



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING  
August 1, 2017 at 3:00pm**

Regents Room  
Educational Services Building  
NMSU Las Cruces Campus  
1780 East University Avenue  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Regents of New Mexico State University**

Debra Hicks, Chair	Hobbs, New Mexico
Mike Cheney, Vice Chair	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Jerean Hutchinson, Secretary/Treasurer	Las Cruces, New Mexico
Kari Mitchell, Member	Las Cruces, New Mexico

**Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Regents**

Christopher Brown, Ph.D.	Faculty Senate Chair
Adam Cavotta	Employee Council Chair
Kevin Prieto	ASNMSU President

**University Officials**

Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.	Chancellor and President
Daniel Howard, Ph.D.	Executive Vice President and Provost
Andrew Burke, Ed.D.	Senior Vice President
Liz Ellis, J.D.	General Counsel

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Approved by the Board of Regents on August 30, 2017**

The Board of Regents meeting is available by webcast through the link at <http://panopto.nmsu.edu/bor/>

A. **Call to Order** - Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

1. **Introductions**

**Introduction of the Media**, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

No members of the media present.

**Introduction of NMSU Officials**, *Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.*

Chancellor Carruthers introduced new Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance Andrew Burke, Ed.D. Dr. Burke's contributions to NMSU-Dona Ana as Vice President of Finance and during two periods as Interim President were highlighted.

2. **Confirmation of Quorum**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Chair Hicks announced the resignation of Regent Amanda López Askin, Ph.D. A quorum was confirmed with Regents Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson and Mitchell in attendance.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regent Mitchell made a motion to table agenda items G-2 and G-3. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

4. **Public Comment**, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

Associate Vice President Bannister stated no individuals requested an opportunity to provide public comment.

B. **Approval of the Minutes**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. Special Meeting - June 16, 2017

Regent Cheney made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2017, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

C. **Awards and Recognitions**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Chancellor Carruthers read proclamations honoring retiring Senior Vice President Angela Throneberry and Chief of Staff Sharon Jones, highlighting their significant contributions to New Mexico State University.

D. **Committee Reports**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. **Audit Committee Report**, *BOR Chair Debra Hicks*

The Audit Committee met on May 15, 2017. Chair Hicks stated the audit by KPMG has begun.

2. **Real Estate Committee Report**, *Special Assistant Scott Eschenbrenner*

The Real Estate Committee met on July 14, 2017. The committee will meet again on August 15, 2017. Consideration is being given to a wind energy proposal, and an agreement between Hatch Valley High School and NMSU-Dona Ana.

3. **Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report**, *Regent Kari Mitchell*

The Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee met on July 24, 2017. The committee received a briefing on Non-I&G projects, which will be considered for submittal to the Higher Education Department. Assistant Vice President Rel has provided federal returns on investment and evaluation with regard to the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. The committee also discussed the alignment of enrollment with faculty and staff levels, tuition and fee revenue and the relative financial impact of a new student.

4. **Student Success Committee Report**, *Regent Jerean Hutchinson*

The Student Success Committee has not met since the last Board of Regents meeting.

E. **Recurring Reports**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. **NMSU Faculty Senate Report**, *Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.*

The Faculty Senate is engaged in post tenure review policy updates. A task force has been engaged to define experiential learning and develop a draft rule. Consideration is being given to reorganization in the College of Education.

2. **Associated Students of NMSU Report**, *President Kevin Prieto*

Aggie Welcome Week activities were highlighted.

3. **NMSU Employee Council Report**, *Chair Adam Cavotta*

The fringe and insurance is evaluating benefits and retiree health care. The annual employee picnic is scheduled for October.

4. **Higher Education Regents Coalition Report**, *BOR Chair Debra Hicks*

The coalition has expressed support for the Higher Education Department's education trifecta and meta majors.

5. **Aggie Development Inc. Report**, *President & CEO Scott Eschenbrenner*

Improvements to the hotel development property and Wisconsin Avenue were discussed.

6. **NMSU Foundation Report**, *President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.*

Approximately \$77.6 million has been received in cash and pledges for the Ignite Capital Campaign.

7. **Arrowhead Center Inc. Report**, *Chair Kevin Boberg, Ph.D.*

College entrepreneurship was highlighted.

8. **New Mexico Department of Agriculture**, *Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte*

The impact of agricultural activity in Canada and Mexico was discussed.

F. **Consent Items**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regent Mitchell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

1. **Temporary Investments Report for the Quarter ended June 30, 2017**

*Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D.*

2. **Disposition/Deletion of Property**, *Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D.*

3. **Verizon Small Cell Tower Lease**, *Special Assistant Scott Eschenbrenner*

4. **Partial Release of Land Leased to Aggie Development, Inc.**, *Special Assistant Scott Eschenbrenner*

5. **Humboldt Casad and Evangeline Smith Mandell Exhibit Gallery**

*Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.*

6. **Dino and Heidi Camunez Family Lecture Hall**, *Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D.*

7. **Non I&G Budget Requests for FY19**, *Assistant Vice President Ricardo Rel*

G. **Action Items**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

1. **2017-2027 NMSU System Master Plan**

*Associate Vice President Glen Haubold and University Architect Heather Watenpaugh*

An overview of NMSU's draft master plan was provided. Regent Mitchell made a motion to approve the release of the draft master plan for public comment. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

**2. Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**

Agenda item tabled.

**3. Executive Staff Search, Recruitment and Succession Planning, Chair Debra Hicks**

Agenda item tabled.

**4. Election of Officers, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Hutchinson made a motion that Regent Hicks be considered for the position of Chair. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

Regent Hutchinson made a motion that Regent Mitchell be considered for the position of Vice Chair. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

Regent Cheney made a motion that Regent Hutchinson be considered for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell).

**5. Aggie Development, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting – Election of Board Members**

Chair Hicks convened the annual meeting of the Aggie Development, Inc. Meeting minutes may be found at the conclusion of the Board of Regents meeting minutes below.

The Board of Regents meeting resumed.

**H. Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks**

**1. Chancellor's Report, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**

The popularity and success of the Aggie Pathway program was highlighted.

**2. Provost's Report, Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.**

Improvements in four and five year graduation rates were highlighted.

**3. Committee Appointments, Chair Debra Hicks**

Chair Hicks deferred appointment of committee members.

**4. Other Items - Executive Session of Tuesday, August 1, 2017.**

Regents confirmed compliance with OMA by roll call: Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Cheney-yes.

**I. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks**

**1. "Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!**

The National Science Foundation ranks NMSU number one in Science and Engineering among minority serving institutions. The Brookings Institution recognizes NMSU as a leader in access to higher education.

**2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings**

August 2017 – TBD

September 9, 2017 – Joint Meeting with UNM Board of Regents (TBD)

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 9:00pm

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00pm

**J. Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks**

Regent Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell). The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

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**Minutes  
Aggie Development, Inc. (ADI)  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Regent Debra Hicks, Presiding Officer  
Educational Services Building, Las Cruces, NM  
August 1, 2017**

**A. Call to Order** – Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

**B. Approval of the Agenda**

Regent Mitchell moved for approval of the agenda and Regent Hutchinson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Reading and Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Hicks read the minutes and called for approval. Regent Cheney moved for approval of the minutes and Regent Mitchell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**D. Election of Board Members**

Chair Hicks called to accept ADI's recommendation for the reappointment of Bill Sheriff and Tom Hutchinson for another 3-year term to the ADI Board. Also, due to ADI's Bylaws, the NMSU Chief Financial Officer serves on the ADI Board. Angela Throneberry retired as NMSU's CFO effective July 31, 2017. Andrew Burke, in his capacity as NMSU's new CFO, will serve as an ADI Board Member.

Regent Mitchell moved for approval of the reappointment of Bill Sheriff and Tom Hutchinson and Regent Cheney seconded. Regent Hutchinson recused herself from voting. The motion passed with Chair Hicks, Regent Mitchell and Regent Cheney approving.

**E. Adjournment** – Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.