

# NORTHERN New Mexico College



## NNMC BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2022

The Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College held a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022. Board Members in attendance were Board President Michael A. Martin, Regent Porter Swentzell, Regent Erica Velarde, Regent Ruben Archuleta, Regent Evelyn Juarez.

Staff Present: Bárbara M. Medina, Ph.D., President, Ivan Lopez Hurtado, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, C. Vince Lithgow, III, Vice President for Finance & Administration, Sandy Krolick, Creative Director, Communications & Marketing, Sally Martinez, Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Carmella Sanchez, Director, Institutional Research, Courtney Bruch, Director of Assessment & Accreditation, Arin McKenna, Staff Writer/Reporter, Communications & Marketing, Bruno Guedes, Student Life/Coordinator of Student Life, Evette Abeyta, Budget Director, Cindy Martinez, HR Admin., Stephanie Sandoval, Human Resources Generalist, Janice Baca, Registrar, Mark Lopez, Assistant Director of Facilities, Chris Trujillo, IT, and Amy Peña, Executive Office Director

Faculty Present: Joaquin Gallegos, Simon Vaz, Rhiannon West, Lori Baca, David Lindblom,

Others Present: Hector Balderas, Deborah Blake, Jake Arnold, Daniel Rubin, Ortiz & Zamora, Khiana Seaboy, NNMC Vice President of Student Senate, Tim Crone, Ryan Cordova, Chelsea Roller

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Martin called the meeting to order at 5:35PM

Board President Martin stated he would like to thank President Medina for her service over the past year and all she has done for the college. All her leadership. Regent Velarde stated she loved the video, it was awesome. The kids did a great job on it. Her daughter enjoyed it as well. Thank you so much for taking on this super huge plate that you did. President Medina did things that people haven't done before \$9M. President Medina did a great job leading us to this point. Based on the video, President Medina realizes Northern is so near and dear to the community and President Medina became a fan like the rest of us. She hopes she realizes she is always part of the Northern Family. In the future if we need a lobbyist, she has seen good stuff here and thank you for everything you have done for us and keeping our heads above water. Regent Swentzell stated he has to echo, not only did President Medina come in to keep things moving along and taking the reins. President Medina did not just move things ahead but went above and beyond. We are really appreciative you were able to stay with us and the difference you have made at Northern is going to continue to ripple on in the coming years and you have made a big impact. You will always be a part of the Northern family, Once and Eagle, Always an Eagle, and hope you come and visit. Regent Archuleta stated he wanted to echo and thank you for answering the bell again and again and again. Thank you for sticking around with us and good luck in your future endeavors. Regent Juarez stated she wanted to echo the other Regents sentiments and personally thanked President Medina for leading the institution for grace and humility and

genuine love for the community, people and the students. President Medina have been a bright light and thank you for your experience, expertise and great heart and Regent Juarez is going to miss her so much. She feels fortunate to be in the presence of her leadership. You are a treasure to us and thank you for everything. President Medina stated it is her pleasure and thank you. It has been a twelve-month roller coaster and she did a video with students and she kept them longer than. President Medina has enjoyed her work here. There is excellent staff and you put them together with students and what you come out of it is a hope and inspiration It has been an honor to serv e as President of Northern New Mexico College.

## **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board President Martin moved to approve the agenda.

**Regent Archuleta moved to approve the agenda. Second – Regent Swentzell. A roll call vote was taken. Board President Martin -yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Swentzell - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Juarez – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board President Martin entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss limited personnel matters, Discussion of the status of Northern New Mexico College New President negotiations regarding hiring

**Regent Swentzell moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss only those items listed on the agenda. Second – Regent Archuleta. A roll call vote was taken. Board President Martin - yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Swentzell - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Juarez – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board President Martin stated he needed to talk to the Board and then he would ask President Elect Balderas join them in Executive Session.

The Board of Regents entered into Executive Session at 5:39PM

## **IV. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- (1) Consideration and possible approval of the Northern New Mexico College New President Contract.

**Regent Swentzell moved to return from Executive Session and stated only those items on the agenda were discussed. Second – Regent Juarez. A roll call vote was taken. Board President Martin -yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Swentzell - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Juarez – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board of Regents returned from Executive Session at 5:59PM.

Board President Martin entertained a motion to approve the action item taken at Executive Session.

**Regent Velarde moved to approve the new contract for the President of Northern New Mexico College. Second – Regent Swentzell. A roll call vote was taken. Board President Martin -yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Swentzell - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Juarez – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Board President Martin stated we will look forward to seeing him on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

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