

Meeting Notes for the
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
BOARD OF REGENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Meeting
February 05, 2025; 12:00 PM
Scholes Hall, Roberts Room

The University of New Mexico Board of Regents held a meeting of the Committee of the Whole for information-gathering and discussion purposes only. The meeting commenced at 12:00 PM in Roberts Room #204 of Scholes Hall on UNM Main Campus. Regents present in person were: Kim Sanchez Rael, Paula Tackett, Paul Blanchard, Victor Reyes, Rob Schwartz, Bill Payne and Jack Fortner. Also present were President Garnett S. Stokes and other members of administration, deans and others. The meeting ended at 3:57 PM. Following is the meeting agenda with brief notations:

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of a Quorum, Chair Kim Sanchez Rael – Regent Rael called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and confirmed there was a quorum with all regents present.
2. Adoption of the Agenda – The agenda was adopted unanimously with a 7-0 vote (1st Payne; 2nd Schwartz).
3. Presentation and Discussion: Update – Comprehensive Substance Use and Addiction Solutions. President Garnett Stokes, Katie Witkiewitz, Director, CASA, Kate Becker, UNMH CEO, and Rodney McNease, UNMH Executive Director, Governmental Affairs presented an update regarding collaborative efforts across UNM in addiction research and addiction medicine. There was discussion about the Metropolitan Detention Center, county partnerships, and capacity issues.
4. Presentation and Discussion: Strategic Work in Student Wellness and Success. Eric Scot, Vice President for Student Affairs, presented information regarding current data-informed and collaborative approaches to student wellness and success.
5. Vote to Close the Meeting and Proceed in Executive Session (1st Payne; 2nd Tackett) 7-0 vote; all regents voted yes during roll call vote.
 - Discussions subject to attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(7), NMSA (1978); and
 - Discussions of limited personnel matters as defined in and permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978).
6. Vote to Re-Open the Meeting (1st Reyes; 2nd Schwartz) 7-0 vote.
7. Regent Rael certified that only those matters described in the Executive Session Agenda were discussed in close session. No actions were taken in Open Session.
8. Adjourn – The Regents unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting with a 7-0 vote (1st Blanchard, 2nd Payne). Regent Rael ended the meeting at 4:16 PM.