

**Eastern New Mexico University – Ruidoso Branch
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2021
5:00 p.m.
ENMU-Ruidoso Lecture Hall, Microsoft Teams Link**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brad Treptow called the meeting to order at 5:05pm and declared a quorum. 3 of 5 members were present. Present members included Brad Treptow, James Paxton, and Marla Frye-Romero. Absent was Gina Klinekole and Board Member Position 4 is vacant.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Chair Brad Treptow asked the Board to refer to Nursing Partnership under College Highlights and consider floating that item on the agenda. Ms. Alexandria Ramirez-Polaco is not present to brief the Board on the Nursing Partnership but may show up at a later time. Second, a spelling correction to the agenda under the Announcements that the Winder Holiday be corrected to reflect Winter Holiday.

Motion: Ms. Marla Frye-Romero
Seconded: Mr. James Paxton
Vote: 3-0-0
Motion: Motion passes to approve the agenda

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. Nursing Partnership**
- 2. Honoring James Paxton for service to ENMU-Ruidoso**

Chair Brad Treptow acknowledged founders of ENMU-Ruidoso, Dr. James Miller and Dr. Lynn Willard being present as guests along with Chancellor, Dr. Patrice Caldwell to honor Member James Paxton. President Trosper stated James Paxton has been a wonderful mentor and instrumental for our campus. He has had great vision and foresight for ENMU-Ruidoso. With great service to this college, he has also served on the Ruidoso School Board, his church, Rotary, and is a respected business owner in the community.

President Trosper then read a letter of appreciation for James by former ENMU-Ruidoso President Dr. Clayton Alred. He thanks James for his service as the last remaining founding member of this campus and unwavering commitment to excellence has been the hallmark of James' board service. A founding father is an extraordinary role but the most important contribution was in assistance of the acquisition of the building that now hosts this evenings board meeting

Chair Brad Treptow followed with a resolution. James D. Paxton began as a member of the College Advisory Board in 1991 and later into the Eastern New Mexico Branch Community College Board. From instructional center to community college board. Be it resolved by the Community College Board of Eastern New Mexico University- Ruidoso Branch, Mr. James D. Paxton is commended and appreciated for his contributions. Mr. Paxton was given the Board Resolution.

Chair Treptow stated that Mr. Paxton has given his community a gift of service. A man with utmost integrity representing all that he stands for in his community and this institution. We are appreciative and thankful that this institution was a beneficiary of your service.

Chancellor, Dr. Patrice Caldwell was very happy to be present to celebrate this day with Mr. James Paxton. In 1991, on the Advisory Board with Dr. Jim Miller and Dr. Lynn Willard, Mr. James Paxton were recognized and share a legacy of being welcoming to faculty, staff and the community. Words cannot express what you mean to this campus.

Dr. Jim Miller discussed 1994 and the first time James used his gifts to acquire property. James has been a part of the complete foundation of this institution. It is rare to see someone in the community to stay engaged on a board for this length of time.

Dr. Lynn Willard stated that he and Mr. Paxton worked together, first on the Ruidoso School Board, then the Advisory Board, and the ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board. Mr. Paxton has made impactful decisions for this community and Institution. Mr. Paxton and Dr. Willard have both served on the Ruidoso Rotary for many years together. He congratulated James Paxton, on being a good friend and for long service.

Finally, President Trosper presented James Paxton a plaque and a crystal award for his service and dedication. Mr. Paxton said thank you for the kind words and enjoyable experience.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chair Treptow presented President Ryan Trosper, Chancellor Dr. Patrice Caldwell, Maricia Alleman, Coda Omness, Dr. Karen Massey, and Cynthia Dulong.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26 REGULAR MEETING and APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Marla Frye-Romero
Seconded: James Paxton
Vote: 3-0-0
Motion: Motion passes

REPORT FROM ENMU SYSTEM CHANCELLOR

Dr. Caldwell updated the Board of a difficult year with the pandemic. We are listening for a vaccine mandate or directive from the Governor's Office. When given, we will prepare to implement it immediately, equitably, and without cost to our students. We don't want to make compliance a burden. We are looking forward to graduation. ENMU-Ruidoso's Native American Day Celebration was a wonderful event today during the pandemic.

Chair Treptow referenced the vaccine incentive in the August Board Meeting Minutes. Did the incentive prove effective and productive for the campus? Dr. Caldwell stated it was successful with staff and faculty but not with students. The campus continues to offer clinics and soft incentive without financial incentive. Difficult times with community to mandate while opinions remain divided.

Ms. Marla Frye-Romero asked if there was resistance from other universities and mandating vaccinations? Informal information shows that UNM and NM state has been more successful. Mandate is at NM Tech but no percentages have been presented.

REPORT FROM ENMU-RUIDOSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD CHAIR

Chair Treptow stated the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation hosted a Donor Reception on October 21. It was a great use of space and provided personal connection. This coincides with the emphasis of how the campus provides for the students and emphasis of how the Foundation supports the students.

REPORT FROM ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT

President Ryan Trosper presented on the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation report in lieu of Director Rhonda Vincent not being present. The Donor Reception was a wonderful event. The tiered area was used and social distancing was used to keep people safe. ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board was represented, the ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation, Donors, and students were present. It was great to think

back to the students and know why we are here. Elk hunt raffle this year was a success all 300 raffle tickets and drew winners. Spring applications for scholarships are being accepted through the end of December. Possible Joint Board Meeting with Community College Board and Foundation in January.

Dr. Lynn Willard talked about Donor Reception. The Foundation received an email from a parent who attended the event. He was happy to know that Ruidoso cared that much for students. Dr. Willard also had a conversation with a student who was grateful for the scholarship to help her get into the Nursing Program. It is encouraging to hear those stories and we want to continue raising money to help more students.

President Trospen stated that ENMU-Ruidoso continues to follow Covid practices. Since 2020, we have had 25 COVID cases associated with the campus. Only 16 are directly connected with the campus. We are continuing to work and keep our campus safe. Dr. Karen Massey, Physical Plant Staff, Vice President Coda Omness have worked hard to keep our campus safe. Instructors have used hybrid and larger classrooms to maintain social distancing and safety.

Nexus Phase III, received approval from the State Board of Finance. Received bids today for the exterior of the facility. It is because of the leadership of the board and the community that we are in construction, where we will have a campus that will draw current and new students.

Enrollment comparing last year. 13% headcount improvement 10% FTE improvement. We should finish ahead of last year.

We are working with the Lincoln County Detention Center with Adult Education classes through the work of our Vice President Coda Omness. 65 inmates have completed the reentry program. 30 inmates are currently working on their High School Equivalency. 12 are enrolled in our First Year Experience Course. 1 student has been able to further their education here on campus.

Looking at an online platform for mental health for staff, faculty, and students.

Student event Day of the Dead event, Dr. Cynthia Orozco gave a presentation on the history of the day.

Today, Ashley Prelo and Vice President Coda Omness, Native American Heritage Day with Ruidoso High School, Mescalero High School, Mescalero Middle School, Ms. Mescalero, along with Mescalero Tribal Leadership. Keynote speaker and Dentist, Dr. Felicia Fontenot presented, there was dancing, art presentations, science presentations, and students erected a Teepee outside.

Vice President Coda Omness stated that the event was great for the campus. We had approximately 115 students attend. Parents who attended were amazed with our campus.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Strategic Plan Update-Goal Two: Employer Ready

President Trospen gave an update on the strategic plan goal #2: Employer Ready.

Update: We welcomed our first cohort of ENMU-Ruidoso's Nursing Students. Community Education is offering EMT Basic and Human Pathophysiology courses as non-credit. With Vice President Coda Omness, we were able to shift Alcohol Server Training completely online. We are the only institution in the state to be able to do that to help those students find employment. Wildland Fire Academy will be hosted in January. Finalizing a partnership in the next few weeks between Tricore and Lincoln County Medical Center working on Phlebotomy program. Ms. Omness and Mr. Trospen visited ENMU Portales to visit their Phlebotomy program.

1.b. Vice President is on state committee for new industry development.

Update: In the last month, the Secretary of Higher Education has asked for input about cannabis education. President Trospen stated it is important to realize this industry is coming to Ruidoso regardless of personal perception. If we are looking at being a training provider, it is prudent for us to have information to make a collective decision. The Secretary of Higher Education is working with a steering committee and the newly created Cannabis Regulation Advisory Committee to create standards over the next few months. Vice President Omness is serving on the steering committee as our representative. Needs to be discussed more. Training is needed for industry. We should be prepared with regulations and standards.

Chair Treptow stated that he is proud to see the campus to add this Phlebotomy certificate program. On behalf of Lincoln County Medical Center and Tricare, additional supplies and a draw chair will be provided.

2. Update on Nexus Phase III

President Trospen discussed the approval on Tuesday from the State Board of Finance and the committee is now working on a Bid recommendation. Once the contract goes into negotiation, the hope is that it will be presented to the Board of Regents for the contract approval. Few weeks ago, President Trospen had a presentation about Nexus Phase III for campus. To inform staff, faculty, and students about construction that will begin. Sent out a survey to vote on the façade and colors. Three color ideas. Copper, Blue, and Neutral. Thank you to Dr. Karen Massey, Paul Wenzel, Chancellor Dr. Caldwell, John Kenmore, Scott Smart, and Ray Nations.

Chair Treptow asked Dr. Massey, is there is an estimated time frame? Dr. Massey responded with the proposal completion in early fall. Chair Treptow asked if weather is built into the time frame? Dr. Massey stated that weather can delay construction and forecast once an award is completed then delays will be discussed. Asphalt is temperature related.

Mr. Paxton asked about the collaboration with Albertsons to complete the parking lot? President Trospen stated it was completed in previous management. When we get closer to awarding a contract, we will have another discussion with Albertsons. We have already worked with the Calvary Chapel about overflow parking when we are in construction.

Ms. Frye-Romero asked if entrances were going to be shuffled. President Trospen responded, as construction is undergoing, we may need to shift entrances.

Chair Treptow stated that he would expect extra signage guiding staff, faculty, and students to other entrances. President Trospen responded that contractor will prioritize parking for students. Staff and faculty will be designated to other parking.

3. Community College Board Position 4 Opening

Chair Treptow stated that in the Special Meeting on October 14th, the ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board accepted the resignation of Board Member Justin Huffmon. Currently, the Board has received 4 candidates who are interested in filling the vacancy of the College Board Position.

Romelia Carr, Rachael Rosillo, Eric Eggelston, and Rhonda Colvin. Chair Treptow conveyed the expectation of the vacancy and running in 2023 for the consistency of maintaining the board. Three have volunteered in the community. Cynthia Dulong will coordinate President Trospen's schedule for a tour and the board would like to make an announcement in 2022. Hope to have new Community College Board Position 4 Member along with new member Murray Murphy take their oath in January.

Ms. Frye-Romero asked if there will there be a special board meeting before the end of the year. Chair Treptow is asking for tours be given and recommendations will be given in January.

President Trospen mentioned that the college would verify addresses of candidates with Lincoln County Clerks Office.

4. Update on Property Acquisition

President Trospen stated that with the work of Member Paxton and seller's agent we are able to extend the acquisition to the end of January. The sellers understand that working with a public institution may delay agreements. Since October, we worked on financing through the New Mexico Finance Authority with the work of Scott Smart, Dr. Massey, Tony Major. The financing is currently being reviewed with the Higher Education Department.

Chair Treptow stated that ENMU-Ruidoso is working to focus on future development for growth.

Mr. Paxton stated that he is impressed with President Trospers procedure, approach, and willingness to be dedicated to this campus and its future.

ACTION ITEMS

1. 2022 College Board Meetings

President Trospers presented the 2022 Community College Board Meetings. It is recommended on January 28 to have a Special Meeting to bring on new members. This will then move into the Board Retreat with the Community College Board with ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Board.

There is a short legislative session this year and strategically ask the Board for one additional meeting.

With two new members – dates may be changed due to availability for new members.

January 28th is a Friday not Thursday.

Motion: Mr. James Paxton
Seconded: Ms. Marla Frye-Romero
Vote: 3-0-0
Motion: Motion passes

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

November 19th – Board of Regents Board Meeting
November 23-26 - ENMU-Ruidoso Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
December 10 – Last Day of the Fall Semester
December 24 – January 2 ENMU-Ruidoso Closed for Winter Break

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Marla Frye-Romero
Seconded: Mr. James Paxton
Vote: 3-0-0
Motion: Motion passes to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Brad Treptow

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Chairman, Community College Board

2/17/22

Date

Gina Klinekole

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Secretary, Community College Board

2-17-2022

Date

Submitted for approval by: Cynthia Dulong, Office Administrator to the President