

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY  
Special Telephonic Board of Regents Meeting  
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales  
Administration Building – Regents Room  
June 18, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Regent President Edwin Tatum called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regents Edwin Tatum, Lance Pyle, Joseph Gergel, were present and Dan Patterson and Terry Othick were present telephonically.

*Roll call: Regent Tatum – Yes; Regent Othick – Yes; Regent Gergel – Yes;  
Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Pyle – Yes*

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0.  
Motion approved.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regent Gergel moved to approve the minutes of June 1, 2019, as presented. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

**BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Property Disposition, Portales (Mr. Scott Smart, Action)

Mr. Scott Smart said that blanket approval is given by the Board of Regents for the disposal of property, however, when an item may potentially bring in more than \$5,000 - \$6,000 at auction, it is preferred to seek board approval before selling. ENMU will be auctioning a Case loader and John Deer tractor that may bring in a large dollar amount. Mr. Smarts asked for approval from the board to move forward with the sale of these items.

In reference to this topic, Dr. Elwell asked if approval needs to be gained by the board before exchanging his university vehicle. He stated that the vehicle is two years old and has approximately 40K miles. A brief discussion took place in which Regent Pyle suggested using a governmental contract for future vehicle purchases to get a better price for the university.

*Regent Pyle moved to approve the property disposition as presented. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.*

2. Greyhound Arena Roof, Portales (Mr. Scott Smart, Action)

Mr. Smart reported that the Greyhound Arena roofing project was presented to the board at the June 1, 2019 meeting in order to gain board approval and be placed on the Higher Education Department's monthly capital hearing agenda (deadline - June 10). At that time the dollar amount to complete the Greyhound Arena reroofing project was \$1.35 million. Since then, he has been informed that the final costs will be \$1.6 million. He said that it should be noted that this amount will cover both flat and domed surfaces of the arena, whereas it was originally thought only to cover the flat surface. The difference of \$250K will be covered by capital reserves. \$100K has been designated for construction contingency funds.

Mr. Smart said there was discussion at the last board meeting about bidding this project out, which can certainly be done. He further stated that they have been working with the architect and campus roofing contractor on these plans and would have to pay them \$60K for their services if another contractor is chosen for the project.

Regent Pyle discussed his concern that only one bid was received for this project and would like to see bids from New Mexico firms. After further discussion, it was determined that this project should go through the RFP process. Regent Edwin Tatum asked that we make sure there is bond protection to ensure that the product's warranty is honored in case the contractor/installer goes out of business.

***Regent Patterson moved to approve the \$1.6 million for the reroofing of the Greyhound Arena. In addition, the administration will go through the RFP process and come back to the board with bid prices and warranty bond information. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

## REGENT MATTERS

1. Selection of Building Site for the President's Residence, Portales (Regent Edwin Tatum, Action)

Regent Edwin Tatum asked Regent Lance Pyle to give an RFP committee report on the progress thus far. Six proposals have been received and the committee wishes to conduct interviews with the top 3 respondents in order to make the best selection for an architect for this project. In preparation for these interviews, the committee has compiled a list of questions that they would like to have answered in order to respond correctly to questions asked during these interviews.

Regent Pyle stated that one matter that must be looked at in the RFP process is the points assigned to cost. He said that it would be difficult to make these point assignments without some of these questions answered. He introduced Purchasing Agent, Scott Davis who gave a breakdown of the use of state funding. Mr. Davis stated that the RFP is open-ended. Therefore, it is unclear what the state dollars can be used for. Also, the bids from contractors mainly state who they are and what services they provide but do not give specific costs.

Regent Tatum asked Dr. Patrice Caldwell to speak as a committee member and give her perspective on location preference. Dr. Caldwell asked board members if there is a preference to demo the current residence and build on that same site or if there are other theories in mind? Regent Tatum stated that the university attorneys have clarified that the demolition of the current structure could be covered by state funds, but the asbestos abatement remains a topic for further study. He also raised the question as to where the current inhabitants (Dr. Elwell and his wife) would live during the construction period and if their relocation costs could be covered by state monies.

Regent Dan Patterson suggested that the contractor should make suggestions on the building site and offer several options. Regent Terry Othick stated that is the primary job of the architect to help with site selection, and this question should be posed during the interviewing process. He further said that it only makes sense to build in the current cul-de-sac, and

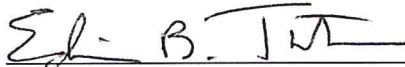
perhaps at the same site. He said that the optimal location would be the current residence site because of the value of the back yard. The downside would be the relocation of Dr. Elwell and his family and the cost of demolition and asbestos abatement. Regent Othick reiterated that operational dollars would not be spent for this project.

Regent Pyle reported that it is the goal of the committee to have an architect selected by the first week of July.

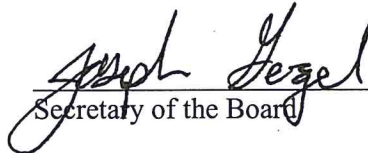
***Regent Patterson made a motion that the location of the new President's House be in the area of 1600 West Cherry. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.***



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President of the Board



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Secretary of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Karen Van Ruiten  
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