

**EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Virtual/Telephonic Board of Regents Meeting
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
April 17, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regent Joseph Gergel was present. Regents Terry Othick, Dan Patterson, Edwin Tatum, and Lance Pyle were present virtually.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Patterson moved to modify the agenda and hold the Executive Session before covering Regent Matters. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Pyle moved to approve the agenda as amended. Regent Patterson seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Othick moved to enter into executive session at 1:05 p.m. to discuss one limited personnel matter pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978). Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

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

Regent Patterson moved to return to open session at 2:10 p.m. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Othick reported that one personnel matter was discussed. No actions were taken.

REGENT MATTERS

1. Consideration of two limited personnel matters pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2), NMSA (1978)
Regent Terry Othick stated that two personnel matters will be considered as action items and called upon Regent Dan Patterson to speak about the first item.

Regent Dan Patterson said that the board has received a letter of resignation from Dr. Elwell effective April 24, 2020. According to his contract, there must be unanimous agreement among the board to accept his resignation.

Regent Patterson moved to accept Dr. Elwell's resignation effective April 24, 2020 and for the appropriate University officials to execute the documents necessary or appropriate. Regent Tatum seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1. Regent Gergel abstained.

Regent Othick referenced the second personnel matter and stated that the board has unanimously agreed to name the current vice president for Planning, Analysis and Governmental Relations, Dr. Patrice Caldwell as the interim chancellor and Portales campus president.

Regent Patterson moved to appoint Dr. Patrice Caldwell as interim chancellor and president of the Portales campus of Eastern New Mexico University until that position is filled with a full-time chancellor/president. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.

As president of the Board of Regents, Regent Othick made the following statement:

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Regent Othick made the following statement to ENMU faculty and staff on all three campuses:

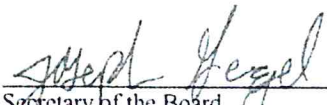
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ADJOURNMENT

Regent Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



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*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Karen Van Ruiten
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