



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING April 9, 2018 at 10:00am**

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

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Debra Hicks, Vice Chair Kari Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer Jerean Hutchinson, Chris Saucedo, Margie Vela

Non-Voting Advisory Members - Faculty Senate Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.,

Employee Council Chair Adam Cavotta, ASNMSU President Kevin Prieto

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

MINUTES

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

A. **Call to Order** - Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

1. **Introductions - Introduction of the Media**, *Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

AVP Bannister introduced members of the media.

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

A quorum of regents was confirmed. Regents Hicks, Hutchinson, and Mitchell were present in the chamber. Regent Vela and Regent Saucedo were present via conference call.

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

Chair Hicks sought a motion to remove item B (approval of minutes) from the agenda. Regent Hutchinson moved for removal of item B and approval of the remainder of the agenda. Second by Regent Mitchell. Motion passed 5-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo, Vela).

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

There were no requests for public comment.

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

1. **Special Work Session Meeting of March 6, 2018**

2. **Regular Meeting of March 6, 2018**

3. **Special Meeting of April 6, 2018**

C. **Executive Session**. The Board of Regents may go into Closed Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of the State of New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 H(2) and NMSA 1978, Section 21-1-16.1 (2011) for the following limited personnel matter:

- Discussion of potential chancellor finalist candidates

1. Vote to close the meeting

Regent Mitchell moved to close the meeting and go into executive session. Second by Regent Hutchinson. Motion passed 5-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo, Vela).

2. Recess to executive session
Regents were in executive session until 11:13 am.
3. Vote to reopen the meeting
Regent Hutchinson moved to reopen the open meeting. Regent Mitchell seconded. Motion passed 4-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo). Regent Vella was not able to be reached via conference call.
4. Certify that only matters described above were discussed in closed executive session
Regents Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, and Saucedo certified that only matters related to the potential chancellor finalist were discussed. Regent Vella could not be reached via conference call.

D. Action Items, Chair Debra Hicks

1. NMSU System Chancellor Final Candidates Selection, Chair Debra Hicks

Chair Hicks announced that on Tuesday April 3rd the search committee presented their finalist to the board of regents. Today the board will announce five finalist candidates in accordance with New Mexico State statute 21-1-16.1.

The slate is (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Dan Arvizu - an NMSU alumnus and serves as senior advisor at Emerson Collective

Dr. Barbara Damron - currently serves as the Secretary of Education for the State of New Mexico

Dr. John Floros – currently serves as the Dean of the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University

Dr. Robert Marley – currently serves as the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Missouri University of Science and Technology

Dr. Brian Stevenson – currently serves as President and Vice Chancellor of Lakehead University in Thunder Bay Ontario.

The names will be published in the Albuquerque Journal and Las Cruces Sun News.

Regent Mitchell moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Second by Regent Hutchinson.

Regents Mitchell and Saucedo thanked the search committee for their work during this process.

Regent Hutchinson thanked the Chancellor and his leadership team and we are looking forward to building on our success. Chair Hicks noted that pre-employment verification is still ongoing.

Roll call voted called for by Chair Hicks. The motion passed 4-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo). Regent Vella was not able to be reached via conference call.

2. Sole Source Professional Services Contract - Subject Matter Best Practice Assessment, Chair Debra Hicks

Regent Mitchell described the consultation contract with Wheless Partners and is asking the board to approve the professional services sole source contact not to exceed \$60,000. Regent Hutchinson moved to approve the contract which authorizes Chair Hicks to work with NMSU procurement on the

contract with Wheless Partners and NMSU Procurement Services in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 in accordance with NMSU procurement policies and practices. Second by Regent Mitchell. Vote passed 4-0 (Hicks, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Saucedo). Regent Vella was not able to be reached via conference call.

E. Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks

1. Onsite Chancellor Candidate Interviews, Subcommittee Chair Kari Mitchell, Regent Jerean Hutchinson

Regent Mitchell thanked the members of the subcommittee for their work with the process. Monday April 23rd will be the first campus visit. Visits include a welcome on the first day and a full day of interviews and forums on the second day. Regents will interview candidates on the third day of their visit.

Feedback on the candidates (such as a survey) will be made available on the Chancellor's search Web site.

Chancellor Carruthers noted meetings with his leadership team which looked at budget, strategic planning, capital outlay (including athletics), athletic conference membership, Domenici Institute, legislative priorities, Advancement and Foundation, Aggie Development (such as Aggie Up Town), and Transforming NMSU into a 21st Century University in order to help prepare this information for the new chancellor. The team also met about the Mexico campus project, NMSU Online, differential tuition, and recruitment.

F. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks

1. "Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!

Regent Hutchinson congratulated Chancellor Carruthers for receiving the Citizen of the Year Award by the Chamber of Commerce. Regent Mitchell thanked the subcommittee for chancellor candidate visit preparation efforts.

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Brown noted an honorary degree for Christopher Burke who died suddenly before receiving his Masters degree. Noting an Aggie Memorial service that will occur on May 2nd at 1 PM, which is for all fallen Aggies, not just students.

2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings

Regular Meeting - Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 9:00am

G. Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks

Regent Mitchell moved to adjourn and Chair Hicks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Meeting Minutes Approved on September 5, 2018 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Debra P. Hicks
Board of Regents Chair



Jerean C. Hutchinson
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer