

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
October 27, 2009

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Building, on the main campus, in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Chair Curtis called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Regents Present	Mr. Blake Curtis, Chair Mr. Javier Gonzales, Vice Chair Ms. Laura Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Isaac Pino, Member Mr. Chris Anaya, Member
Ex-officio Regents Present	Dr. Chris Erickson Mr. Travis Dulany
Interim President	Dr. Manuel Pacheco
Exec. Vice President, Provost	Absent
Chair, NMSU Employee Council	Ms. Kelly Brooks
Other Presenters Present	Associate Vice President Maureen Howard

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of Press, Elected Officials, and Others by Maureen Howard, Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing Services

Associate Vice President Maureen Howard introduced Las Cruces City Councilor Dolores Connor. Members of the media present were Vanessa Dabovich from *KRWG-FM*, Nargis Lalee and Ben Sheer from *KRWG-TV*, Tom Scott and Darren Hunt from *KVIA-TV*, Jon Blazak from the *Round-Up*, Amanda Husson and Sherry Vialphado from the *Las Cruces Sun-News*, and Todd Dickson from the *Las Cruces Bulletin*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Regent Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Report and Recommendation from the Presidential Search Committee

Presidential Search Committee Chair Del Archuleta thanked the search committee for putting their best interest in NMSU, remaining true to the ethics pledge, and the unity in which they worked to select the five finalists most qualified for the position of president of New Mexico State University.

Of the 60 applicants, 18 individuals were interviewed. The five finalists are:

- Barbara Couture, D.A., Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Richard Herman, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the President, Professor, recently Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- James Oblinger, Ph.D., Professor, recently Chancellor, North Carolina State University
- Michael Ortiz, Ph.D., President, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- Lisa Rossbacher, Ph.D., President, Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, GA

The Regents commended Mr. Del Archuleta for his leadership in overseeing a process that was pure and allowed the best candidates to be brought forward.

Regent Curtis announced that the interview process would begin on Sunday, November 1, 2009.

Regent Gonzales moved, seconded by Regent Pino, to accept the five presidential candidate finalists presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Conniff moved, seconded by Regent Anaya, that the Board recess and convene in executive session to discuss the candidates for the position of university president as authorized by Section 10-15-1(H)2 of the Open Meetings Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Regent Curtis asked for a roll call vote.

The motion to adopt this statement, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote: Chair Curtis, Vice Chair Gonzales, Secretary/Treasurer Conniff, Regent Pino, and Regent Anaya. Five Regents present having voted in favor of said motion, said motion carried, and said statement was adopted.

The Regents recessed the open meeting at 2:40 p.m. for Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

5. RATIFICATION STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR EXECUTIVE SESSION(s) (roll call vote)

The Board of Regents of New Mexico State University met in Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, in Room Two of the Educational Services Building on the New Mexico State University main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to discuss personnel matters in accordance with Section 10-15-1H; paragraph (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Those Board members who were present hereby certify by roll call vote that only matters of that nature were discussed in the closed meeting.

The motion to adopt this statement, upon being put to a vote, was passed and adopted on the following recorded vote: Chair Curtis, Vice Chair Gonzales, Secretary/Treasurer Conniff, Regent Pino, and Regent Anaya. Five Regents present having voted in favor of said motion, said motion carried, and said statement was adopted.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Curtis adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Socorro Saenz-Lobato.

Blake Curtis, Chair
Board of Regents

Laura M. Conniff, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Regents