



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2025 at 3:30 PM**

Jett Hall, CHME Student Commons, Room 178,
1040 South Horseshoe Drive
and Livestreamed for public viewing at
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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

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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, College of Engineering Interim Dean David Jauregui**
- 2. Introduction of the Media and Elected Officials, Chief of Staff Justin Bannister**
- 3. Introductions**
Introduction of Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services Jake Nevarez, Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley
- 4. Confirmation of Quorum, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

B. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Special Meeting (Work Session) on July 30, 2025**
- 2. Special Meeting (Work Session) on August 5, 2025 (2:00 PM)**
- 3. Special Meeting (Work Session) on August 5, 2025 (3:30 PM)**
- 4. Regular Meeting on August 18, 2025**

C. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Sessions

- 1. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session September 15, 2025**

D. Public Comment, Associate Vice President Abby Butler

E. **Regent Committee Reports**

1. **Audit and Risk Committee Report**, *Regent Ricardo Gonzales*
2. **Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Report**, *Regent Deborah Romero*
3. **Student Success Committee Report**, *Regent Christopher Saucedo*

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

1. **Atkinson Recital Hall Lighting Replacement**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
2. **Arrowhead Drive Multi-Use Path**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
3. **Baseball Field Turf Installation**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
4. **DACC Gadsden Campus Entrance Road**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
5. **New Domestic Well #11**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
6. **New Mexico Reforestation Center (Phase 1)**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
7. **NMSU Alamogordo Townsend Library Roof Replacement**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
8. **Women's Basketball Locker Room**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
9. **Women's Volleyball Locker Room**, *University Architect Berta Zubiarte*
10. **Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Egg Inspection Fees Rule, Title 21, Chapter 34, Part 7 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.34.7 NMAC)**, *Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte*
11. **Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Seed Standards Classification Rule, Title 21, Chapter 18, Part 4 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.18.4 NMAC)**, *Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte*
12. **Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Pesticide Rule, Title 21, Chapter 17, Part 50 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (21.17.50 NMAC)**, *Cabinet Secretary & Director Jeff Witte*
13. **Long Term Retention Incentive Arrangement Resolution**, *Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali*
14. **Memorandum of Understanding-AFSCME and NMSU**, *University General Counsel Lisa Henderson*
15. **Declining the request for NMSU to donate acreage located in Las Cruces on the east campus to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (the Museum)**, *University General Counsel Lisa Henderson*

G. **Action Items**

1. **Human Dimensions of Agriculture (Education, Extension, Communication, & Innovation) - Doctor of Philosophy**, *Academic Department Head Richie Roberts*
2. **Applied Artificial Intelligence - Master of Applied Artificial Intelligence (online)**, *Dean Enrico Pontelli*
3. **Wildlife and Fisheries Ecology - Doctor of Philosophy**, *Academic Department Head Martha Desmond*
4. **Chemistry Course Fee Requests**, *Operations Manager Lisa Osborne*
5. **Nursing Anesthesiology Program Fee Request**, *Academic Department Head Alexa Doig*
6. **Capital Funding Amendment Request**, *Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance Chris Kinsley*

H. Informational Items

1. None.

- I. Report from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to the Regents of New Mexico State University (Board of Agriculture), Deputy Director Les Owen**
- J. NMSU Academic Report, Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi**
- K. NMSU System Report, President Valerio Ferme**
- L. Announcements and Comments, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

1. Good News for NMSU!

- M. Adjournment, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**