

NORTHERN New Mexico College



NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of northern New Mexico College was held on November 9, 2021, Via Zoom. Regents Present Michael A. Martin, Ruben Archuleta, Porter Swentzell, Erica Velarde, and Evelyn Juarez.

Northern New Mexico College Staff Present: President Richard J. Bailey, Jr., Ph.D. Ricky Bejarano, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Ivan Lopez Hurtado, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Analise Lopez, IT; Don Appiarius, Assistant Provost of Student Affairs, Sally Martinez, Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Chris Trujillo, IT; Deborah Trujillo, IT; Julianna Barbee, Director, SBDC, Cheryl James, Chief Procurement Officer; and Amy Pena, Executive Assistant to the President/Board Secretary.

Faculty Present: Lori Baca, PhD

Others Present: Robert Trapp, Rio Grande Sun, Geno Zamora, Ortiz & Zamora,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Martin called the meeting to order at 4:16PM

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Martin entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Regent Swentzell entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second – Regent Velarde. 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

a. Review of College President Contract

Board President Martin entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss limited personnel matters related to review of the College President's Contract.

Regent Velarde moved to enter into Executive Session to review what is on the agenda and only that. 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 entered into Executive Session at 4:17PM.

Board President Martin entertained a motion to return from Executive Session.

Regent Swentzell moved to return from Executive Session and affirmatively stated only those things listed on the agenda were discussed. Second – Regent Velarde. 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.

IV. POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION REGARDING COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Board President Martin stated we have kind of a sad announcement and introduced President Bailey.

President Bailey stated there will be a video update tomorrow which will have a lot of this but President Bailey has decided to make a transition and to hand the reigns over for Northern New Mexico College and the Board is going to consider that effective January 14, 2022

Board President Martin entertained a motion to accept President Bailey’s resignation effective January 14, 2022.

Board President Martin moved to accept President Bailey’s resignation effective January 14, 2022. Second - Regent Velarde – Second. 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.

As the Board moves forward – Regent Swentzell and Michael Martin – Committee. Next meeting

Board President Martin stated the Board of Regents would like to thank President Bailey for his five years of service. Thank you for turning the college around and leading us in a very good spot and we wish you much success in the future. Regent Velarde stated she would like to thank President Bailey for pulling Northern out of the spot that it was in. Because of you and all your work and all your leadership and the team you pulled together and brought together, we are in a much better spot than we were when President Bailey arrived and because of that Regent Velarde thinks we are going to have an easier time being able to find more applicants. Now, being able to find somebody to fill the shoes as Regent Juarez mentioned, it is going to be a harder thing. Thank you for your service and becoming part of our community. Regent Velarde wished President Bailey the best and she really hopes that President Bailey continues to soar as an Eagle in Oregon and wherever he is headed after that and beyond.

Regent Swentzell stated he would like to echo what Regent Velarde said, he hopes President Bailey soars high as an eagle in his future endeavors. Also, to note even though President Bailey was President for five years, he believes President’s use dog years to track a time so that was a whole career, like 35 years in President years, that is not quite the same in regular time. Porter Swentzell stated he really appreciates the heart that President Bailey gave to Northern over these past years and the difficult work and decisions he made to bring the college to the point we are at right now and that because you invested so much of your time into the college, you will always be part of the story, a part of you is always here and we really appreciate that you put so much into Northern. You will always be an eagle.

Regent Archuleta thanked President Bailey for embracing our community, he fit right in, he put Northern back on the map, respectability. Everybody talks well about President Bailey, loves him. Regent Archuleta wished President Bailey good luck in his future endeavors and told him to come back and visit and good luck in all he does.

Regent Juarez thanked President Bailey for sharing his talents and his heart and passion with us for five years and she wishes it could have been more. Know that your hard work and your essence in general will be with us. Thank you, President Bailey, for changing the lives of so many students including Regent Juarez. Regent Juarez wishes President Bailey was not leaving but she is so excited to see where life takes him and know President Bailey will never be forgotten. Thank you.

Board President Martin stated as the Board moves forward to select a selection firm and come up with Interim President, he is going to appoint a working group of himself and Regent Swentzell to get started with the process and they will keep the rest of the Board informed at the next meeting. It has only been six days since President Bailey called and said he is going to make a change in his life so it has been rather sudden for the Board and will work as hard as they possibly can to find someone that is as equal or higher caliber than President Bailey. Thank you, President Bailey, for his service.

Geno Zamora, legal counsel asked if there was a motion. Regent Velarde stated we did vote. Regent Swentzell stated we did vote. Board President Martin stated Mr. Trapp stated the Board did not vote. Board President Martin asked Ms. Pena to call the vote.

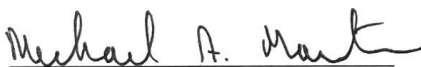
V. ADJOURN

Board President Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Regent Swentzell moved to adjourn. 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.


The Board of Regents adjourned at 5:07PM.

APPROVED:



Michael A. Martin
Board President

12/16/2021
Date



Erica Rita Velarde (Dec 17, 2021 18:39 MST)
Erica Velarde
Vice President

12/17/2021
Date






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