

## **Board of Regents Special Meeting**

***Thursday, June 19, 2025***

***11:00 am***

***Virtual Zoom Webinar***

### **MINUTES**

The special meeting of the New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened virtually via Zoom webinar at 11:00 am on Thursday June 19, 2025, with Regent Chair Dr. David Lepre Sr. presiding. Additional Board members in attendance were Dr. Yolanda Jones King, Jerry A. Armijo, Dr. Srinivas Mukkamala, and Cody Johnston.

University administration was represented by Vice Presidents Delilah Walsh, Lique Coolen, Michael Jackson, and David Greene. Other attendees included Vanessa Grain, Bob Balch, Attorney Jenica Jacobi, and Melissa Kountz along with various guests online as public attendees. President Amouzegar was absent due to a flight delay which prevented him from joining the virtual meeting. Provost Jackson and VP Walsh represented President Amouzegar.

- 1) Call to Order, Chair Lepre.** Chair Lepre called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Chair Lepre opened by acknowledging the unusual timing during a holiday and thanked participants for joining the virtual meeting.
  - a) Proof of Meeting Notice, Chair Lepre.** Ms. Grain confirmed that a legal notice was placed in the Albuquerque Journal and that the meeting notice had been duly posted in Brown Hall, and was distributed in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act and the Office of the Attorney General's guidance on virtual meetings. 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.
- 2) Approval of Agenda, Chair Lepre.** Regent Armijo moved and proposed a modification to the agenda, requesting that the Executive Session be moved ahead of the Action Items. Regent King seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote by Chair Lepre, Regents King, Armijo, Mukkamala and Johnston.
- 3) Public Comment, Chair Lepre.** Vanessa Grain confirmed that no public comment requests were submitted, and no participants raised their hands in the Zoom webinar for comment.

**4) Executive Session, Chair Lepre. NMSA 1978, Sec 10-15-1 (H) (2), (If Required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters)**

Chair Lepre entertained a motion to meet in Executive Session. Regent King so moved. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by roll call vote by Chair Lepre, Regents King, Armijo, Mukkamala and Johnston. The special meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. The Board exited the public virtual webinar session and transitioned to a secure Zoom link for executive session discussions.

**5) Reconvene in open session and take final action if any, on such limited legal and/or personnel matters which shall be acted upon in open session following conclusion of the closed session, Chair Lepre.**

Chair Lepre reconvened the virtual special meeting at 11:47 am. He announced that only those items listed in the agenda were discussed and no action was taken in the closed meeting.

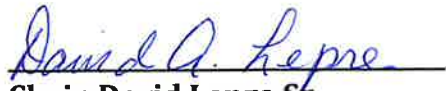
**6) Action Items, Chair Lepre**

**a) Consideration of Board Direction to the President Regarding Executive Positions, including the Vice President of University Advancement.** Chair Lepre introduced a resolution developed during Executive Session concerning the structure, fiscal sustainability, and strategic purpose of executive positions at New Mexico Tech—specifically referencing the proposed Vice President for University Advancement (VPUA) role. He explained that while there is recognition of the potential value that such a high-level leadership position could bring to the institution's external engagement, donor cultivation, and fundraising capacity, several concerns had been raised by Regents about creating a high-salaried administrative post without secured, recurring financial resources to support it long-term. Regents discussed the broader implications of administrative growth and emphasized the importance of aligning strategic hires with available resources, current institutional priorities, and projected enrollment and revenue trends. Chair Lepre reiterated that this decision was not about any individual candidate or role specifically, but about ensuring that leadership additions are responsibly planned and financially viable. Vanessa Grain shared the text of the resolution onscreen for public view. The Chair called for discussion. Regents said they had no further comments. Chair Lepre called for a motion. Regent King moved to approve the resolution as presented. Regent Johnston seconded the motion which passed unanimously by roll call vote by Chair Lepre, Regents King, Armijo, Mukkamala and Johnston.

**7) Individual Board Member Comments, Chair Lepre. None.**

**8) New Business, Chair Lepre. None.**

**9) Adjournment, Chair Lepre.** The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:55 am on a motion by Regent Armijo and a second from Regent King.

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**Chair, David Lepre Sr.**

**Attest:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yolanda Jones King", written over a horizontal line.

**Secretary-Treasurer, Yolanda Jones King**