate with a presidential candidate in accordance with the discussions held during executive session. Regent Sanchez seconded. Voting in favor were: Regent Lucero, Regent Rivera, Regent Sanchez, Regent Smith, and Chairman Garcia.


The Board thanked and recognized the hard work put forth by Dr. Sue DeWine and the RH Perry Firm, Dr. Kempner, and the entire Presidential Search Committee. They thanked the faculty, staff and students for participating in the various candidate forums.

Adjournment

Chairman Garcia adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.



Chairman
NMHU Board of Regents



Secretary
NMHU Board of Regents