



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 9, 2026, at 1:30 PM**

Wooton Hall, Room 105  
2995 Knox Street  
Las Cruces, NM 88003

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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 Sonia A. White

**University Officials** - President Valerio Ferme, Ph.D., Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi, Ph.D., Vice President for Administration and Finance Allen Bottorff, P.E., Ph.D., General Counsel Lisa Henderson, J.D.

**AGENDA**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- 1. Welcome, Nick Webb, USDA-ARS Jornada Experimental Range**
- 2. Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister**
- 3. Introductions**
  - a) Introduction of the newly elected chair of NMSU Employee Council, Sonia A. White, President Valerio Ferme**
- 4. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

**B. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Special Meeting on February 18, 2026**

**C. Regent Committee Reports**

- 1. Audit and Risk Committee Report, Regent Ricardo Gonzales**
  - a) 2024 2025 Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025, Lisa Todd (Baker Tilly)**
- 2. Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report, Regent Deborah Romero**
- 3. Student Success Committee Report, Regent Christopher Saucedo**

**D. 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 Sonia A. White*

**E. Affiliated Entity Reports**

1. **NMSU Foundation Inc. Report**, *NMSU Foundation CEO Sylvia Y. Acosta*
2. **Arrowhead Center Inc. Report**, *Interim Director & CEO Winnie (Yu-Feng) Lee*
3. **Aggie Development Inc. Report**, *CEO Scott Eschenbrenner*

**F. Public Comment**, *Associate Vice President Abby Butler*

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

1. **2026 Annual Open Meetings Notice Resolution**, *University General Counsel Lisa Henderson*
2. **Confirmation of DACC Spring 2026 Honorary Degree Recipient Selection**, *NMSU Community Colleges Chancellor Mónica Torres*
3. **City of Las Cruces Right of Way Easement - Natural Gas Pipeline**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
4. **El Paso Electric Easement – Office of Emergency Management Building**, *Special Assistant to the President Scott Eschenbrenner*
5. **DACC Electric Boilers Conversion**, *Interim Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
6. **Piñon Hall Roof Repair**, *Interim Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
7. **Disposition and Deletion of Capital Property**, *University Controller Ross Justus*
8. **Philanthropic naming of Motion Capture Lab located in Milton Hall, Room #189, the "Kevin Andrew Long Motion Capture Lab"**, *NMSU Foundation CEO Sylvia Y. Acosta*
9. **Philanthropic naming of Conference Room 253A in the Pan American Center, the "Shari Jones Conference Room"**, *NMSU Foundation CEO Sylvia Y. Acosta*

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

1. **Computational Social Science - Doctor of Philosophy**, *Rick Marlatt, David Ortiz Canseco*
2. **Artificial Intelligence Technician - Associate of Applied Science**, *Shannon Bradley, Jon Juarez*
3. **Anthropology Course Fee Request**, *Academic Department Head Lois Stanford, Assistant Professor Katie Richards*
4. **Election of Officers**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

I. **Informational Items, Chair**

1. **Summary of Revisions to the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU (ARP) for the period December 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026, University Policy Officer Donna Ottaviano**

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

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

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

M. **Announcements and Comments, Chair**

1. **Good News for NMSU!**

N. **Adjournment, Chair**