

New Mexico Tech Board of Regents Minutes

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m. MST

Location: Zoom Webinar

Public Zoom Webinar: <https://nmt-edu.zoom.us/j/97703739901>

- 1) **Call to Order.** Regent Chair David Lepre Sr. called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and recognized other Regents attending: Jerry Armijo, Yolanda Jones King, and Cody Johnston. Regent Srinivas Mukkamala attended the meeting virtually on Zoom. Others in attendance were Vanessa Grain, JoAnn Salome and Attorneys Laura Sanchez and Daniel Grunow. There were also a few members of the public in attendance.
 - a) **Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Vanessa Grain, Special Assistant to the Regents, 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. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Public Comment.** None.
- 4) **Executive Session.** NMSA Section 10-15-1 H (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, if required to consider limited legal matters. NMSA 1978, Sec 10-15-1 (H) (2), of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, if required to consider limited personnel matters. Regent Armijo made a motion to meet in Executive Session. Regent King seconded the motion. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. The regular session was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.
- 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.** At 3:42 p.m. Chair Lepre entertained a motion to return to the open session. Regent King so moved, followed by a second from Regent Armijo. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Lepre announced that no official action was taken in the closed executive session, and only those matters cited were discussed.
- 6) **Action Items.**
 - a) **NMT Presidential Search.** Regent Armijo moved that the Board of Regents designate Chair Lepre to engage in discussions with finalists for the President position on employment contract terms and salary requirements, in consultation with legal counsel, to prepare for a final selection of the President at the Board's April 17, 2026 regular meeting. Regent King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent King complimented the search committee and was very pleased with the presidential candidates, and the entire search process. Chair Lepre agreed with Regent King and said New Mexico Tech may be used an example for other universities to follow for presidential searches.
- 8) **Announcements and New Business.** None.
- 9) **Adjournment.** Regent Armijo moved to adjourn the meeting. Regent King seconded the motion. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Regents on May 15, 2026.
Approved by Dr. David Lepre Sr., Chairman.
Attested by Dr. Yolanda Jones King, Secretary-Treasurer