

**Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
18 March 2021
5 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Treptow calls the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. and declares a quorum. Mr. Treptow calls roll. Members present include Brad Treptow, James Paxton and Marla Frye-Romero.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Introduction of Guests

Chair Treptow acknowledges guest to the meeting Dr. Patrice Caldwell, Steve Lestarjette, Dr. Karen Massey, Coda Omness and Rhonda Vincent.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020, February 4, March 4, and March 9, requesting that the March 4 minutes be revised to show she was in attendance at the March 4 Budget Workshop.

Motion:	Ms. Frye-Romero
Second:	Mr. Paxton
Vote:	3-0

Report of Chancellor

Dr. Caldwell said three new regents appointed by Gov. Lujan-Grisham, were recently approved by the NM Senate. They are Trish Ruiz of Hobbs, Phillip Bustos of Albuquerque, and Chandler Head of Levelland, Texas. These succeed outgoing regents Terry Othick, Ed Tatum, and Joseph Gergel.

Report of the Foundation Director

Director Rhonda Vincent reported that plans for the 2021 Aim High fundraising event are progressing well. Also, the Foundation is working to align the Foundation's Strategic Plan with the college's Strategic Plan.

Report of the Community College Board Chair

Chair Treptow expressed gratitude to Chancellor and Regents for approving Purchasing Agreement for purchase of Sierra Mall, especially given short notice; and to Coda Omness for helping hospital create a ESL course for seven hospital employees.

Report of President

President Trospen reported that, though spring enrollment declined, the drop was not as severe as with other colleges in the state. He said ENMU-Ruidoso's enrollment was down just seven percent in headcount and six percent in FTE. He noted the good work of the Emporium staff for helping retain students.

He said the college had posted two positions: Recruiter/Tribal Liaison and Office Administrator.

Regarding the college's spring semester operations, President Trospen said a majority of courses would open online instruction with a few career technical courses held on campus. He said the college had experienced no new COVID-19 courses since November 2020.

He reported that the college was using Canvas to assess new courses, that the Adult Education program had enrolled 155 high school ESL students this spring, and had served 19 in the Lincoln County Detention Center.

He reported that the college was nearing the launch of Authorize.net, an online payment program which would be a step forward to help credit and noncredit students pay more conveniently.

He noted that the college's Cybersecurity program has been named a state host for New Mexico and Oklahoma, which will bring students to the campus via a Southwest grant.

He reported that the college had created a new student club founded by Jeff Frawley.

President Trospen gave a brief update on bills pending before the New Mexico Legislature. He said that SB 135, the Opportunity Scholarship, looks to pass, which will help reduce college costs for many students; SB 77, a pilot program with ENMU and community colleges in the eastern part of the state to create pathways for students who begin at a community college and complete an ENMU-Portales, also looks to pass.

Higher Education Secretary Stephanie Rodriguez has been confirmed and is now permanent to the position, he reported.

He said that the college's state appropriations, which is included in HB 2, should not change.

President Trospen reported that the college had received acknowledgement that the agreement has been received, and ENMU's John Canmore and others will walk through Sierra Mall to inspect the facility very soon.

Regarding graduation, the President said the college is hoping for an in-person commencement to celebrate student perseverance.

Regarding fall semester plans, President Trosper said the college was building an on-campus schedule with small classes and preparing to be open in the fall, but will also have plans ready to move to return to online instruction quickly, if conditions warrant.

He alerted the board that workforce grants programs serviced by Workforce Connections may be changing by the possibility of redistricting service areas, thereby changing the communities served by the college.

INFORMATION AND STUDY ITEMS

College Nexus Project Update

President Ryan Trosper and Dr. Massey describe the current status of Nexus Project Phase 2. Renovation should be substantially complete by April 7 or 8. The wall that divides the new section from the original college is now coming down. Furniture should be coming during the third week of April, with staff moving into the Phase 2 section in early May.

ACTION ITEMS

Operating Agreement

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve the 2021-2023 Operating Agreement between ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College and ENMU System.

Motion: Ms. Frye-Romero

Second: Mr. Paxton

Vote: 3-0

The Operating Agreement is approved.

Open Meeting Act Resolution

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve the Open Meeting Act Resolution.

Motion: Ms. Frye-Romero

Second: Mr. Paxton

Vote: 3-0

Graduation List for Academic Year 2021-2022

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve the Graduation List for 2021-2022.

Motion: Mr. Paxton

Second: Ms. Frye-Romero

Vote: 3-0

Course Fees for 2021-2022

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve Course Fees for 2021-2022.

Motion: Ms. Frye-Romero

Second: Mr. Paxton

Vote: 3-0

Approval of 2021-2022 Budget

Chair Treptow calls for a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 budget.

Motion: Mr. Paxton
Second: Ms. Fry-Romero
Vote: 3-0

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT AND COMMENTS

Chair Treptow reported that the last day of the Spring semester is May 14, the next Regents meeting is March 26

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Romero
Paxton
Vote: 3-0
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



Brad Treptow
Chairman, Community College Board

9/29/21

Date



James Paxton
Secretary, Community College Board

9-29-2021

Date

Submitted for approval by: Steve Lestarjette, Chief External Affairs Officer