



**Board of Regents Emergency Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2021
Via teleconference on Zoom**

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The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 9, 2021, with Regent Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Board members present were: Yolanda King, Veronica Espinoza, Jerry Armijo, and Dave Lepre Sr. Other university administrators, staff, and guests included:

Stephen Wells

Thom Guengerich

Mark Adams

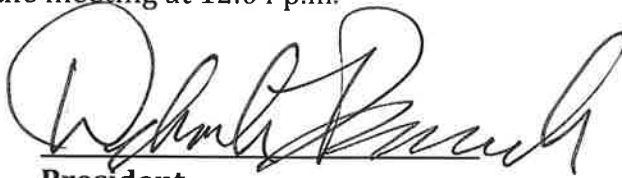
Vanessa Grain

1. **Call to Order.** Regent Peacock called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
 - a) **Proof of Meeting Notice.** Ms. Grain confirmed that NMT staff notified the *El Defensor Chieftain* and KRQE about the meeting.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Regent Armijo moved approval. Regent Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment.**
 - a) None.
4. **Executive Session.** NMSA 1978, Sec.10-15-1 (H)(2). On a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Lepre, the Board adjourned its regular session via unanimous roll-call vote at 11:04 a.m. to meet in executive session.
5. **Reconvene in open session and take final action, if any, on such limited personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session.** The meeting reconvened at 11:58 a.m. with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken and only legal and personnel matters were discussed.



a) President Wells asked for support for his directive to require that all students and employees provide either proof of vaccination or weekly proof of COVID-19 negative tests starting Tuesday, August 31. He also said the directive will require that all NMT Daycare Center staff and NMT Student Health Clinic employees will be required to be vaccinated. Individuals with documented religious or medical reasons could be exempted; however, such individuals would be required to test weekly. NMT will reserve the option of requiring vaccinations campus-wide if needed. Regent King moved to endorse and support the President's directives. Regent Armijo seconded. The motion to endorse and support President Wells' directive passed unanimously. Regent Lepre urged NMT to mount an aggressive informational campaign to ensure that all campus community members are informed about the new directives. Regent Peacock thanked the President and Committee for carefully studying these issues in order to come up with these directives.

6. **Adjournment.** Chair Peacock thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and closed the meeting at 12:04 p.m.



President

Attest:



Secretary-Treasurer