

EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
Telephonic Special Board of Regents Meeting
Eastern New Mexico University - Portales
Administration Building – Regents Room
July 24, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Regent President Terry Othick called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. and declared a quorum. Regent Joseph Gergel was physically present, and Terry Othick, Dan Patterson, and Lance Pyle were present telephonically.

Roll call: Regent Othick – Yes; Regent Patterson – Yes; Regent Gergel – Yes; Regent Pyle– Yes; Regent Tatum –No response.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

Regent Patterson moved to approve the agenda. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. ENMU-Ruidoso Presidential Appointment

Dr. Patrice Caldwell said that a memorandum has been approved by the ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board that affirms the Search Committee's recommendation. She introduced Ms. Marla Romero, Search Committee Chair.

Mrs. Romero stated that 50 candidates were reviewed, vetted, and narrowed to five finalists. These names were presented to the Board of Regents on June 26, 2020, and have since been interviewed by several groups and constituencies on campus and the community. After extensive consideration, and the unanimous approval of the Community College Board, they wish to present Mr. Ryan Trosper as the next president of ENMU-Ruidoso.

Dr. Caldwell added that as a member of the search committee, she participated in the vetting process of these candidates, interviewed finalists, and concurs with the recommendation of the CCB.

Regent Patterson moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Ryan Trosper as the next president at ENMU-Ruidoso based on the recommendation of the ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board and affirmation of Chancellor Patrice Caldwell. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Terry Othick read the following statement:

On behalf of the Board of Regents, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the next president at ENMU-Ruidoso. We are especially appreciative of the search committee and local board for their dedication and work in quickly and efficiently conducting the search leading to your appointment.

The Ruidoso and Roswell campuses are critical components of the ENMU System and provide outstanding educational curriculum in their communities. President Trosper, congratulations, and please know that you and the Community College Board have the full support of the Board of Regents in continuing the outstanding work of your predecessor, Dr. Ryan Carstens.

2. Resolution Recognizing Dr. Ryan Carstens

Dr. Patrice Caldwell commented that one of the most gratifying moments of academic life is when we can recognize people who have become not just colleagues, but friends and Dr. Carstens fits that description. Dr. Carstens has been a dynamo in Ruidoso and has brought energy and innovation to every aspect of the campus' growth, enhancement of its academic programs and valuable partnerships that have been forged in the community. It is with great satisfaction that the resolution recognizing the achievements of Dr. Carstens is presented to the board.

Regent Othick read the resolution and stated that Dr. Carstens has earned the admiration and respect of the board along with the faculty, staff, community and New Mexico legislators. Regent members individually thanked Dr. Carstens for his exceptional service to ENMU and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Regent Patterson moved to adopt the resolution recognizing ENMU-Ruidoso president Dr. Ryan Carstens. Regent Pyle seconded the motion. Vote 4-0-0. Motion approved.

Regent Edwin Tatum joined the meeting and wished Dr. Carstens well and success in the future.

In addition, Regent Othick recognized Regent Joseph Gergel, student Regent. Mr. Gergel is about to embark on a journey to the campus of Notre Dame to attend law school. He is a great example of the caliber of students who graduate from ENMU and expects great things from him.

Regent Gergel thanked the board for their kind comments and said that he undoubtedly owes much to ENMU. He has had many fine experiences here and has appreciated the opportunity to serve on the board. He will continue to do so through December.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m. Regent Gergel seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0-0. Motion approved.



President of the Board

*Minutes recorded and transcribed by Karen Van Ruiten
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