

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico  
November 2, 2017  
Roberts Room, Scholes Hall, Main Campus

Members present

Robert Doughty; Marron Lee; Brad Hosmer, Garrett Adcock; Tom Clifford; Suzanne Quillen, Alex O. Romero

*(Regents Clifford, Hosmer, and Quillen were present telephonically)*

Others in attendance

Members of Administration, Faculty, Staff, Students, the media, and others

CONFIRMATION OF PRIOR SPECIAL MEETINGS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Regents met in closed session on October 9, 10, 17, 23, 24 for the purpose of meeting with candidates for the position of President. The meetings were held on each day 2:45 PM to 4:45 PM in the Board Room of Hodgin Hall and again for a dinner meeting 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at University House. The matters discussed were limited to those specified in the notice and agenda for the meeting, and there were no matters upon which action was taken.

The Board of Regents also met in closed session on October 30, 2017 to discuss candidates for the position of President and to discuss a threatened litigation matter. All members were present in person. The meeting commenced at 9:04 AM; the location was Roberts Room of Scholes Hall and proceeded in closed session in the afternoon in Lettermen's Lounge at the Dreamstyle Arena; the meeting adjourned at 3:26 PM. The matters discussed were limited to those specified in the notice and agenda for the meeting, and there were no matters upon which action was taken.

CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Regent President Rob Doughty called the November 2, 2017 special meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was confirmed and the agenda was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to close the meeting to discuss candidates for the position of President as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA 1978

Regent Doughty asked for a motion to go into closed session. Regent Marron Lee motioned to close the meeting; Student Regent Garrett Adcock seconded; the motion passed unanimously; the meeting closed at 9:01 AM.

Vote to re-open the meeting

Student Regent Adcock motioned to open the meeting; Regent Brad Hosmer seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting opened at 9:10 AM. Regent Doughty confirmed that only candidates for the position of President as described in the meeting agenda were discussed in closed session and there was one item upon which the board took action:

**The motion to select Garnett Stokes as UNM's 22<sup>nd</sup> President passed by a unanimous roll call vote in favor of the motion (1<sup>st</sup> Lee; 2<sup>nd</sup> Romero).**

After the vote, Regent Doughty made the following comments:

"We are proud and honored to announce that Garnett Stokes has accepted the UNM Board of Regents' offer to become the 22nd president of The University of New Mexico. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express our gratitude to the entire presidential search committee and members of the campus community for their time and collective input in making this search a great success. It was evident throughout the process that Dr. Stokes' aspirations for UNM align with those of the Board of Regents and the many perspectives and voices of our university.

I also want to express, on behalf of the entire University community, our deep appreciation to Interim President Chaouki Abdallah for his dedicated work over the past ten months. He has served extremely well during this transitional period, and will remain interim president until February 28, 2018, before returning to his role of Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. This is a transformational time at UNM, and Dr. Stokes brings the experience, skills and vision that UNM needs in a President to drive UNM beyond just its potential. Dr. Stokes greatly impressed the campus community, as reflected in the resounding support the Board received for her selection. She

was hands down the consensus candidate. I am confident that with her passion for higher education and demonstrated leadership capabilities, she is the perfect fit to be President of UNM.

As we await welcoming Dr. Stokes to our community when she begins her Presidency on March 1, 2018, please consider how well our campus found a common connection across all its many components and constituencies, to choose our next leader. What we sought in the ideal candidate was someone who could bring us together. Dr. Stokes' appointment reflects the campus' dedication to finding a President who will deliver on UNM's commitment to student success and serving the citizens of New Mexico. Each of us defines all of us, and we have chosen Dr. Stokes to join us in defining UNM through her vision, passion, and direction. Together, we will we will shape the future of UNM."

Regent Hosmer commented there was a remarkable degree of agreement among all of the constituencies.

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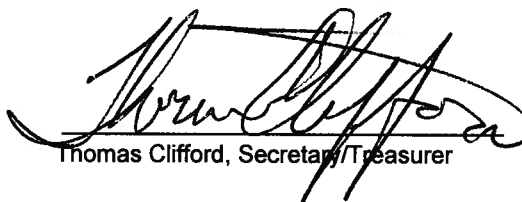
Regent Doughty asked for a motion to adjourn. Student Regent Adcock motioned to adjourn the meeting; Regent Lee seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Approved:



Robert M. Doughty III, President

Attest:



Thomas Clifford, Secretary/Treasurer