



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM**

Corbett Center Student Union, Senate Chambers  
NMSU Las Cruces, International Mall, Las Cruces, NM  
LIVESTREAMED AT <https://regents.nmsu.edu/regent-meetings/>

**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., 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. **Welcome**, *Bryan Ashenbaum, Dean of the NMSU College of Business*
  - C. **Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials**, *Chief of Staff Justin Bannister*
  - D. **Introductions**
    - a) **Introduction of incoming ASNMSU President Carina Frisch**,  
*ASNMSU President Wyatt Ziehe*
    - b) **Introduction of incoming Faculty Senate Chair Kristian Finlator**,  
*Faculty Senate Chair Vimal Chaitanya*
  - E. **Confirmation of Quorum**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
  - F. **Approval of the Agenda**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. **Regular Meeting on April 28, 2026**

**III. Awards and Recognitions**

- A. Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Vimal Chaitanya as Faculty Senate Chair,**  
*Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- B. Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Wyatt Ziehe as ASNMSU President,**  
*Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- C. Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Rolando Flores Galarza as ACES Dean,**  
*Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
- D. Proclamation Recognizing the Service of Sherry Kollmann as NMSU Global Chancellor,**  
*Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

**IV. Regent Committee Reports**

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

**V. Advisory Member Reports**

- A. Associated Students of NMSU Report,** *President Wyatt Ziehe*
- B. NMSU Faculty Senate Report,** *Chair Vimal Chaitanya*
- C. NMSU Employee Council Report,** *Chair Sonia A. White*

**VI. Affiliated Entity Reports**

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

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

VIII. **Consent Items**

- A. **Multipurpose Field and Band Tower Improvements**, *Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
- B. **Corbett Center HVAC Renovation**, *Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
- C. **Integrated Digital Enterprise Accelerator Lab**, *Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
- D. **Stadium Press Box Improvements**, *Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*
- E. **Disposition and Deletion of Capital Property**, *University Controller Ross Justus*
- F. **Appointment of Outside Director to the New Mexico Consortium Board of Directors**, *Chief of Staff Justin Bannister*
- G. **Resubmission of the Applied Artificial Intelligence - Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence (Online) Program Proposal**, *Associate Dean Joseph Lakey*
- H. **Board of Regents Staffing Changes**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*

IX. **Action Items**

- A. **Authorization for Conferral of Degrees and Certificates**, *Acting Provost R.T. James McAteer*
- B. **Capital Request for Fiscal Year 2028**, *Associate Vice President Scott Eschenbrenner*

X. **Informational Items**

- A. **Sunflower Community Center Project**, *Michael Bursum*

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

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

XIII. **Announcements and Comments**

- 1. **Good News for NMSU!**

XIV. **Adjournment**