



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF  
REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING  
November 2, 2020 at 3:00pm**

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will hold a special meeting at 3:00pm on Monday, November 2, 2020. Due to the public health emergency issued by the Governor, the meeting will take place online via Zoom at <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/97114610633>.

**Regents of New Mexico State University**

Chair Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Vice Chair Ammu Devasthali, Secretary/Treasurer Luke Sanchez, Debra Hicks, Arsenio Romero

**University Officials** - Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor Ruth A. Johnston

**MINUTES**

A. **Call to Order**, *Chairwoman Dina Chacón-Reitzel*

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

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

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel asked Mr. Adam Cavotta to take the roll call.

Regent Romero – Present  
Regent Hicks – Present  
Regent Sanchez – Present  
Regent Devasthali – Present  
Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Present  
Chancellor Arvizu – Present  
Vice Chancellor Johnston – Present  
Quorum confirmed.

**2. Confirmation of Prior Closed Executive Session, November 2, 2020**

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel asked Mr. Cavotta to proceed with the confirmation of the prior Executive Session.

Mr. Cavotta reported that the Board of Regents met in a closed executive session at 8:00 AM on Monday, November 2, 2020 which was held virtually via Zoom. The closed executive session meeting was held to discuss the annual evaluation for Chancellor Arvizu as permitted under the

personnel matters exemption the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA Section 10-15-1, subsection (H)(2).

Board members certified that only matters of that nature were discussed by roll call vote.

Regent Romero – Yes  
Regent Hicks – Yes  
Regent Sanchez – Yes  
Regent Devasthali – Yes  
Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes

**B. Consent Items, Chairwoman Dina Chacón-Reitzel**

**1. Corona Ranch –Request for Sale of Minerals used for Wind Project, Special Assistant to the President, Scott Eschenbrenner**

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel reported that next on the agenda is the item on our Consent Agenda that was recently heard and recommend for approval by the Regents Real Estate Committee on Thursday, October 29. She entertained a motion on the consent agenda as presented.

Regent Hicks made a motion to remove that from Consent to allow for discussion. Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel entertained a second. Regent Devasthali seconded the motion. Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel asked Mr. Cavotta to proceed with the roll call vote. Mr. Cavotta proceeded.

Regent Romero – Yes  
Regent Hicks – Yes  
Regent Sanchez – Yes  
Regent Devasthali – Yes  
Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes  
Mr. Cavotta confirmed 5 votes in favor. The motion passed.

**C. Action Items, Chairwoman Dina Chacón-Reitzel**

**1. Corona Ranch –Request for Sale of Minerals used for Wind Project, Special Assistant to the President, Scott Eschenbrenner**

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel gave the floor to Regent Hicks if she had any questions. Regent Hicks stated that most of her questions were answered prior to seeing the lease itself and that was to make sure that we were being paid the equity price for a mineral lease and that the specific issues related to the pit. She thanked General Counsel Collins, Assistant General Counsel Field, for taking care of this that when a pit is closed oftentimes contractors that are mining the Caliche don't actually close it in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the NM State Land Office procedures and those have been covered in the lease. Regent Hicks noted that in the agenda, it stated, 'in support of the sale' and she requested clarification that it is a lease, not a sale. With that clarification noted, Regent Hicks moved to approve the item.

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel asked if anyone had any other questions. There were none. Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel entertained a second motion. Regent Romero seconded. Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel asked Mr. Cavotta to take the roll call vote. Mr. Cavotta proceeded.

Regent Romero – Yes

Regent Hicks – Yes

Regent Sanchez – Yes

Regent Devasthali – Yes

Regent Chacón-Reitzel – Yes

Mr. Cavotta confirmed 5 votes in favor. The motion passed.

**C. Adjournment, Chairwoman Dina Chacón-Reitzel**

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel entertained a motion to adjourn. Regent Hicks made a motion. Regent Romero seconded the motion.

Chairwoman Chacón-Reitzel adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.

**Meeting Minutes Approved on December 2, 2020 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.**



Dina Chacón-Reitzel  
Board of Regents Chair



Luke Sanchez  
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer