



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM**

Educational Services Building, Regents Room
1780 E. University Avenue, Las Cruces, NM
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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 Carina Frisch, Faculty Senate Chair Kristian Finlator, Ph.D., Employee Council Chair Sonia A. White

University Officials - President Valerio Ferme, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Bull, Ph.D., Vice President for Administration and Finance Allen Bottorff, P.E., Ph.D., General Counsel Lisa Henderson, J.D.

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
 - A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. **Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials**, *Chief of Staff Justin Bannister*
 - C. **Introductions**
 - a) **Introduction of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Bull** *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
 - D. **Confirmation of Quorum**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
 - E. **Approval of the Agenda**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Special Meeting on July 2, 2026**
- III. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - A. **Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Adam Cavotta as Chief of Staff to the New Mexico State University Board of Regents**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- IV. **Regent Committee Reports**
 - A. **Audit and Risk Committee**, *Regent Ricardo Gonzales*
 - B. **Real Estate Committee**, *Regent Ammu Devasthali*
 - C. **Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report**, *Regent Deborah Romero*

V. **Advisory Member Reports**

- A. **Associated Students of NMSU Report**, *President Carina Frisch*
- B. **NMSU Faculty Senate Report**, *Chair Kristian Finlator*
- C. **NMSU Employee Council Report**, *Chair Sonia A. White*

VI. **Affiliated Entity Reports**

- A. **NMSU Foundation Inc. Report**, *Vice President of Philanthropic Giving and Alumni Relations Debra Marks*
- B. **Arrowhead Center Inc. Report**, *Interim Director & CEO Winnie (Yu-Feng) Lee*
- C. **Aggie Development Inc. Report**, *CEO Scott Eschenbrenner*

VII. **Consent Items**

- A. **Sunflower Center Access Easement and NMSU Access Easements**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
- B. **Aggie Development, Inc. Board of Directors Officer Appointments**, *CEO Scott Eschenbrenner*
- C. **Amendment to the Bylaws of Arrowhead Center, Inc. to Update Position Director Titles**, *Interim Director & CEO Winnie (Yu-Feng) Lee]*
- D. **Philanthropic naming of The Covarrubias Family Legacy Lobby located in the Expansion of O'Donnel Hall, 1st floor**, *Vice President of Philanthropic Giving and Alumni Relations Debra Marks*
- E. **Philanthropic naming of The Bradbury Stamm Commons in John Whitlock Hernandez Hall, room #114**, *Vice President of Philanthropic Giving and Alumni Relations Debra Marks*
- F. **NMSU Alamogordo Townsend & Pro Tech Exterior Improvements**, *Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
- G. **Agricultural Science Center Artesia – Residence Demolition and New Green House**, *Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
- H. **Agricultural Science Center Alcalde – Shop Demolitions and Lab**, *Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
- I. **Agricultural Science Center Leyendecker – Office Replacement**, *Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
- J. **Hadley Hall Reroof**, *Associate Vice President of Facilities and Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
- K. **Disposition and Deletion of Capital Property**, *Comptroller Ross Justus*
- L. **FY26 – Research and Public Service Projects**, *Vice President for Administration and Finance Allen Bottorff*

VIII. **Action Items**

- A. **None**

- IX. **Informational Items**
 - A. **Summary of Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU (ARP) for the period March 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026, University Policy Officer Donna Ottaviano**
- X. **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Report, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph Bull**
- XI. **Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- XII. **Announcements and Comments**
 - 1. **Good News for NMSU!**
- XIII. **Adjournment**