

Minutes of the Statutorily Required Meeting of  
The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico  
March 10, 2025  
9:00 AM Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Livestreamed for public viewing

**Members Present Virtually**

Jack Fortner, Acting Chair; Victor Reyes, Acting Secretary-Treasurer; Bill Payne; Paula Tackett; Paul Blanchard; Patti Williams; Christina Campos.

**Administration Present**

Holloway, Provost and EVP for Academic Affairs; Teresa Costantinidis, EVP for Finance and Administration; Daniel Jones, General Counsel; Ari Vasquez, Deputy General Counsel; Scot Sauder, Deputy General Counsel.

**CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM**

Acting Chair Fortner called the meeting to order at 9:11 AM and confirmed a quorum of members present with Regents Tackett, Reyes, Fortner, Payne, Williams, and Campos all present virtually on Zoom Webinar.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Regent Fortner read 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 seven Regents present and voting (1<sup>ST</sup> Tackett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Blanchard).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Acting Chair Fortner explained that under Robert's Rules, he would ask for nominations, close nominations, and then vote in the order of president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer.

Jack Fortner nominated Paul Blanchard and asked for further nominations. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to close nominations. Regent Reyes made the motion and Regent Campos seconded.

Regent Payne stated that before closing nominations he wanted to explain that he was electing to abstain from voting on any officers at this point because he was not contacted by any of the nominees, with the exception of one, about any upcoming concerns or issues he might have. He expressed the desire to have an executive session soon to discuss important issues for the University and particularly for the board.

With no further discussion, the motion to close passed 6-0-1, with Regent Payne abstaining. University Counsel Jones requested that Regent Fortner conduct a roll call vote per policy. A roll call vote was taken with Regents Williams, Reyes, Tackett, Campos, Blanchard, and Fortner voting yes, and Regent Payne abstaining.

Regent Fortner then requested nominations for the vice president. Regent Tackett nominated Victor Reyes. Regent Blanchard seconded the nomination. Regent Fortner requested additional nominations; hearing none, he asked for a motion to close nominations. Regent Campos made the motion and Regent Williams seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Regent Payne abstaining. Regent Fortner conducted a roll call vote with Regents Williams, Reyes, Tackett, Campos, Blanchard and Fortner voting yes and Regent Payne abstaining.

Regent Fortner request nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Regent Williams nominated Paula Tackett, and Regent Reyes seconded the motion. Regent Fortner requested additional nominations. Hearing none, he requested a vote to close nominations. Regent Campos motioned to close nominations and Regent Blanchard seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Regent Payne abstaining. Regent Fortner conducted a roll call vote with Regents Williams, Tackett, Campos, Blanchard and Fortner voting yes, and Regent Payne abstaining.

#### **COMMENTS**


Regent Williams expressed agreement with Regent Payne that communications within the regents, without creating a rolling quorum, is an excellent way for her to start her tenure with the board. She stated that she looked forward to working with everyone on the board to make important decisions facing the University.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Regent Fortner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Regent Campos motioned; Regent Reyes seconded. Regent Fortner conducted a roll call vote. Regents Williams, Reyes, Tackett, Payne, Campos, Blanchard and Fortner were unanimously in favor (7-0); the meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Approved:

Attest:

  
Paul Blanchard, Chair  
Paula Tackett, Secretary-Treasurer