

Minutes of the Statutorily Required Meeting of
The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
March 13, 2023
9:00 AM Open Session-Student Union Building (SUB), Ballroom C
Livestreamed for public viewing

Members Present

Kim Sanchez Rael, Chair; Jack L. Fortner, Vice Chair; Robert L. Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer; Randy Ko; William H. Payne; Paula Tackett; Paul Blanchard (virtual)

Recent Past Members Present

Douglas M. Brown (virtual); Sandra K. Begay (virtual)

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; Ellen Fisher, VP Research; Eddie Nunez, AD; Connie Beimer, VP Alumni Relations; Francie Cordova, Chief Compliance 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

Shaikh Ahmad, GPSA President; Amie Ortiz, Staff Council President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Past Regent Douglas M. Brown said it was an honor and pleasure to serve the University and talked about the Board's accomplishments in supporting the University's President and achieving much-needed stability at the institution. Doug welcomed new Regents Paula Tackett and Paul Blanchard onto the Board, and he turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Rael to conduct the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Vice Chair Kim Sanchez Rael called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM and confirmed a quorum of members present with Regents Schwartz, Ko, Fortner, Payne and Tackett present in person. Regent Paul Blanchard was able to join the meeting telephonically via zoom at 9:16 AM.

Regent Rael said that there would be comments from Regents at the end of the meeting, during which time she hoped everyone would be able to hear comments from Doug Brown and Sandra Begay, adding that a more formal venue was being planned to express gratitude to the outgoing regents.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Regent Rael asked Recent Past Regent Sandra Begay to honor the Board by reading the Land Acknowledgement Statement:

Land Acknowledgement Statement of the University of New Mexico

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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously with six Regents present and voting (1st Fortner; 2nd Payne).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

The motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2023 regular meeting passed unanimously with six members present and voting (1st Fortner; 2nd Ko).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Rael explained that the meeting date is designated by statute, the second Monday in March for the Board to elect officers, and the date usually falls during Spring Break when many faculty and students are away. With that, the agenda is kept brief so that more substantive matters can be addressed when people are not away on break. Regent Rael requested nominations for officer positions.

Regent Jack Fortner nominated Kim Rael to be Chair of the Board; Regent Paula Tackett seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Regent Rael asked for a vote on the nomination; all voted in favor.

Regent Rael nominated Jack Fortner for Vice Chair of the Board; Regent Schwartz seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Regent Rael asked for a vote on the nomination; all voted in favor.

Regent Jack Fortner nominated Rob Schwartz for Secretary-Treasurer; Student Regent Ko seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Regent Rael asked for a vote on the nomination; all members voted in favor.

[NMSA 1978, § 21-7-5 (Election of Officers); also, Regents' Policy Manual Sect.1.2]

OTHER BUSINESS

Reaffirmation of Regents' Policy 1.3, "Public Notice of Regents' Meetings"

The New Mexico Open Meetings Act requires that the public body determine at least annually in a public meeting what notice for a public meeting is reasonable when applied to that body. Regent Rael asked for a motion to reaffirm Regents' Policy 1.3 that addresses notice of meetings.

- The motion to reaffirm Regents' Policy 1.3 passed unanimously with six Regents present and voting (1st Fortner; 2nd Schwartz).

[NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1 et seq. ("Open Meetings Act")]

Adoption of Regents' Meeting Schedule for the 2023-34 Academic Year

Regent Rael recommended that the Board adopt the meeting dates as an administrative matter, but she clarified that since there were new members on the Board who had not had a chance to review the dates, more time was needed for review and any revisions would be approved at a subsequent meeting.

- The motion to adopt the proposed 2023-24 meeting schedule as an administrative matter passed unanimously with six Regents present and voting (1st Fortner; 2nd Ko).

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Stokes thanked Regent Chair Rael and welcomed the new Regents on the Board. Regents are a crucial part of the institution, and she thanked the Regents for their time and talents invested in the University to ensure it stays on track for serving as the University for New Mexico. President Stokes introduced several members of the leadership team, including her Chief of Staff, Terry Babbitt; General Counsel, Loretta Martinez; Director of Internal Audit, Victor Griego; Director of Compliance, Francie Cordova; Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs, James Holloway; EVP for Finance and Administration, Teresa Costantinidis; EVP for Health Sciences and CEO of the Health System, Doug Ziedonis; VP for Equity and Inclusion, Assata Zerai; and VP and Directory of Athletics, Eddie Nunez.

The President stressed the importance of what the Compliance Office and the Internal Audit Office do as being crucial to ensuring the integrity of the University. The Regents' Audit and Compliance Committee encompasses these two critical areas addressing oversight of the University, and Regent orientation sessions will cover these topics.

President Stokes introduced other key administrators, Kevin Stevenson, Asst. VP HR, Connie Beimer, VP Alumni Relations, and Ellen Fisher, VP for Research.

President Stokes introduced the Regents' Advisors, all of whom reflect important constituents of the University. President Stokes introduced those Advisors present, Amie Ortiz Staff Council President and Shaikh Ahmad GPSA President. Other Advisors, some of whom could not attend the meeting due to Spring Break, are, Faculty Senate President, Finnie Coleman; ASUNM President, Ian May; President of the Alumni Association, Amy Miller; Retiree Association President, Alfred Mathewson; UNM Foundation Board Chair, Ryan Mummert, and Parent and Family Association Chair, Heather Bratton.

"These are all members of the team. We all work together for, what I like to call, The University for New Mexico. We have been making a lot of strides in the last few years and are really excited about this new chapter in the Board and really looking forward to working with you. So, thank you so much, I appreciate the time."

Regent Rael thanked President Stokes for her comments.

Regent Rael announced that Regent Paul Blanchard was joining the meeting by phone.

COMMENTS FROM REGENTS

Regent Rael asked Doug Brown if he wanted to make any comments. Outgoing Regent Brown congratulated the new Board officers and for continuing to make excellent contribution to the school. Serving on the Board is a wonderful opportunity to work together, and he thanked UNM staff for the behind the scenes efforts to ensure the meetings always run smoothly and efficiently.

Regent Rael asked Sandra Begay if she wanted to make any comments. Outgoing Regent Begay said that it had been a great 10 years as a Regent (in an earlier term during 2000-2006 and the recent term) and expressed gratitude for all of the people she had the pleasure of working with, and specifically thanked the faculty, staff, students and administration for being such a wonderful group where "we didn't have issues that other universities have dealt with. Everyone has treated me so well, so thank you, I enjoyed the role".

All of the Regents expressed thanks and gratitude to outgoing Regents Brown and Begay for their remarkable service, selfless contributions to UNM, and for their enduring friendship. Regent Payne added that the Regents are all really a team pulling in the same direction, and with administration, everyone has the same goals and will do everything possible to support the University to make sure it continues with the wonderful things that are going on here.

Regent Rael asked new Regents Paula Tackett and Paul Blanchard if they wished to give comments. Regent Tackett said she was sorry that Doug and Sandra won't be on the Board as they have both done amazing things for the University. Regent Tackett said she was honored and excited and looked forward to working with everyone, adding that she couldn't believe how bit the University has gotten since she was a graduate here.

Regent Blanchard said he was excited and looked forward to contributing and to aiding the University in any way possible. "I agree that this is a team effort. We need to use our collective talents and skills to move the University forward. Times are different and challenging at the university level across the country. And I think with the idea that we can work together, strive for an institution that I greatly love. And I know that the rest of you [think that] as well. We will be successful and we will move the University forward."

Regent Kim Sanchez Rael's comments:

"Thank you, Regent Blanchard. From my comments, I do want to share my gratitude to Regent Brown and Regent Begay for their service. I want to echo the comments that have been made and I'm not letting either of you off the hook in terms of service to this wonderful institution that I know you love. You will be called upon probably more than you'd like to continue service. And I know Sandra will continue in a formal role on the Rainforest Innovations Board and as Chair of that Board. So we appreciate your ongoing service - very, very important institution here, Regent Begay! And welcome Paula and Paul. Very excited to work with both of you. I had the honor to serve with Regent Blanchard on the State Board of Finance many years ago. We've done the board journey together. And Paula, it's a real honor to have you here with us, so I appreciate you accepting the call. And I will add one other thing. I was certainly touched and honored when I was first appointed to this Board four years ago by our Governor. I had actually had a longstanding interest in being on the Board of Regents because I know how transformational higher education is for people's lives. And I also, I believe 100% that the University of New Mexico, the University for New Mexico, which I love that language, is the single most important institution in the State of New Mexico, bar none. The impact that we have on education, on growing our educators, on health care, on growing our health care workforce, on economic development, on growing the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators - we touch everything at this institution, and I Love New Mexico. I Love New Mexico! And I was reflecting on today and I was tearing up, I was taking a page out of Sandra's book, and I appreciate her sincerity and her rawness with sharing her emotions with this board when there's something big going on. I was tearing up because I was thinking about myself as a little kid growing up in Los Ojos, New Mexico. And then we move to the big city of Raton, New Mexico for junior high, and I literally thought, not a joke, that that was the city because they had more than one stoplight. Chama had one stoplight at the time and we lived in a suburb of Chama. But that little kid could have never dreamed to be honored to play a leadership role in the most important institution in the state. That blows me away. And the reason I'm here is because of education - because of higher education. And I am humbled and honored and I care deeply, I care deeply about what we do here. And I hope all of you know that my decisions, my actions will always come

from that place. So, thank you. With that, I think we would take a motion for adjournment.”

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Regent Rael asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Regent Fortner motioned; Regent Ko seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Approved:

Attest:



Kim Sanchez Rael, Chair



Robert L. Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer