



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 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**, Vice Chairwoman Deborah Romero
 - A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. **Introduction of Associate General Counsel, Dylan Villescas**, General Counsel Lisa Henderson
 - C. **Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials**, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister
 - D. **Confirmation of Quorum**, Vice Chairwoman Deborah Romero
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**, Vice Chairwoman Deborah Romero
- III. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Special Meeting on September 8, 2026**, Secretary/Treasurer Christopher Saucedo
- IV. **Awards and Recognitions**
 - A. **None**
- V. **Regent Committee Reports**
 - A. **Audit and Risk Committee**, Regent Ricardo Gonzales
 - B. **Student Success Committee**, Regent Christopher Saucedo
- VI. **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

VII. Affiliated Entity Reports

- A. NMSU Foundation Inc. Report, CEO Sylvia Acosta**

VIII. Public Comment

Public comment is provided so members of the community have an opportunity to give input to the Board of Regents. In compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, the board is prohibited from acting on any item that does not appear on the agenda, except in the case of an emergency. Consequently, topics for public comment will be limited to items that appear on the agenda. Everyone addressing the board is asked to state their name and to please keep their comments to 3 minutes. Speakers will be notified when 30 seconds remain. Please note that a maximum of 30 total minutes will be allotted for all of public comment to take place.

IX. Consent Items

- A. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Commercial Feeds Rule, Title 21, Chapter 18, Part 3 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.18.3 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- B. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Continuing Education Units for Pesticide Applicators Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 53 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.53 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- C. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Control of Wood Destroying Pests Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 51 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.51 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- D. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Japanese Beetle Exterior Quarantine Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 27 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.27 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- E. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the M-44 Capsules and the Livestock Protection Collar Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 57 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.57 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- F. Proposed Amendment of the Pesticides Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 50 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.50 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- G. Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Restricted-Use Pesticides Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 56 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.56 NMAC), Secretary Jeff Witte**
- H. Requests for amendment to RPM 18.00 and to adopt RPM 18.01, General Counsel Lisa Henderson**
- I. Request for Amendment to RPM 12.00 to conform with statutory changes, Vice President of Administration and Finance Allen Bottorff**

X. Action Items

- A. Wildlife Law Enforcement – Bachelor of Science in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology, Department Head Martha Desmond and Associate Professor Zachary Klein**
- B. Request for three supplemental funding sources for the Arrowhead Studio, Vice President of Administration and Finance Allen Bottorff, General Counsel Lisa Henderson, and Executive Director of Arrowhead Park Wayne Savage**
- C. Resolution Adopting the 2026 Doña Ana All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Assistant Vice President Andrew Bowen**

- XI. **Informational Items**
 - A. **None**
- XII. **NMSU System Report**, *President Valerio Ferme*
- XIII. **Provost Report**, *Provost Joseph Bull*
- XIV. **Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture)**, *Secretary Jeff Witte*
- XV. **Announcements and Comments**
 - 1. **Good News for NMSU!**
- XVI. **Adjournment**