

Minutes of the Statutorily Required Meeting of
The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico
March 11, 2024
9:00 AM Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Livestreamed for public viewing

Members Present Virtually

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

Administration Present

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

CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Kim Sanchez Rael called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and confirmed a quorum of members present with Regents Schwartz, Reyes, Fortner, Payne, and present virtually on Zoom.

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 six Regents present and voting (1ST Fortner; 2nd Payne).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Rael explained that the meeting date is designated by statute. [reference: NMSA 1978, § 21-7-5 (Election of Officers); also, Regents' Policy Manual Sect.1.2] Regent Rael also noted that Regent Payne had comments about the election process that could be discussed at this meeting or a later date.

Regent Rael then 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 Reyes seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Regent Rael asked for a vote on the nomination; all voted in favor.

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

COMMENTS

Regent Payne proposed discussion of the process of election of officers in the future, perhaps at the Regents' Retreat.

Regent Tackett expressed gratitude for all the assistance she has had from the regents and the administration during her first year as a regent.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Regent Rael asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; Regent Fortner motioned; Regent Reyes seconded; all were in favor; the meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM.

Approved:

Attest:



Kim Sanchez Rael, Chair



Robert L. Schwartz, Secretary-Treasurer

