



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 18, 2025 at 1:30 PM**

ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 2nd Floor Rehearsal Hall and  
Livestreamed for public viewing at  
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**Regents of New Mexico State University**

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Deborah Romero, Secretary/Treasurer Christopher T. Saucedo, Marisol Olivas, Ricardo Gonzales

**Non-Voting Advisory Members** - ASNMSU President Wyatt Ziehe, Faculty Senate Chair Vimal Chaitanya, Ph.D., Employee Council Chair Donna Johnson

**University Officials** - President Valerio Ferme, Ph.D., Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi, Ph.D., General Counsel Lisa Henderson, J.D.

**AGENDA**

**A. Call to Order, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

**Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction of 4-H State Leadership and Department Head Jaime Castillo**

- 1. Welcome, College of Arts & Sciences Dean Enrico Pontelli**
- 2. Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister**
- 3. Introductions**
  - a) **Introduction of Dean of the College of Health, Education and Social Transformation Rick Marlatt, Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi**
  - b) **Introduction of Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications Abby Butler, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister**
  - c) **Introduction of Associate Vice President of Human Resources Bill Dial, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley**
  - d) **Introduction of Associate General Counsel Isaiah Herrera, General Counsel Lisa Henderson**
  - e) **Introduction of University Policy Officer Donna Ottaviano, General Counsel Lisa Henderson**
- 4. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Regular Meeting on May 8, 2025**
- 2. Work Session on May 9, 2025**
- 3. Special Meeting on June 6, 2025**

**C. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Sessions**

- 1. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session August 4, 2025 (1:30 PM)**
- 2. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session August 4, 2025 (3:30 PM)**
- 3. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session August 6, 2025**
- 4. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session August 18, 2025**

**D. Public Comment, *Chief of Staff Justin Bannister***

**E. Regent Committee Reports**

- 1. Real Estate Committee Report, *Regent Ammu Devasthali***
- 2. Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report, *Regent Deborah Romero***

**F. Advisory Member Reports**

- 1. Associated Students of NMSU Report, *President Wyatt Ziehe***
- 2. NMSU Faculty Senate Report, *Chair Vimal Chaitanya***
- 3. NMSU Employee Council Report, *Chair Donna Johnson***

**G. Affiliated Entity Reports**

- 1. NMSU Foundation Inc. Report, *CEO Sylvia Y. Acosta***
- 2. Arrowhead Center Inc. Report, *Interim CEO and President of Arrowhead Center Inc. Dana Catron***
- 3. Aggie Development Inc. Report, *CEO Scott Eschenbrenner***

H. **Consent Items**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

1. **Memorandum of Understanding for the DA Move Trail – Las Cruces Lateral next to the Convention Center**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
2. **Ground Lease Agreement – White Sands Federal Credit Union**, *ADI President Scott Eschenbrenner*
3. **Lease Agreement – United States Postal Service (USPS) at Corbett Center**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
4. **El Paso Electric Easement – Magdalena Peak**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
5. **El Paso Electric Easement – Arrowhead Park**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
6. **Appointment of Non-Position Directors to the Arrowhead Center, Inc. Board of Directors**, *Interim CEO and President Dana Catron*
7. **Arrowhead Center, Inc. Change to Corporate Bylaws**, *Interim CEO and President Dana Catron*
8. **Disposition/Deletion of Property**, *Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance, D’Anne Stuart*
9. **Golf Course Learning Center and Driving Range**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
10. **Biomedical Research Expansion**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
11. **Campus Wide Drainage Repairs**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
12. **Campus Wide Lighting Improvements**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
13. **Chemistry Building HVAC Renovations**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
14. **Zuhl Library 3rd Floor Flooring Replacement**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
15. **Jett Hall Structural Repairs**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
16. **Aggie Health & Wellness Flood Remediation**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
17. **Cole Village Demolition**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
18. **Softball Field Scoreboard Improvements**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
19. **Appointment of NMSU Representatives to the NMC Board of Directors**, *Chief of Staff Justin Bannister*

I. **Action Items**

1. **NMSU – Doña Ana Community College District Obligation (Limited Tax) Bonds, Series 2025**, *Chancellor of NMSU System Community Colleges Mónica Torres*
2. **FY 27 RPSP Requests and Other FY 27 Funding Requests**, *Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley*
3. **Mandatory Student Fees Restructure Proposal**, *Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley*

J. **Informational Items**

1. **None.**

K. **Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture) – *Deferred until the next Regular Meeting, Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte***

L. **NMSU Academic Report, *Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi***

M. **NMSU System Report, *President Valerio Ferme***

N. **Announcements and Comments, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali***

1. **Good News for NMSU!**

O. **Adjournment, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali***