

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
 October 3, 2017
 Ballroom C, Student Union Building, Main Campus
 Closed Session in Lettermen's Lounge, Dreamstyle Arena

Members present

Robert Doughty, President; Marron Lee, Vice President; Tom Clifford, Secretary Treasurer; Brad Hosmer, Suzanne Quillen, Alex Romero, Garrett Adcock

Others in attendance

Elsa Cole, University Counsel; Gabriel Lopez, VP for Research; Dana Allen, VP Alumni Relations; Elizabeth 'Libby' Washburn, Chief of Staff, Office of the President; Pamina Deutsch, Director Policy Office Faculty, Staff, Students, the media, and others

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

Regent President Rob Doughty called the special meeting to order at 10:34 AM. A quorum was confirmed; the agenda adopted.

President Doughty opened the meeting by thanking the Faculty Senate for their commitment to the University and reiterated that their voice is critical within the collective campus community. He thanked Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle for her representation of constituents and continued discussion with the Regents. He appreciated their invitation to their last meeting and noted the resulting dialogue has been spectacular. He expressed appreciation for continued discussion on shared governance.

He thanked the presidential search committee, comprised of approximately 22 individuals representing stakeholders at the University, as well as outside of UNM. He stated that the committee did an excellent job and expressed that it was an honor to work with them. He stated the committee felt the process was open and transparent, with dialogue and debate on each interviewed candidate. Every committee member had an opportunity to speak about the positives and negatives of candidates and from that discussion, a group of finalists emerged.

President Doughty thanked President Abdallah for his dedication to the University, his excellence as an individual, and his outstanding service to UNM as Provost and interim President. President Doughty stated his appreciation for President Abdallah's commitment to the University and wanted to make clear the Regents agree President Abdallah has done a fantastic job. He thanked President Abdallah for Town Halls and a recent twitter Town Hall, expressing that UNM is blessed to have President Abdallah. President Doughty also thanked the Regents for their dedication and hard work.

ACTION ON THE FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION OF AUGUST 25, 2017

Regent Doughty read the resolution's resolve: *"In view of the overwhelming sentiment of the Faculty Senate in favor of delaying the recruitment and hiring of a new president of UNM by one year, the Faculty Senate requests in the strongest possible terms, that the UNM Board of Regents hold a formal vote on the Faculty Senate Resolution delaying the hiring of the new president by one year."*

Regent Doughty asked if there was a motion adopting the Faculty Senate Resolution delaying the hiring of the new president by one year.

There being no motion, Regent Doughty asked if there was an alternative motion.

Regent Marron Lee moved to affirm the work done by the Search Committee and for the Board to move forward with the next steps; Regent Tom Clifford seconded the motion; there was discussion.

There being no further discussion, Regent Doughty asked for a vote on the motion:

The motion to affirm the work done by the Search Committee and for the Board to move forward with the next steps passed by a vote of 6:1; Doughty, Romero, Adcock, Lee, Quillen, Clifford voted for; Regent Hosmer voted against (1st Lee; 2nd Clifford).

After the vote, Faculty Senate President, Pamela Pyle, clarified the request from Faculty Senate was for the Regents to vote on the resolution. There was discussion about whether the Regents voted on the resolution. There was discussion about taking a vote on the resolution and about following

Roberts Rules of Order. Regent Doughty asked University Counsel, Elsa Cole, to comment. Ms. Cole clarified that if there was not a motion to adopt the resolution, it was the same as a no vote.

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 Lee motioned to close the meeting; Regent Clifford seconded; the motion passed unanimously; the meeting closed at 10:57 AM.

- Members moved to the Lettermen's Lounge to continue the meeting in closed session.

Vote to re-open the meeting

Regent Lee motioned to open the meeting; Regent Tom Clifford seconded; the motion passed unanimously. The meeting opened at 1:37 PM. 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 would take action:

The motion to accept the full recommendation of candidates made by the Presidential Search Committee passed by a unanimous vote (1st Clifford; 2nd Romero).

ADJOURN

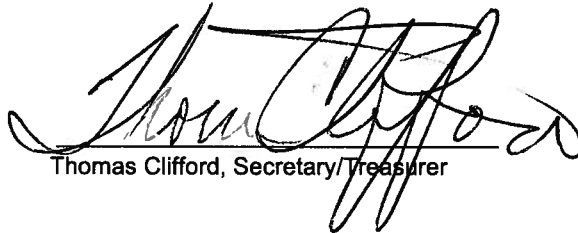
Regent Doughty asked for a motion to adjourn. Regent Suzanne Quillen motioned to adjourn the meeting; Student Regent Garrett Adcock seconded; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

Approved:



Robert M. Doughty III, President

Attest:



Thomas Clifford, Secretary/Treasurer