

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents Special Meeting
April 4 - 19, 2017 - 1:00 p.m.
ENMU-Portales

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Dan Patterson called the meeting to order on April 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Patterson, Terry Othick, Jane Christensen and Kekoa VonSchriltz were present. [There are only four members of the Board due to a vacancy.]

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Othick moved to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Othick moved to enter executive session at 1:02 p.m. to discuss one limited personnel item, the presidential search, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978) and one limited personnel matter regarding a university employee in accordance with Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Roll call: Regent Othick—yes; Regent Christensen – yes; Regent VonSchriltz – yes; Regent Patterson – yes

The Regents met April 4, 5, 6, and 7 to interview and discuss presidential candidates through the course of the week. Each evening the meeting was recessed with a notice posted on the door of the Regents Room and on outside doors of the Administration Building of the time and location the meeting would reconvene the following day. The regents also discussed one personnel item regarding a University employee on April 7. The meeting recessed on April 7 to reconvene on April 12. On April 12, the Board voted to return to open session.

OPEN SESSION

Regent Othick moved to return to open session at 1:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017. Regent Christensen seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

President Patterson reported that the regents discussed one limited personnel item, the presidential search, pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978), but no action was taken during executive session. The regents also discussed one limited personnel matter regarding a university employee in accordance with Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). No action was taken in executive session.

Regent Othick reported on the presidential search process. A 16 member search committee was appointed consisting of two regents and members of the three campuses. The committee reviewed over 75 resumes and selected 10 applicants for interviews. From there, five finalists were invited to campus. One of the finalists withdrew prior to the campus visit. The search firm made numerous background checks on each candidate, the regents interviewed each candidate, and each candidate participated in campus forums. The Regents also considered more than 200 comments from employees, students and community members that were submitted via an online survey.

Regent Othick moved to appoint Dr. Jeff Elwell as the next president of ENMU with a three-year contract and a salary of \$230,000. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Dr. Elwell called into the meeting and stated that he is looking forward to serving as president of ENMU. He thanked the campus for its hospitality and thanked all who participated in the search process.

Dr. Patterson said a contract for Dr. Elwell will be completed and submitted at the April 21 Board of Regents meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Regent VonSchriltz seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board



Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Deborah Bentley
Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Regents*