

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING PUBLIC COMMENT PARAMETERS, DECORUM, AND
ENFORCEMENT AND SUPERSEDING THE DECEMBER 7, 2018 RESOLUTION
ADOPTING A POLICY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REGENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND
TECHNOLOGY**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE NEW MEXICO
INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY, A BODY CORPORATE, THAT:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (“Institute”) met at Fidel Center Ballroom, in Socorro, New Mexico, on September 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 21-11-4, vests the management of and control over the Institute in the Board, and authorizes the Board to do all things necessary to carry out the provisions of the statutes relating to the Institute and to promote its best interests; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to -4 (the “Act”), declares it to be the public policy of the State that all persons are entitled to the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government, and provides that all meetings of the Board are public meetings at which all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Board to permit the public to attend and listen to its meetings and to make reasonable efforts to accommodate the use of audio and video recording devices, but does not require the Board to permit members of the public to speak at its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board nonetheless values public participation and wishes to provide members of the public a reasonable opportunity to be heard, while conducting Board business effectively, efficiently, and in an orderly manner, and respecting the rights of all present; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2018, the Board adopted a Resolution Adopting a Policy for Public Comments at Meetings of the Board of Regents (the “2018 Public Comment Policy”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the 2018 Public Comment Policy should be superseded and replaced by the public comment parameters set forth in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recitals set forth above are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as though fully set forth herein, including all terms defined in those recitals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the Board hereby adopts the following Public Comment Parameters, Decorum, and Enforcement (the “Parameters”) to govern public comment at its meetings:

1. General Statement

The Board values public participation and recognizes the importance of public input on issues affecting the Institute. These Parameters are designed to balance the importance of public participation with other important objectives, including but not limited to: providing community members with a reasonable opportunity to express their views to the Board; completing Board business effectively, efficiently, and in an orderly manner; and respecting the rights of Board members, Institute administrators and staff, faculty members, the Regents’ advisors, students, and audience members. Proper decorum and the provisions of these Parameters are expected to be followed at all public meetings of the Board. Regular and special meetings of the Board will include an opportunity for public comment unless the Chair in his or her discretion decides to exclude public comments due to scheduling constraints.

2. Right to Attend and Listen Preserved

These Parameters govern the opportunity to speak during public comment only. Nothing in these Parameters limits the right of any person to attend and listen to any open meeting of the Board, or to use audio or video recording devices at such a meeting, consistent with the Act.

3. Registration

Anyone wishing to give in-person public comment at a meeting must register in advance by completing the Institute’s Public Comment Registration Form, which is available on the Institute’s website; the current link to the Form will be provided in or with the notice and agenda for each meeting. The deadline to register for public comment is 9:00 a.m. on the day of a meeting that begins at 1:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. on the day before a meeting that begins at 9:00 a.m. Registration is administrative only and will be processed on a uniform, first-come basis; the Institute will not grant, deny, or prioritize registration based on the identity of the registrant or the anticipated content or viewpoint of the comment. If a registration is received after the deadline, the registrant will receive a communication encouraging the submission of written public comment. The public-comment period will be identified on the meeting agenda posted in accordance with the Act. If the time allotted for public comment expires before all registered speakers are heard, the remaining registrants will be invited to submit written public comment, which will be distributed to the Regents and published with the meeting minutes.

4. Public Comment Parameters and Speaker Decorum

Public comment speakers will direct their comments to the Board as a whole and not to Institute administrators, faculty, staff, or the audience. Speakers shall not expect Board members to answer questions during public comment. Speakers shall address the Board only at the appropriate time as indicated in the agenda and when recognized by the Board Chair or other presiding officer.

The maximum total time for public comment (both related and unrelated to the agenda items) will be 30 minutes. Each speaker will have 2 minutes, unless more than 15 people register, in which case each speaker will have 1 minute, to allow more speakers to be heard. The Chair or presiding officer may, in his or her discretion, extend the total time for public comment or a speaker's individual time when circumstances reasonably allow, provided that any such extension is applied even-handedly.

Speakers are requested to conduct themselves responsibly, civilly, and courteously, recognizing that a speaker's views and opinions may not be shared by all present. These expectations are not, by themselves, a basis for ending a speaker's time or removal. Speakers shall not engage in conduct that disrupts or materially interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall not use obscene language or make true threats.

5. Audience Decorum

Audience members are subject to the same expectations of civility and courtesy set out above for speakers. Audience members shall not disrupt or materially interfere with an open public meeting of the Board and shall not incite others to do so. Disruption of the proceedings is subject to regulation by the Board Chair or presiding officer.

6. Enforcement

The Chair of the Board, or the then-presiding officer, shall be responsible for ensuring that public participation and comment assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities and are conducted in accordance with these Parameters. To that end, the Chair or presiding officer may take the following measures in response to conduct that violates these Parameters in a manner disruptive to Board business:

- (a) interrupting presentations and comments to remind speakers and audience members of these Parameters;
- (b) dismissing or ending the speaking time of a previously recognized speaker;
- (c) requesting that a speaker or audience member leave the meeting;
- (d) recessing or adjourning the meeting; and
- (e) requesting the assistance of law enforcement officers to remove a speaker or audience member who refuses to leave the meeting when requested.

Before ending a speaker's time under (b) or requiring a speaker or audience member to leave under (c), (d), or (e), the Chair or presiding officer shall, where practicable, first warn the individual by identifying the specific conduct at issue and provide an opportunity to comply, and shall escalate to the measures in (b) through (e) only if the disruptive conduct continues.

Enforcement measures shall be applied in a consistent and viewpoint-neutral manner and shall be directed at conduct that disrupts the orderly conduct of Board business, and not at the content or viewpoint of any speaker's comments.

7. Written Comments

Written comments directed to the attention of the Board are welcomed, will be distributed to the Regents, and will be published with the meeting minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Board at:

New Mexico Tech
Attn: NMT Board of Regents
Brown Hall Rm 217
801 Leroy Place
Socorro NM 87801
Email: president@nmt.edu

8. Accessibility, Reasonable Accommodation, and Language Access

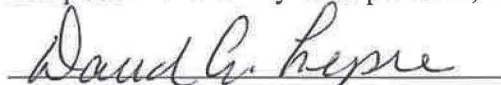
The Institute will provide reasonable accommodations, auxiliary aids, and/or effective communication (such as a qualified interpreter or real-time captioning), including reasonable modification of the registration deadline or speaking-time limits, so that individuals with disabilities can participate in public comment, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. A person needing a disability accommodation or language assistance should request it using the contact and advance-notice timeframes in the Board's Open Meetings Act notice resolution, so that individuals with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to public comment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Parameters supersede and replace the 2018 Public Comment Policy adopted by the Board on December 7, 2018, in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these Parameters shall take effect upon adoption and shall remain in effect until amended, supplemented, or repealed by the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reserves the right to amend or repeal these Parameters at any time by subsequent resolution or other action taken in accordance with the Act.

Adopted this 11th day of September, 2026.


President of the Board

Attest:


Secretary of the Board