



Board of Regents Special Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

3:00 pm

Public Zoom Webinar

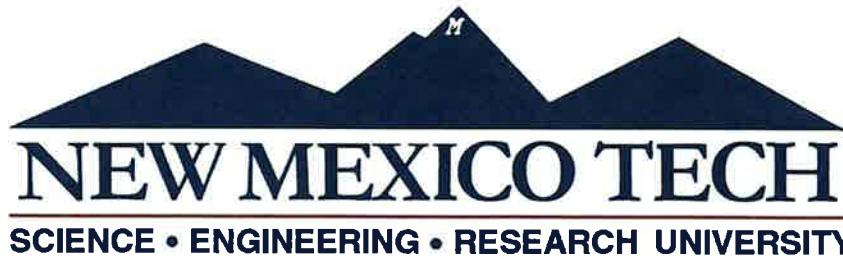
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MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order.** Regent Chair Dr. David Lepre Sr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and recognized other Regents attending: Dr. Yolanda Jones King, Jerry Armijo, and Cody Johnston. Regent Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala was absent from the 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.

University administration was represented by Interim President Michael Jackson, Vice Presidents Delilah Walsh, Lique Coolen, and David Greene. Other attendees included Mike Timmons, Robert Balch, Darryl Ackley, JoAnn Salome, and Vanessa Grain, and Attorney Laura Sanchez along with various public guest attendees on Zoom.

- a) Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the *Albuquerque Journal*.
- 2. Approval of Agenda.** The Agenda was approved on a motion by Regent King and a second by Regent Johnston. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.
- 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 Armijo made a motion to meet in Executive Session. Regent Johnston seconded the motion. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously. The regular session was adjourned at 3:05 pm.



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 4:19 pm 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) **Approval of Personnel Action Items.** Regent King moved that Regents begin the search for the President of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology beginning January 14, 2026. Regent Armijo seconded the motion. Ms. Grain conducted a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Individual Board Member Comments.** Regent King requested that the April 17, 2026 regular regent meeting be moved to a morning time. Chair Lepre agreed and also asked Ms. Grain to find a location in Albuquerque to hold the meeting since it is the same day as the NMT Day at the Isotopes game. Chair Lepre encouraged all to attend and wear their NMT gear.
8. **New Business & Announcements.** None.
9. **Adjournment.** Regent King made a motion to adjourn. Regent Johnston seconded the motion, which passed on a roll call vote conducted by Ms. Grain. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

David L. Lepre
Chair, David Lepre Sr.

Attest:

Yolanda Jones King
Secretary-Treasurer, Yolanda Jones King