

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
February 14, 2023
9:00 AM Open Session-Student Union Building (SUB), Ballroom C
8:15 AM Executive Session and Executive Session-Luncheon
Cherry Silver Room, 3rd Level SUB
Open Session Livestreamed for public viewing

Members Present

Douglas M. Brown, Chair
Kim Sanchez Rael, Vice Chair
Sandra K. Begay, Secretary-Treasurer
Robert L. Schwartz
Randy Ko (virtual attendance)
William H. Payne (virtual attendance)
Jack L. Fortner (virtual attendance)

Administration Present

Garnett S. Stokes, President; James Holloway, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs; Teresa Costantinidis, EVP for Finance and Administration; Doug Ziedonis, EVP for Health Sciences and CEO of the Health System; Loretta Martinez, General Counsel; Susan Rhymer, Deputy Controller; Eric Scott, VP Student Affairs; Ellen Fisher, VP Research; Eddie Nunez, AD; Connie Beimer, VP Alumni Relations; Francie Cordova, Chief Compliance Officer; Joe Wrobel, HSC Chief Budget and Facilities Officer; Kevin Stevenson, Asst. VP HR; Terry Babbitt, President's Chief of Staff; Cinnamon Blair, Chief University Marketing and Communications Officer; deans and others

Advisors Present

Ian May, ASUNM President; Shaikh Ahmad, GPSA President; Amy Ortiz, Staff Council President; Amy Miller, Alumni Association Board President

Presenters

Lisa Todd, Moss Adams; John Kennedy, KPMG; Bridgette Noonan, Deputy Chief of Staff, President's Office; Kelly Ward, Director Business Operations, Lobo Development Corporation; Jeff Todd, Pres/CEO UNM Foundation; Kenny Stansbury, UNM Foundation CFO; Paul Cassidy, Investment Committee Chair, UNMF; Lisa Kuuttila, CEO & Chief Economic Development Officer, UNM Rainforest Innovations; Jason Strauss, President/CEO, Lobo Energy, Inc.; Jaime Silva-Steele, President & CEO SRMC; Robb McLean, President and CEO, UNMMG

CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Chairman Doug Brown called the meeting to order at 8:19 AM in the Cherry Silver Room on 3rd level of the SUB. A quorum was confirmed with 4 members present in person – Regents Doug Brown, Kim Rael, Sandra Begay and Rob Schwartz, and 2 members present virtually, via Zoom – Student Regent Randy Ko and Regent Jack Fortner. [Regent Bill Payne joined the meeting at 8:25 AM, virtually, via Zoom.]

VOTE TO ADOPT THE FULL MEETING AGENDA

- **The motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously (1st Begay; 2nd Rael).**

VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND PROCEED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The meeting closed at 8:20 AM. (1st Rael; 2nd Begay; roll call vote – all members voted yes)

The doors to the Cherry Silver Room were closed. The Executive Session agenda:

- Discussion of limited personnel matters as defined in and permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978)

VOTE TO RE-OPEN THE MEETING

(1st Begay; 2nd Schwartz; roll call vote; all members voted yes)
The meeting opened at 9:00 AM.

- o *The Regents proceeded to SUB Ballroom C for continuation of the meeting in Open Session; Regents Payne, Ko, and Fortner attended Open Session via Zoom.*

CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent President Doug Brown confirmed that closed session discussions were limited to the NM OMA exception described in the Executive Session Agenda and that there were no items the board needed to ratify in open session.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Regent Brown read aloud UNM's Land Acknowledgement Statement:

Founded in 1889, The University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache – since time immemorial, have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and also acknowledge our committed relationship to Indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS

- **The motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting, which included the minutes of four special meetings in executive session on October 22, November 19, December 3, and December 10, 2022, passed unanimously with all members present and voting (1st Payne; 2nd Fortner).**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Chavez, Albuquerque resident and parent, encouraged the Regents and administration to look into the BA/MD admissions criteria because he and other parents determined that program applicants may be considered based solely on ACT score. Mr. Chavez urged for changes to the process so that other admission criteria will be taken into consideration, like high school performance and outcomes of the interview process.

PRESIDENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The President reported on recent highlights and health items that are impacting students, employees and the community. Fall Commencement was Friday, December 16 and over 1,400 students were awarded degrees including Branch Campus graduates who earned their associate degrees: 51 at UNM-Gallup, 22 at UNM-Los Alamos, 11 at UNM-Taos, and 31 associate degrees were awarded to UNM-Valencia graduates. The Central Campus' commencement keynote speaker was alumna Cindy Nava who came to the U.S. as a child from Chihuahua, Mexico and grew up as an undocumented immigrant in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Ms. Nava is currently a White House Presidential Appointee and Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

UNM Day at the Roundhouse is now officially set for January 30 every year, thanks to the those who sponsored House Memorial 14 (Rep. Hochman-Vigil) and Senate Memorial 12 (Sens. Ortiz y Pino and Moores). UNM Day in the State's Capitol is an opportunity for UNM to showcase the many programs and services it supports – this year, over 30 colleges and departments were represented from all campuses. The UNM Alumni Association held its Annual Legislative reception which gives Lobos and legislators an additional opportunity to interact.

President Stokes delivered a briefing on legislative activities. At this stage of the legislative session, House Appropriations is working on HB2 to send to the House Floor and then over to the Senate and Senate Finance. The recommendations of the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) include 1% new money, 1% support for ERB and 5% compensation. The overall recommendation for I&G is just over a 3% increase, about \$22.95 million, because of added direct program funding for things like nursing and other health education. UNM's (Central Campus) portion of the I&G increase is about \$7 million.

Regarding funding for UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC), there is recognition of the need to support Health Sciences Center funding challenges, so there is a separate recommendation of nearly \$3 million of additional I&G funding for the HSC alone since the HSC is not in the new money funding formula calculation. The executive branch increased UNM HSC I&G by 2% (outside of the formula) and

recommended a special appropriation of a \$25 million endowment to support UNM School of Medicine Faculty. The legislature (LFC) included two “non-formula adjustments” that, rather than being distributed by the funding formula, earmark \$1 million in recurring funds for the UNM HSC salaries. The recommendations accepted by the House Appropriations and Finance Committee included a \$2.9 million I&G increase for HSC which is 30% more than central campus received—and approximately 30% more than any other higher education institution. The HSC went from being last in I&G increases in the higher education budget in 2022 to being first in 2023, performing well in both the executive and legislative recommendations. A Higher Education subcommittee of House Appropriations has recommended no major changes in large categories but has recommended adjustments to the Opportunity Scholarship that includes additional funding and limits to not allow usage of funds for first semester first time students as well as holding tuition and fees to FY23 levels.

President Stokes reported that in February, UNM is celebrating Black History Month in a number of venues including seminars, performances, and museum exhibits. Also in February, BeKind Week promotes random acts of kindness and support of the local community through such things as the Lobo Food Pantry and donation of stuffed animals to be used by the ABQ Police Department and ABQ Fire Rescue when they respond to situations involving children.

The President turned her focus to the current issue that the University is addressing, that of student mental health and wellbeing. Regarding work at Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) and support for student mental health, a lot of emphasis has been placed on the Clinical Load Index (CLI), and the SHAC leadership team concur that it is a valid metric to prioritize. The CLI is intended to provide a specific, reliable, and comparable distribution of scores that describes the landscape of staffing levels associated with particular clinical outcomes. The 2021-2022 CLI distribution represented 626 centers with CLI scores ranging from 21 to 291, and a mean of 106. The last reported CLI for UNM was 203. President Stokes outlined the institution’s need to hire more counselors, emphasizing that in-person care and staffing will remain a priority since many students prefer that model of care. She also noted that a key component to a sustainable, lower CLI is a virtual telehealth platform that can alleviate the in-person counseling load even if utilization numbers increase. Since it is acknowledged that a telehealth platform can substantially contribute to UNM’s service model for supporting students who need mental health care, UNM is pursuing an RFP because of the currently available options and exponential growth in the digital health industry. President Stokes discussed optimal telehealth service models and noted that some platforms offer medical telehealth which UNM would be very interested in utilizing.

President Stokes discussed administration’s consideration to lift the COVID-19 vaccination mandate that was initially issued August 5, 2021 based on recommendations of the UNM Health Protocols team. The result of the mandate was a very high rate of vaccination across all campuses. The college vaccine mandates likely reduced the total number of US death from the virus by 5%. The President explained that it’s the time of year to consider the vaccination requirement since new students are choosing where to attend and processes like housing, dining, orientation and registering are pending, and current students will have class registration processes beginning in a few weeks. Additionally, new employee recruiting and hiring is a continuous cycle but decisions must be made with effective dates.

UNM’s Health Protocols Committee has recommended that the administrative vaccine mandate be suspended based on the following rationale:

- Younger cohorts have very limited vulnerability to COVID infection and the presence of even a very slight possibility of side effects, particularly in young men, does not warrant requiring a vaccination. Instead, education about the vaccine is highly recommended, including a discussion with their health care provider about the benefit of vaccination;
- Much more information is known about the disease and how to effectively treat it;
- The vaccine has proven extremely effective at limiting illness and hospitalizations, but does not prevent infection and does not prevent the spread of infection. Vaccinated individuals do contract and transmit the virus;
- The latest iterations of the vaccines will always lag behind the ever-changing variants of the disease so prevention by vaccination is unlikely for the foreseeable future;
- Vaccinations unquestionably protected older and at-risk populations from more severe illness or death and should be highly recommended for these groups;
- N95 and KN95 masks provide extra protection from contracting the virus.

President Stokes emphasized the importance of remaining vigilant in protecting against the virus, adding that COVID-19 is not over; however, what was a pandemic phase has transitioned into a more manageable endemic phase in the state and across the country. The President reiterated that from the beginning of the pandemic, UNM has made decisions based on the science and it will continue that practice. Additionally, regardless of the path UNM pursues with the Administrative Mandate, the UNM Health and Health Sciences programs, including clinical areas, will continue to maintain COVID-19 vaccine requirements. The President stated that the institution will continue to strongly recommend that all Lobos remain up to date with the most recent vaccine or booster available as a barrier to serious illness. President Stokes announced that there would be a virtual forum in the coming day with medical experts who would discuss the latest scientific data and reasoning for lifting the mandate, the forum would provide also a Q&A time.

President Stokes announced that normally in her report she would highlight the high occupancy levels of UNM Hospital and thank the health care workers who have made sustained sacrifices to care for the sick and vulnerable; however, in this report, and with the help of UNM Hospital CEO Kate Becker, the President said she'd go a little deeper and focus on the Emergency Department (ED) and what they do every day, starting with some important facts:

- UNM's adult Emergency Room has 53 beds
- 58,000 patient visits in the adult Emergency Room last year
- 25% of adult patients were seen in the Emergency Department Resuscitation Unit (EDRU), where the sickest patients are treated
- UNM's pediatric Emergency Room has 12 beds
- There were 26,000 patient visits in the pediatric Emergency Room last year

The President discussed ways UNM has managed to create additional capacity to meet the high demand with such things as utilization of a disaster tent and the repurposing a decontamination area. She also talked about the high-pressure work involved at the ED and UNM's recognition of the human toll the pressure takes on the employees who work there. One of the ways to address this is UNM Hospital created a decompression room for the ED team, providing space to take a small break and recover. Additionally, there is close work with the Employee Well-Being Team to foster support for those who are caring for all those who need care. President Stokes expressed thanks to all of the ED workers and the ED leadership.

Finally, President Stokes referenced the next agenda item, administration's request for Regents' endorsement of the University Mission statement as required by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). UNM is scheduled to have its mid-cycle HLC review site visit on April 24th and 25th which will be a year 4 comprehensive evaluation in the 10-year accreditation process. HLC criterion for accreditation requires institutional adoption of a mission statement. The very first Core Component 1.A. states that "The institution's mission is articulated publicly and operationalized throughout the institution." An assumed practice of this criteria is to formally adopt the mission. Developing this mission statement was part of a nearly yearlong process involving focus groups, interviews and surveys that included responses from 1600 participants.

There are a lot of opinions and suggestions about critical elements of a mission statement but a couple of things that resonated were to "say more with less" recommending putting forth the most important description in about 40 words (ours is 38 words) and answer four questions with the content: What do we do? How do we do it? Whom do we do it for? What value are we bringing?

President Stokes introduced the UNM 2040 proposed mission statement and requested the Regents' endorsement. There was discussion (see below section)

REGENT COMMENTS

Regent Schwartz thanked President Stokes for her support in addressing how the University can best meet students' basic needs and mental health needs. Regarding lifting the vaccine mandate, Regent Schwartz inquired how administration came to its decision, and he requested a copy of the academic literature that was relied upon in making the decision. President Stokes said that townhall forum was planned so that those interested could hear from the experts and ask questions. Regent Schwartz inquired how the vulnerable can be protected and if any policy change would affect the clinical operation policies. President Stokes reiterated that the vaccination itself offers protection, and she confirmed that there will be no change to the current clinical operation vaccination policies.

Regent Brown inquired if UNM had checked with the state health department regarding listing the vaccine mandate. President Stokes replied in the affirmative.

Regents expressed heartfelt thanks to the UNM Hospital ED. Regent Begay spoke about the great care that her parents received at UNM Hospital when they needed it.

Regent Rael emphasized the importance of UNM doing everything it can to support students and also ensuring a safe campus.

Regent Fortner commended Eddie Nunez for his work as Athletic Director and thanked the UNM coaches, adding that they are class coaches because AD Nunez does his job.

Regent Begay noted upcoming events including the Alumni Awards Dinner and the Rainforest Innovations (RI) inventors of the year award event. Regent Begay added that she Chairs the RI board of directors and also the Alumni Association Spirit Committee and stated she enjoys being involved with UNM and supporting her alma mater.

Student Regent Ko thanked President Stokes for her support in the student mental health initiative. He stated that the traditional model is currently broken meeting students' needs when in crisis situations. Regent Ko affirmed his support for a telehealth platform and he echoed other Regents' comments on the importance of campus safety.

REGENTS' ENDORESEMENT OF THE UNM 2040: OPPORTUNITY DEFINED, MISSION STATEMENT

Proposed statement:

As the state's premier institution of higher learning and provider of health care, The University of New Mexico promotes discovery, generates intellectual and cultural contributions, honors academic values, and fosters an educated, healthy, and economically vigorous New Mexico.

Regent Schwartz said that of all the things that Regents do in their limited function, the mission statement is it, and yet the Regents were given few days to consider this, adding that he didn't know if it really captured what is unique about UNM. He emphasized that the Board's discussion of the vision and mission of the University is more important and would warrant a multi-day discussion. He said he was not so worried about the language but about the process and asked for there to be a hold on endorsing the statement so there could be more discussion from a Regent's perspective about why UNM is so special and what is its special relationship to the state.

Regent Begay said she would vote for the statement, because Regents had had enough time to consider it and give input - Regents saw it as early as at their 2021 retreat in Gallup and a Regent involved in the UNM2040 process. Regent Begay said she knew a lot of work had gone into the process and she did not discredit that.

Student Regent Ko inquired if the Regents were being asked to vote on both the vision and mission statements or just the mission statement. President Stokes responded that it was just the mission statement that administration was requesting Regents' endorsement of, adding that the original submission included the vision statement with the mission statement in order to give some context. The President further explained that the recent tweaks to the statement were not substantive, the wording was the same but put in a more active voice.

Teresa Costantinidis briefly discussed the UNM2040 process and confirmed that several months of effort was spent on just the mission statement.

Doug Ziedonis concurred that he felt it was a thorough process and the drafts were distributed to literally thousands of people much of which received very positive feedback.

Regent Payne said that he agreed with Regent Begay's statements the most but also agreed that Regents are not involved in a lot of the processes due so much being decentralized. He said that Regents can always revisit the mission statement and revise it if needed.

Regent Fortner concurred with Regent Payne and said he was ready to vote. Regent Ko asked if the HLC would have any issue with the process, that the statement did not go through the Regents' Governance Committee. Provost Holloway responded that the HLC would find the process that took place perfectly satisfactory.

Regent Rael commented that the mission statement can be front and center at the new regent orientation. Regent Brown agreed and added that the statement should be a living and breathing statement and he was open to revisiting it again.

Correction to
Minutes: motion
added
(approved at
the May 11,
2023 meeting)

- The motion to endorse the UNM 2040 Mission Statement passed with a vote of 6-1; Regents Payne, Brown, Begay, Rael, Ko, and Fortner voted for; Regent Schwartz voted against (1st Begay; 2nd Rael).

BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING DATES PROPOSAL - ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24 (information item)
Chairman Brown explained that the dates proposed for full board and regents' committees were for information only and would be up for a vote at the next meeting. Regent Ko proposed that quarterly meeting dates for Governance Committee be inserted into the schedule in place of TBDs. Regent Schwartz concurred, saying that it made sense to have regular, quarterly meetings of the committee, and he reiterated that the University's Mission Statement should be on the committee's agenda.

REGENTS COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSENT DOCKET*

1. Form C – AAS in Fire Science [UNM-Gallup]
2. Form C – AA Chicana/o Studies [UNM-Valencia]
3. Form C – AA English [UNM-Valencia]
4. Form C – New Graduate Certificate Maternal Child Health
5. Form C – New Graduate Certificate in Secondary Education with 7-12 Licensure
6. Appointment of Hengemeh Raissy to replace Richard Larson on the New Mexico Consortium Board of Directors
7. NM Higher Education Department, Institutional Finance Division, 2Q Financial Actions Report and Certification through December 31, 2022 (FY23 2Q Consolidated Financial Report included as information)
8. Construction Project Approvals:
 - a) Student Resident Center Commons Renovation, \$1,295,927.03
 - b) Taos Klauer Campus South Parking Lot, \$1,116,853
 - c) Bratton Hall – Forum Renovation, \$560,476
 - d) Farris Engineering Center–Computer Science Collaborative Space, \$499,998
 - e) 933 Brádbury Dr. SE – HVAC Replacement Project, \$496,000
 - f) New Mexico PBS KNME-TV – Chiller Addition, \$400,000
 - g) Chicana & Chicano Studies – Exterior Courtyard Improvements, \$394,863
9. Reappointments to UNM Rainforest Innovations Board of Directors

• Sandra K. Begay	• John Stichman	• Angela Wandinger-Ness
• Al Romig, Jr.	• Chuck Wellborn	
10. Appointments and Reappointments to the Harwood Foundation Governing Board

• Mary Gutierrez	• Vernon Lujan	• Dora Dillistone (reappt.)
• Sheree Livney	• Deborah Vincent	• Shawn Berman (reappt.)
11. Approval of Acquisition of Vacant Land for UNMH in the SW Mesa of Albuquerque
12. Approval of Capital Project: BBRP 6th Floor Reverse Osmosis System Upgrades (NTE \$750,000)
13. Approval of UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center: Phase III Radiation Oncology and GMP Laboratory Expansion Project

*Docket Note: Numbers 1-6 moved from Student Success, Teaching and Research [SSTAR] Committee; Numbers 7-10 moved from Finance & Facilities [F&F] Committee; Numbers 11-13 moved from Health Sciences Center Committee

- The motion to approve the consent docket passed unanimously (1st Schwartz; 2nd Payne).

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

UNM FY 21-22 Financial Statements External Audit Results Presentation (information item)

The external audit was approved by the Committee at its October 21, 2022 meeting and received subsequent approval by the NM State Auditor. Lisa Todd of Moss Adams and John Kennedy of KPMG

presented the external audit results. Ms. Todd explained the auditor's role and that Moss Adams was responsible for main campus and branch campus financial statement audits – Single Audit of Federal Expenditures – entity-wide – for all non-clinical component units and departments. The Moss Adams reports on consolidated financials and internal controls refer to clinical operations portions that are audited by KPMG. KPMG was responsible for auditing the clinical operations (UNM Hospital, UNM Behavioral Health Operations, UNM Medical Group, and SRMC). Originally, the NM Office of the State Auditor (OSA) was performing a joint venture and assisting Moss Adams with the Single Audit and other audit procedures, however, in June 2022, it withdrew from the engagement due to resource constraints. The audits were performed in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards, Government Auditing Standards, and NM State Auditor Rule 2.2.2 NMAC. Audits of federal grants were performed in accordance with OMB Uniform Guidance (Single Audit), and Ms. Todd outlined the major programs that were tested, including the R&D programs and the Education Stabilization Fund (HE Emergency Relief Fund), among others. Ms. Todd reported that overall the financial statements received an unmodified opinion, and also at the component level, the audit opinions were also unmodified, meaning that the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with US GAAP. Ms. Todd and Mr. Kennedy talked about some of the details of the audit findings, all of which were included in the annual audit report that is posted on the public website, <https://fsd.unm.edu/resources/audrep22.pdf>.

Regent Rael inquired what were the ramifications of the State Auditor's office not being able to do the agreed upon work. Ms. Todd Mr. Kennedy responded that it is elective on whether the OSA participates or not, and it's a cost carve out so does not alter the total cost of the audit. When the OSA could not do the work, Moss Adams and KPMG had to step in and find staffing to get the jobs done.

Regent Schwartz expressed appreciation for the work of the Audit and Compliance Committee and of the auditor's work.

Meeting Summary Report for the February 9, 2023 Committee Meeting (information item)

Regent Brown reported that the Committee heard and approved at its last meeting, two Clifton Larson Allen health system reports and were presented 3 HIPAA risk assessments reports on SHAC, HR, and the Early Childhood Services Center.

STUDENT SUCCESS, TEACHING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE [SSTAR] AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER COMMITTEE [HSCC]

Regent Rael noted that action items addressed in committee were placed on the consent docket, and so the next item would be an informational item that came through both committees, an update on student mental health efforts.

Student Mental Health Support Update (information item)

Provost Holloway presented the item and Bridgette Noonan was available to answer questions. Provost Holloway clarified that the report was somewhat of a recap to what was presented in committee, but with some updates since then. The Provost thanked Drs. Assata Zerai and Stephanie McIver, and VP for Student Affairs, Eric Scott, for their work and other's on the Comprehensive Mental Health Advisory Committee (CMHAC) which was assembled in July 2022 and continues to meet regularly. The committee devised initially an acute plan which involved determining more immediate steps that could be taken including hiring needed counselors, social workers, and other support staffing. The committee then focused on a more comprehensive phase, looking forward to address challenges in the long run. Provost addressed the specific hires that were outlined for the acute phase and he talked about UNM's case load index (CLI). There is the expectation to see a reduction in the CLI, from 203 to about 154. The estimate based on several factors, including hiring as well as redistributing the way work is done, for example hiring administrative support that would then free up time for clinicians to do clinical work. Provost Holloway discussed the other currently in place mental health and wellness resources at UNM (eg. Manzanita; Athletics; Women's Resource Center; AASS; CARS; CASAA; etc.) and explained that there is an effort underway to calculate a new CLI incorporating all of those resources. Provost discussed counseling services wait times, another important metric. Wait times from triage to assessment have been reduced to one week or less, and triage may be incorporated into an Urgent Crisis (UC) appointment. Another metric being tracked is fraction of students being served. Currently it's about 7%, but that number can be obscured if looking at only a single metric. Provost Holloway discussed Student Telehealth platform options. Mental health telehealth platforms connect students with counselors; some platforms also offer medical telehealth. UNM has reviewed multiple platforms that specialize in medical and mental health telehealth for university

students, and there is currently a collaborative effort underway with NMSU to develop a joint scope of work for an RFP. Execution of a contract is anticipated before the end of the spring semester. Provost discussed funding options which include consideration of a change to the student fee structure and a one-time funding request to the NM Legislature for new SHAC counselors and a pilot temporary housing program. A recurring funding stream for a telehealth platform has not yet been identified. Provost discussed collaborative efforts across campus, important partnerships with for example the Women's Resource Center and Department of Psychiatry, also including embedding clinician specialists in student residence life, housing and the School of Law. Provost discussed aspects of the comprehensive focus and spring 2023 priorities, including efforts to expand recognition of the importance of student engagement and strengthening of community ties to promote mental health.

"We must continue to recognize and prioritize the ways in which community ties and support systems influence and overlap with the mental health of individuals and the community at large. Strengthening student engagement, mentorship, and basic needs is both preventative for mental health challenges and creates touchpoints where earlier intervention opportunities can be implemented. Continuing to build capacity for a culturally responsive student experience can increase the sense of belonging and affirmation of students within our campus community leading to enhanced retention outcomes as well as mental health." Provost Holloway stood for questions.

Regent Schwartz requested that the CMHAC reports to regents start up again, emphasizing that administration and the regents need to work together on this. He inquired about the CLI estimated reduction to 154 and asked if there was a plan to move it closer to the median. Provost Holloway explained that UNM is looking at more than one metric, and he urged caution in over valuing just one metric for making choices. Regent Schwartz acknowledged that progress had been made but there was still a long way to go to providing adequate mental health care. He said he'd like to know how close they were to achieving what everyone would agree to is appropriate mental health care.

Regent Begay reminded the board that the Regents could consider utilizing the regents' endowment, funds that Regents control.

Student Regent Ko thanked the Provost for his presentation and asked if the committee would shift its focus more towards outreach and prevention and targeting some of the root causes of student stress? Provost responded yes, and explained that the committee's initial work was focused on the acute plan, but it's also charged with addressing the larger, comprehensive set of questions. For example, VP for Student Affairs, Eric Scott, serves on the committee because a huge piece of this can be what UNM does in terms of student life and student engagement. Regent Ko offered that some institutions hire chief wellness or well-being officers, and the HSC does something similar with counselors available to help students issues as a natural part of campus life. Regent Ko said he hoped UNM could further develop support and help students learn coping skills to avoid spiraling into crisis situation. Regent Ko added that he was also interested in exploring Regent Begay's idea to utilize regents' endowment funding. He also asked if alternative funding had been sought in lieu of raising student fees to fund increased student health and counseling support. Provost responded that a special funding request was made to the legislature with the hope that one-time funding could help bridge over a year to allow for more planning to build a recurring funding request and also seek out other sources of funding. There was discussion about what alternative sources of recurring funding might be for the mental health initiatives. Provost said that philanthropy is not a likely source for continuing and ongoing funds, which leaves state appropriations and tuition and fees as the current probable options.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Approval of Project Development Proposal and Agreement, UNM Owned Land at Yale Blvd. and Lomas Blvd.

Kelly Ward presented the item and Jeff Todd was also present to answer questions. Lobo Development Corporation (LDC) is seeking approval of the Project Development Proposal and Agreement for a multi-tenant, mixed-use building with anticipated office, retail, and food and beverage tenants on a site approximately .97 acres in size, located on Central Campus at the southeast corner of Yale Blvd and Lomas Blvd. The UNM Foundation will be the owner of the improvements and is expected to be the largest tenant of the new building. The Foundation currently resides in a UNM-owned building at 700 Lomas Blvd NE and it is seeking to relocate to a building more proximate to UNM and representative of the organization's stature and its role within and on behalf of UNM. In collaboration with the Foundation, the UNM Real Estate Department, and UNM Planning, Design & Construction, LDC has identified the parcel of land as an

appropriate location for the new home for the Foundation. UNM has commenced renovation of the former Naval Sciences (ROTC) building at 720 Yale Blvd and desires additional improvement in the area to create a gateway entrance to Main Campus. The proposed site and initial development concept would integrate with UNM's vision for the campus entrance and with the current expansion of the UNM Hospital, directly across, on the north side of Lomas Blvd. Any proposed development and corresponding agreements will be presented to the LDC Board and the Regents for approval.

The LDC Board approved the Agreement on December 8, 2022.

Regent Rael inquired about the anticipated funding streams for the project. Jeff Todd responded that the funding sources will primarily be philanthropic, adding that the Foundation see this as a Center for Philanthropy that will celebrate UNM donors. Regent Rael asked if the operation will be subject to the broader, UNM concessionaire contract constraints, or will the Foundation be able to bring in whatever generates the most revenue for the project? Mr. Ward responded that after initial conversations with the University, it appears as though an operator other than the current concessionaire could be brought in.

Regent Begay commended the proposal and said this was a similar setup to other larger higher education institutions and it was a natural fit to have a welcome center close to where the idea of philanthropy is planted from the get go, adding, "we need to do more to support philanthropy!"

Regent Schwartz said this had the potential to transform that part of UNM which is a primary crossing that separates the Health Sciences Center from the rest of the campus. He said he hoped the project development would take into consideration ways to overcome the Lomas divide to better connect the two campuses.

- **The motion to approve the project development proposal and agreement as presented passed by a unanimous vote (1st Payne; 2nd Rael).**

Approval of UNM Foundation Consolidated Investment Fund Investment Policy Amendment

Kenny Stansbury introduced the item; Paul Cassidy, the Foundation's Investment Committee Chair, presented details of the policy revision. The UNM Foundation (UNMF) Board of Trustees recommends approval of revisions to the Consolidated Investment Fund (CIF) Investment Policy. The recommendation adds an Environmental, Social and Governance section to the Policy, the new section was developed by the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Subcommittee of the UNMF Investment Committee. The ESG Subcommittee operated as a single purpose advisory committee to review and recommend revisions as deemed to be prudent to the "Responsible Investing" section of the CIF Policy. The subcommittee reviewed relevant ESG investing policies, best practices, fiduciary responsibility requirements, and stakeholder input. Based on review, the subcommittee developed recommendations consistent with the duties and obligations set forth in statute and Uniform Prudent Investor Acts. The revised CIF Policy also includes other policy changes developed by the CIF Investment advisors (NEPC), the Investment Committee Chair and UNMF CFO, and shared with the Investment Committee at the August 2022 meeting. Mr. Cassidy gave a brief overview of the rationale for the changes. At the conclusion of the review, the ESG Subcommittee reviewed UNM stakeholder written feedback about the policy language and finalized a policy recommendation after considering stakeholder feedback. Mr. Cassidy thanked Regent Schwartz and Teresa Costantinidis for serving on the investment policy ESG subcommittee.

Regent Schwartz thanked the Foundation for its work on the amendments and he commended the Foundation on the very thoughtful process.

Regent Rael thanked Paul Cassidy for his service.

VOTE TO RECESS THE BOARD OF REGENTS TO HOLD THE 'MEETING OF THE MEMBER' FOR RAINFOREST INNOVATIONS; LOBO ENERGY, INC.; LOBO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; UNM SANDOVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INCL.; AND UNM MEDICAL GROUP, INC. (1st Begay; 2nd Schwartz; roll call vote – all members voted yes) The Board of Regents went into recess at 11:25 AM.

- *Regent Chair Brown called for a 10-Minute break*

MEETING OF THE MEMBER – UNM RAINFOREST INNOVATIONS (RI)

Vote to Convene the Meeting of the Member (1st Rael; 2nd Begay; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting convened at 11:35 AM.

Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Annual Report and Annual Audit

It was acknowledged that Lisa Kuuttila presented her report to F&F Committee. The regents thanked Ms. Kuuttila and congratulated her on a great report.

- **The motion to accept the FY 2021-22 annual report and audit report passed with a unanimous vote in favor (1st Schwartz; 2nd Rael).**

Vote to adjourn (1st Schwartz; 2nd Payne; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

MEETING OF THE MEMBER – LOBO ENERGY, INC. (LEI)

Vote to Convene the Meeting of the Member (1st Rael; 2nd Payne; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting convened at 11:38 AM.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Meeting and Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Annual Audit
It was acknowledged that Jason Strauss presented his report to F&F Committee. Regent Brown recognized Mr. Strauss for doing such a great job!

- **The motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and accept the FY 2021-22 audit report passed with a unanimous vote in favor (1st Begay; 2nd Rael).**

Vote to adjourn (1st Rael; 2nd Payne; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

MEETING OF THE MEMBER – LOBO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC)

Vote to Convene the Meeting of the Member (1st Payne; 2nd Rael; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting convened at 11:40 AM.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2022 Meeting and Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Annual Audit
It was acknowledged that Kelly Ward presented his report to F&F Committee. Regent Brown thanked Teresa Costantinidis and Mr. Ward for their good work.

- **The motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and accept the FY 2021-22 audit report passed with a unanimous vote in favor (1st Brown; 2nd Rael).**

Vote to adjourn (1st Payne; 2nd Schwartz; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting adjourned at 11:41 AM.

MEETING OF THE MEMBER – UNM SANDOVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. (SRMC)

Vote to Convene the Meeting of the Member (1st Rael; 2nd Begay; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting convened at 11:41 AM.

Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Annual Report and Audited Financials

It was acknowledged that Jamie Silva-Steele, President and CEO of SRMC presented her report to the Health Sciences Center Committee. Regent Brown thanked Ms. Silva-Steele for all of her good work.

- **The motion to accept the SRMC FY 2021-22 annual report and audit report passed with a unanimous vote in favor (1st Schwartz; 2nd Rael).**

Vote to adjourn (1st Schwartz; 2nd Begay; all Regents voted yes)
The meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

MEETING OF THE MEMBER – UNM MEDICAL GROUP, INC. (UNMMG)

Vote to Convene the Meeting of the Member (1st Begay; 2nd Schwartz; all Regents voted yes)

The meeting convened at 11:42 AM.

Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Annual Report and Audited Financials

It was acknowledged that Robb McLean, President and CEO of the UNM Medical Group presented his report to the Health Sciences Center Committee. Regent Brown thanked Dr. McLean for his report and for all the Medical Group does for New Mexicans.

- **The motion to accept the UNMMG FY 2021-22 annual report and audit report passed with a unanimous vote in favor (1st Rael; 2nd Begay).**

Vote to adjourn (1st Rael; 2nd Begay; all Regents voted yes)

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.

VOTE TO RECONVENE THE BOARD OF REGENTS (1st Rael; 2nd Schwartz; unanimous in favor)

The Board of Regents reconvened at 11:43 AM.

ADVISORS' COMMENTS

Shaikh Ahmad, GPSA President, said that he welcomed the exploration and potential addition of a telehealth platform, and he thanked the President Office for reaching out to involve the GPSA Office in the process. Mr. Ahmad said he recognized the significance of the vaccine mandate revocation and he urged administration to back up any decision with proper research. He spoke about the prospective increase in student fees to support the SHAC, it will be almost a 40% increase!

Ian May, ASUNM President, reported that ASUNM is partnering with UTEP and NMSU to address humanitarian issues near the border; he gave a shout out to the Government Relations Office for the work they are doing during the session; the ASUNM supported music festival is coming back; Mr. May praised the Regents and UNM leadership for supporting research into a telehealth platform and also meeting students' basic needs.

Amy Ortiz, Staff Council President, reported on the many things that the Council has been involved in, including UNM Day, Be Kind Week, the Staff as Students annual fair in April and planning Staff Appreciation Week in late spring. President Ortiz thanked the Regents and administration for aggressively addressing gaps in mental health access and offered a reminder that staff can and do support students in every way possible, and so for them to do it optimally, staff need adequate resources as well to meet their health needs.

Amy Miller, Alumni Association Board President, spoke about upcoming events, including the Alumni Awards Ceremony, Black Alumni Chapter Awards, and the Mountain West Basketball Tournament in Las Vegas; prior events including the 10th anniversary celebration of Lobo Living Room and the Alumni Lobos for Legislation Reception at the culmination of UNM Day in Santa Fe.

Alfred Mathewson, Retiree Association President, reported on a very active Association that has been involved in ERB benefits research and found ERB benefits are lower than PRA benefits, and it found gender disparity since the lower benefits are attributed to mostly women. The Association is also studying states that have statutory triggers for infusions into their pension funds when those states have a surplus, with the intention of possibly making a proposal for New Mexico to do the same.

VOTE TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND PROCEED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)

Regent Begay motioned to close the meeting; Regent Rael seconded; all Regents voted in favor; the meeting closed at 12:03 PM.

The Regents proceeded to the Cherry Silver Room on 3rd Floor of the SUB. Regents Fortner, Payne, and Ko joined the closed session via Zoom. Following are the Open Meetings Act exceptions stated for the closed session:

- Discussions subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(7), NMSA (1978);
- Discussion of strategic and long range business plans of public hospitals, as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(9), NMSA (1978);

- Discussions of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining and collective bargaining between a policymaking body and an employee bargaining unit, as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(5), NMSA (1978).

VOTE TO RE-OPEN THE MEETING AND CERTIFICATION THAT ONLY THOSE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION, AND FINAL ACTION WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN MATTERS WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION, IF NECESSARY

The meeting re-opened at 1:24 PM. (1ST Begay; 2nd Rael)

The doors to the Cherry Silver Room were opened. Regent Brown certified that the closed session discussion was limited only to the matters described in the Executive Session agenda and he confirmed there were no items slated for ratification.

ADJOURN


There being no further business, Regent Brown asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Regent Begay motioned; Regent Payne seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Approved:

Attest:



 Chair of the Board Kim Rael



 Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer Rob Schwartz