

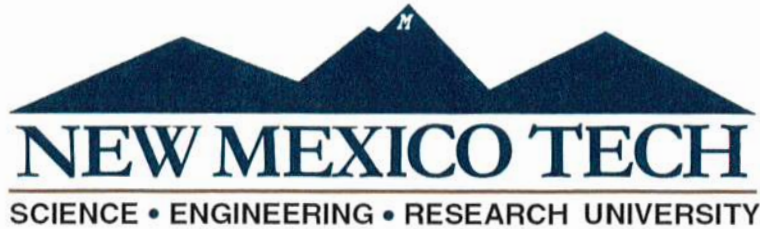
**Board of Regents Regular Meeting
 Friday, May 13, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.
 NMT Main Campus, Deju University House
 801 Leroy Place, Socorro NM 87801**

MINUTES

The New Mexico Tech Board of Regents convened at 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 13, 2022, with Regent Chair Deborah Peacock presiding. Board members present were Jerry Armijo (virtual), Dr. Dave Lepre Sr., Dr. Yolanda King, and Veronica Espinoza. Other university administrators, staff, and guests included:

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| Stephen Wells | Cleve McDaniel | Nelia Dunbar |
| Vanessa Grain | Michael Jackson | Colleen Foster |
| Katie Bauer | Myrriah Tomar | Alex Garcia |
| Michael Hargather | Chelsey Hargather | Robert Balch |
| David Greene | Mariana Huckabee | Jenny Ma |
| Peter Phaiah | John Hargather | Mark Adams |
| Gilberto Gonzalez-Parra | Kate Hargather | Carrie Marsyla |
| Taffeta Elliott | Mostafa Hassanalian | Haoying Wang |
| George Veni | | |

1. **Call to Order.** Regent Peacock called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
 - a) **Proof of Meeting Notice.** Vanessa Grain confirmed that legal notices were placed in the *Albuquerque Journal* and the *El Defensor Chieftain*.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Regent Peacock said that there was no business for the Executive Session, but Regent Armijo said that he had one item. Regent King moved to approve the agenda. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. **Election of Officers.** Regent Peacock said she would be delighted to serve as Chair for another year. Regent Armijo moved the reappointment of Regent Peacock as Chair. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Regent King moved to reappoint Regent Armijo as Secretary-Treasurer for another year. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. **Public Comment.** None.



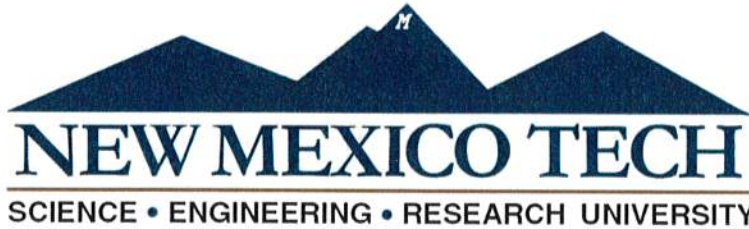
5. Recurring Reports.

- a) **Capital Projects.** VP McDaniel was available on Zoom to answer questions about the written report he submitted. Regent Lepre asked if anything had changed since the last report. VP McDaniel said that there were no changes.
 - b) **President's Report.** President Wells said that donors Dr. Raul and Shari Deju generously help fund the Deju University House. Shari Deju personally made the quilt on the wall in the living area and the paintings had come from the library. The Deju house was slowly being furnished and landscaping established. President Wells encouraged faculty and staff members to use the facility for meetings, training, and other gatherings. President Wells acknowledged the NM Tech Rugby Team's upcoming participation in the National Championships and circulated the El Defensor Chieftain article about the team. At the request of Coach Gearoid Dunbar, NMT will pay for championship rings for the team. Chair Peacock asked if the team could participate in a future Board meeting so the Regents could acknowledge them.
- Commencement Updates.** President Wells asked the Board to be at the Rodeo Grounds at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, for the Commencement's 9 a.m. start. After the ceremony, photos, food, and refreshments will be available in the Macey Center Parking Lot. The President's VIP Luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. Information for the Platform Party is in the binder, including information about the breakfast and regalia. Regent Peacock asked about guests. Vanessa Grain said that students were asked to register their guests, but there was no limit set on the number of guests. Regent King said she was informed by New Mexico State that there is specific regalia for regents and asked that it be researched for next year. Regent Peacock asked how many faculty will be in attendance at Commencement. Faculty Senate Chair Hargather said that more than half of the faculty, about 50 to 60, are expected to attend. President Wells said there would not be a Star Wars/Darth Vader theme used at Commencement this year.
- Critical Campus Updates.** None.
- Other.** No other reports.

6. Information Items.

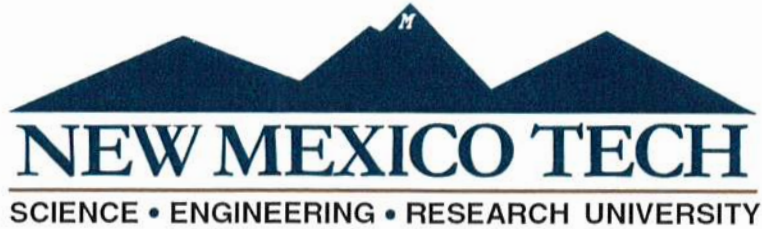
- a) **NMT Foundation Updates,** Regent Armijo said he had no report.
- b) **NMT Univ. Research Park Corp. Updates.** Regent King said she had no report.
- c) **NM HERC Updates.** Regent King reported on the strategic planning session stating that affordable housing was examined along with different ways to approach the issue.
- d) **NMT Legislative Updates.** Regent Lepre said that the Higher Education Committee Work Plan has a few topics to examine: 1) The funding formula, disparities in state funding for different institutions, different costs for different types of students

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rather than per-student funding; 2) Higher education enrollment, effective strategies, identifying administrative barriers; 3) Nonrecurring research grants; 4) Native American students; 5) Costs of Opportunity Scholarships; 6) Dual credit effectiveness – graduation data; and 7) Future of athletic programs in higher education. President Wells said the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) will be on campus Sept. 22 to 23, with a dinner at the President’s House on Sept. 22. There will also be an event to officially unveil the Deju House in September. Connor Jorgensen, LFC principal analyst, recently had a great visit to campus, and NMT is building a great relationship with him. Regent King asked if the Regents should attend the events in September. Vanessa Grain said that a “save the date” message for the events would be sent.

- e) **NMT Student Updates.** Regent Espinoza asked Dr. Hargather to report on the rocket team activities. The team will participate in a launch at Spaceport America in the America Cup, their first time in the competition. Dr. Hargather said that the NMT team would be there most of that week. There is also a Chili Cup with New Mexico schools competing. Teams also compete in poster and report competitions and earn points.
- f) **Degree Conferrals for March 2022.** The Board acknowledged the March 2022 degree conferrals with no discussion.
- g) **Academic Tenure & Promotion Introductions.** AVP Jackson introduced the faculty members who recently gained tenure and were promoted to Associate Professor: Dr. Gilberto Gonzalez-Parra, Dr. Chelsey Hargather, Dr. Mostafa Hassanalian, Dr. Haoying Wang, Dr. Taffeta Elliott. Promoted to Full Professor was Dr. Michael Hargather. The Board and guests in attendance gave the faculty members a standing ovation.
- h) **Restricted Fund Purchase Notification of Awards > \$100k.** VP McDaniel received no questions on his written report.
- i) **GSA Constitution Updates Notification.** President Huckabee reported on GSA Constitution updates, making it easier to read. Changes include how funding proposals and justifications are handled to make it fairer. Grants will be expanded to more than just travel. For example, they could be used for software or professional certificates and other expenses outside of classes. Also changed was voting on constitutional amendments. Regent Peacock commented that she appreciated the work President Huckabee has put in during her tenure. President Huckbee said she will receive her master’s degree this summer and thanked the Board for its support. Regent Espinoza said she appreciated President Huckbee’s voice for graduate students.
- j) **Sabbatical Notification.** Interim Director Timmons announced the sabbatical request from Daniel J. Koning, senior field geologist at the Bureau, to be released from his duties so that he can pursue research. Director Timmons also said he was



recently notified by the Geology Society of America of an award for mappers in the U.S.

7. Action Items.

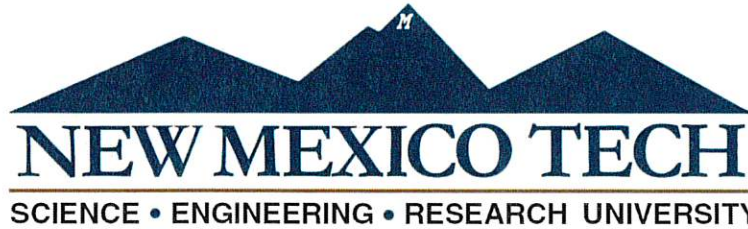
- a) **Approval of April 22, 2022 Minutes.** Regent King moved and Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- b) **Approval of May 2022 Graduates.** AVP Jackson said that there was nothing more exciting to him than putting forward a list of upcoming graduates for the Board's approval. Regent Espinoza moved to approve the list of graduates. Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- c) **Approval of Unrestricted Fund Purchase > \$250K.** Regent King moved to approve the request. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Regent Peacock expressed appreciation to VP McDaniel for the negotiations he was able to procure.
- d) **Approval of NMHED Capital Project Transmittal Sheet.** Regent Armijo moved to approve the documents. Regent King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- e) **Approval of NMHED 5 Yr. Capital Project Funding Plan.** Regent King moved to approve the plan. Regent Espinoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. Individual Board Member Comments. Regent King expressed regret that she would be out of town and would miss Commencement on Saturday.

9. New Business. Dr. George Veni distributed to the Board an annual report on the Cave and Karst Institute. The Board will meet next at its annual retreat in August 2022. Vanessa said that the details on the retreat, to be held in Chama, are still being worked out. Interim Director Timmons said that there would be a field trip to learn more about the area's geologic features.

10. Executive Session. NMSA 1978, Sec 10-15-1 (H)(2), (If Required to Consider Legal and/or Personnel Matters) On a motion by Regent King and a second from Regent Espinoza, the Board unanimously adjourned its regular session at 1:47 p.m. to meet in executive session under a roll-call vote of the Regents.

11. 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. The meeting reconvened at 2:35 p.m. with the Chair announcing that no action had been taken and only legal and personnel items were discussed.

12. Adjournment. Regent King moved and Regent Armijo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

President

Attest:

Secretary- Treasurer