



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2021 at 5:00pm**

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Ammu Devasthali, Vice Chair Dina Chacón-Reitzel, Secretary/Treasurer Arsenio Romero, Christopher T. Saucedo, Neal Bitsie

Non-Voting Advisory Members - ASNMSU President Mathew Madrid, Faculty Senate Chair Julia Parra, Employee Council Chair Joseph Almaguer

University Officials - Chancellor Dan E. Arvizu, Ph.D., President John D. Floros, Ph.D., Provost Carol Parker, J.D., Vice Chancellor Ruth A. Johnston, Ph.D., Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D., General Counsel Roy Collins III, J.D.

MINUTES

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A. Call to Order, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

1. Confirmation of Quorum and Roll Call

The Board of Regents met in virtually via Zoom on October 25, 2021. Chairwoman Devasthali called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Chairwoman Devasthali, Regent Chacón-Reitzel, Regent Romero, Regent Saucedo, Regent Bitsie, President Floros, Vice Chancellor Johnston, Vice President Burke, and General Counsel Collins were present. Chancellor Arvizu and Provost Parker were not present.

B. Approval of Agenda, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Regent Chacón-Reitzel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Regent Saucedo seconded the motion. All were in favor and none were opposed. Motion passed.

C. Action Items

1. Appointment of Replacement member to NMSU LMR Board, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Ms. Dina Holcomb, outside NMSU Counsel updated the Board of Regents that there was a Labor Board meeting this afternoon. It was expected that they would have a recommendation to the Board of Regents to appoint the new neutral third position to the Labor Board. The neutral third member accepted to help out the university by covering for a faculty member for this term, not

knowing that she would have to step away from the Labor Board. The Labor Board had granted her a leave of absence; however, she chose to resign and allow the Labor Board to appoint a replacement so they could proceed with the pending petition that they have before them on the graduate students' petition. Upon meeting this afternoon, there was an unexpected action taken by the labor appointee to the Board, Mr. Larry Martinez. Mr. Martinez chose to also resign from the Board without explanation and stating that they now didn't have a full board with two vacancies. After he took that action, the meeting was adjourned. However, the state representative for ASFCME, the local union that represents staff employees, made the statement that they will be taking the position to not continue the Labor Board. Under the changes that happened to the Public Employee Bargaining Act in July 1, 2020, when those changes took effect, it gave unions the ability to stop local Labor Boards from existing. They had to affirmatively elect to continue to allow an employer to have a local Labor Board. Since there is only have the one union and ASFCME has made it clear that they're not supporting the continuation of the local labor board it appears that your local labor board is going to cease to exist on December 31st 2021.

D. Adjournment, Chairwoman Ammu Devasthali

Regent Romero motioned to adjourn. Regent Saucedo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

Meeting Minutes Approved on December 9, 2021 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.



Ammu Devasthali
Board of Regents Chair



Arsenio Romero
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer