Resolution No. 2021-02

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the NMSU Carlsbad Branch Community College is a component institution under the governing authority of New Mexico State University; and

WHEREAS, the NMSU Carlsbad Branch Community College was founded in 1950 as the College Instructional Center at Carlsbad, under the supervision of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and was renamed Carlsbad Community College in 1957; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of NMSU values the longstanding commitment of the NMSU Carlsbad Branch Community College faculty and staff in helping to fulfill the NMSU System mission to serve the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, Extension and outreach, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents and the NMSU System are invested in the workforce and economic development of all of the communities served by our land-grant mission,

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of NMSU is responsible for the financial management of the entire NMSU System; and

WHEREAS, a segment of the community of Carlsbad has resolved to support efforts to transition the NMSU Carlsbad Branch Community College into an independent college; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents intends to maintain the longstanding and successful collaboration in coordinating the operation of the NMSU Carlsbad Branch Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents will take care to fully and expeditiously evaluate the proposed transition to determine if it is in the best interests of the students of the NMSU Carlsbad campus and the NMSU System,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in official session that the Board of Regents hereby supports contracting with an independent consultant to conduct a due diligence assessment of the proposed transition and provide a report to be delivered as soon as practicable to the Board of Regents.

RESOLVED, this 6th day of January 2021, in Las Cruces, New Mexico

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