



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM**

The online meeting will be Webcast at the following address: <https://regents.nmsu.edu/regent-meetings/>

**Regents of New Mexico State University**

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Christopher T. Saucedo, Secretary/Treasurer Garrett Moseley, Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Deborah Romero

**Non-Voting Advisory Members** - ASNMSU President Citlalli Benitez, Faculty Senate Chair Gaylene Fasenko, Ph.D., Employee Council Chair Susanne Berger

**University Officials** - Interim President Jay Gogue, Ph.D., Provost Alan Shoho, Ed.D., General Counsel Lisa Henderson, J.D.

**Minutes**

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

Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm.

**B. Confirmation of Quorum and Roll Call**

Role call was taken for members of the board:

- Regent Romero – Present
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Present
- Regent Moseley – Present
- Regent Saucedo – Present
- Regent Devasthali – Present

Roll was taken for members of the administration.

- President Gogue – Present
- Provost Shoho – Present
- General Counsel Henderson – Present
- Associate Vice President D’Anne Stuart – Present

Roll was taken for advisor members:

- President Benitez – Present

- Chair Fasenko – Present
- Chair Burger - Present

**C. Approval of the Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

Regent Moseley made a motion to approve the agenda and Regent Romero seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Regent Romero – Yes
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes
- Regent Moseley – Yes
- Regent Saucedo – Yes
- Regent Devasthali – Yes

With five votes in favor, the motion was passed to approve the agenda.

**D. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session on January 23, 2024, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

The Board of Regents met in closed executive session at 8 am on January 23, 2024, at Mabry Hall, located at the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Avenue in Santa Fe, NM.

The meeting was held to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the hiring of the New Mexico State University President and attendant matters concerning promotion, demotion, dismissal, and assignment or resignation of personnel pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 1015 1 subsection H.2.

Those members who are present, please certify that only matters of that nature were discussed.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Regent Romero – Yes
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes
- Regent Moseley – Yes
- Regent Saucedo – Yes
- Regent Devasthali – Yes

**E. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session on January 28, 2024, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

The Board of Regents met in a closed executive session at 9:30 am on January 28, 2024, at the Santa Fe County Extension Office at 3229 Rodeo Rd. in Santa Fe, NM.

The meeting was held to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the hiring of the New Mexico State University President and attendant matters concerning promotion, demotion, dismissal, and assignment or resignation of personnel pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 1015 1 subsection H.2.

Those members who are present, please certify that only matters of that nature were discussed.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Regent Romero – Yes
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes
- Regent Moseley – Yes
- Regent Saucedo – Yes
- Regent Devasthali – Yes

**F. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session on February 1, 2024, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

The Board of Regents met in an online closed executive session at 10:00 am on February 1, 2024.

The meeting was held to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the hiring of the New Mexico State University President and attendant matters concerning promotion, demotion, dismissal, and assignment or resignation of personnel pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 1015 1 subsection H.2.

Those members who are present, please certify that only matters of that nature were discussed.

A roll call vote was taken:

- Regent Romero – Yes
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes
- Regent Moseley – Yes
- Regent Saucedo – Yes
- Regent Devasthali – Yes

**G. Action Items**

**1. Selection of Finalists for President of New Mexico State University, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

A slate of 5 candidates for President of New Mexico State University to be named as finalists.

The name of the candidates in no particular order are:

Michael Galyean, Professor in the Department of Veterinary Sciences, Texas Tech University.

Wayne Jones, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of New Hampshire.

Austin Lane, Chancellor of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

John Volin, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Main.

Richard Williams, President of Utah Tech University.

Regent Devasthali moved to have the Board of Regents advance the slate of candidates as finalists

for the position of President at New Mexico State University. Regent Romero seconded the motion. Chief of Staff Adam Cavotta conducted a role call of the Regents. The votes cast were:

- Regent Romero – Yes
- Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes
- Regent Moseley – Yes
- Regent Saucedo – Yes
- Regent Devasthali – Yes

Regent Devasthali provided the following statement:

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the search committee for their efforts over the past few months to bring us this slate of candidates for consideration. In particular, I would like to thank our search committee chair, Mr. Ben Woods, for his efforts to lead this large and diverse committee through one of the most important processes that our institution undertakes. The committee has shown true Aggie spirit by selflessly committing themselves to serving the board through a careful review of the candidate pool and advising the board through this process.

The next phase of our search will include campus visits from each finalist, allowing opportunities for you to hear from the candidates directly about their vision for New Mexico State University. As soon as we have the schedule set for those visits and forums, we’ll post all those details on the presidential search website, and we’ll update our campus community, the public, and our stakeholders about the opportunity to participate in this next phase.

We look forward to getting to know each of the candidates and learning how they fit our vision for the next leader of the NMSU system. I hope you’ll join us for those candidate forums – whether in person or online – and share your thoughts as we make this incredibly important decision. Please note that additional information about presidential candidate visits will be provided on the president search website.”

## **H. Informational items**

### **1. Financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, Associate Vice President D'Anne Stuart**

Associate Vice President D'Anne Stuart introduced the presenter for the next item on the agenda, Lisa Todd with Moss Adams to provide an update on the 2023 Fiscal Year, Financial Statement Audit. She goes on to note that Moss Adams had presented to the Regent's Audit and Risk Committee in October and that was required by policy and fulfilled that requirement, as well as satisfied all reports required reporting with the State Auditor. Lisa Todd goes on to present the results of the audit (presentation incorporated for reference).

Regent Romero commented that she was impressed with the fact that there were not any audit findings for an organization as big as NMSU and that she feels that it is a testament to Ms. Stuart and Ross and their team.

I. **Adjournment, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali**

Regent Chacón-Reitzel made a motion to adjourn, Regent Mosely seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

**Meeting Minutes Approved on March 28, 2024 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.**



Ammu Devasthali  
Board of Regents Chair



Garrett Moseley  
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer