



**Board of Regents Special Meeting**

***Tuesday, October 21, 2025***

***11:00 am***

***Public Zoom Webinar***

***<https://nmt-edu.zoom.us/j/97703739901>***

**MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order.** Regent Chair Dr. David Lepre Sr. called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and recognized other Regents attending: Dr. Yolanda Jones King, Jerry Armijo, and Cody Johnston. Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala was absent at the start of the regular meeting but joined during Executive Session and for the remainder of the regular meeting. Chair Lepre read a formal statement affirming the meeting's compliance with the Open Meetings Act. He noted that roll call votes would be used for all actions and requested that all participants clearly identify themselves when speaking. He also clarified that the Zoom webinar link had been made publicly available.
  - a) Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the *Albuquerque Journal* and *El Defensor Chieftain*.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved on a motion by Regent King and a second by Regent Armijo on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.
- 3. Public Comment.** None.
- 4. Executive Session. NMSA 1978 Sec. 10-15-1 (H) (2), (If required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters).** Regent King made a motion to meet in Executive Session. Regent Johnston seconded the motion. Following a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain, the regular session was adjourned at 11:05 am.
- 5. Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited legal and personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session.** Chair Lepre entertained a motion to return to the open session. Regent King so moved, followed by a second from Regent Mukkamala. Chair Lepre reconvened the special meeting at 11:37 am following a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain. Chair Lepre announced that no official action was taken in the closed executive session, and only those matters cited were discussed.



6. **Action Items. Approval of Personnel Action Items.** Interim President Dr. Michael Jackson requested Board approval authorizing him to send a letter of offer to Dr. Michael Lehman to serve as Chair of the Biology Department. Regent King so moved, followed by a second from Regent Armijo. The motion passed on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain. Regent Armijo moved and requested that the Board authorize VP of Research and Provost, Dr. Lique Coolen to send a letter of offer regarding the position of Director of the Energetic Materials and Research Testing Center (EMRTC). Regent King seconded the motion which passed on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain. Regent Armijo moved that the Board of Regents authorize Dr. Coolen to launch the search for the position of EMRTC Deputy Director contingent upon final hire of that position involving the ultimate Director of EMRTC. Regent King seconded the motion which passed on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain.
7. **Individual Board Member Comments.** None.
8. **New Business & Announcements.** Regent King announced that she has planned to invite members of the NMT University Research Park Corporation Board of Directors and other guests to campus on Nov. 14 for their regular board meeting. In addition, she reported that the HERC, of which Regent King is a member, will meet on Nov. 10 at Northern NM Community College in Espanola. Chair Lepre noted that the regular Board of Regents meeting on Nov. 21 will be fairly robust, and he asked that those with items for the agenda work with Dr. Jackson and Ms. Grain to ensure that materials for the meeting be made available ahead of time.
9. **Adjournment.** Regent King made a motion to adjourn. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

David L. Lepre  
Chair, David Lepre Sr.

Attest:

Yolanda Jones King  
Secretary-Treasurer, Yolanda Jones King