

Minutes of the Special Meeting of
The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
January 17, 2025
3:00 PM
Via Zoom

Members Present

Paul Blanchard
Jack Fortner, Vice Chair
William H. Payne
Kim Sanchez Rael, Chair
Victor Reyes
Robert L. Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer
Paula Tackett

Administration Present

Garnett S. Stokes, President; James Holloway, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs; Kevin Stevenson, VP HR; Terry Babbitt, President's Chief of Staff; Scot Sauder, General Counsel

Advisors Present

Cris Elder, Faculty Senate, President

Presenters

None

CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Regent Chair Kim Sanchez Rael called the virtual meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

VOTE TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

- **The motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously with six regents present and voting (1st Schwartz; 2nd Payne).**

Land Acknowledgement Statement of the University of New Mexico

Regent Rael affirmed UNM's Land Acknowledgement Statement by reading it aloud:

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.

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

(1st Reyes; 2nd Tackett; roll call vote – all members voted yes)

The meeting closed at 3:04 PM.

Executive Session agenda:

- Discussions 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 Schwartz; 2nd Tackett; roll call vote – all members voted yes)

The meeting re-opened at 3:25 PM.

CONVENE OPEN SESSION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Regent Rael convened open session 3:25 PM and certified that the Board's closed session discussions were limited only to items on the morning executive session agenda.

VOTE TO APPROVE WAIVER WITH RESPECT TO REQUIREMENTS OF REGENTS' POLICY 3.3

- **The motion to approve waiver with respect to requirements of regents' policy 3.3 passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0 (1st Schwartz; 2nd Tackett).**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Regent Payne motioned to adjourn the meeting, Regent Reyes seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.

Approved:

Attest:



Jack Fortner, Acting Chair



Victor Reyes
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes originated and finalized by Emily Morelli