



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2025 at 2:00 PM**

Cholla Hall, Sound Stage
2400 Film Street on Arrowhead Park
and Livestreamed for public viewing at
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82240874731>

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

Posting of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance Led by NMSU Army ROTC

- 1. Welcome, Chancellor Mónica Torres**
- 2. Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister**
- 3. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

B. Awards and Recognitions

- 1. Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Employee Council Chair Donna Johnson, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

C. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Regular Meeting on September 15, 2025**

D. Regent Committee Reports

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

E. 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*

F. Consent Items, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

1. **Southwestern Public Service Company Right-of-Way (ROW) Easement – Rex E. Kirksey Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari, NM**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
2. **Confirmation of NMSU Spring 2026 Honorary Degree Recipient Selection**, *Regent Ammu Devasthali*
3. **Disposition and Deletion of Capital Property**, *University Controller Ross Justus*
4. **DACC Espina Welding Canopy**, *Interim AVP Facilities & Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
5. **Agricultural Experiment Station Statewide House Units**, *Interim AVP Facilities & Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
6. **Artesia Agricultural Science Center Office Replacement**, *Interim AVP Facilities & Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
7. **Farmington Agricultural Science Center Shop Replacement**, *Interim AVP Facilities & Services Scott Eschenbrenner*
8. **Appointment letter for the VP of Administration and Finance**, *General Counsel Lisa Henderson*
9. **Proposal to Establish the Board of Regents Governance Committee**, *Regent Ammu Devasthali*

G. Action Items

1. **Authorization for Conferral of Degrees and Certificates**, *Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi*
2. **Budget Adjustment Requests (BARs) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**, *Chief Budget Officer Kimberly Rumford*
3. **Housing Rate Increase AY 2026-2027**, *Interim VP Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley*
4. **Proposal to Lower the Minimum Cumulative GPA to 2.5 for Admission to NMSU**, *Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi*

H. Informational Items

1. **Summary of Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU (ARP) for the period September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025**, *University Policy Officer Donna Ottaviano*

I. Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture), *Secretary Jeff Witte*

J. NMSU Academic Report, *Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi, Dean Rick Marlatt*

K. NMSU System Report, *President Valerio Ferme*

L. Announcements and Comments, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

1. **Good News for NMSU!**

M. Adjournment, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*