

**Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**

**March 9, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Room 102**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The newly reelected board members James Paxton and Gina Klinekole were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Katie Lund.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Lynn Willard, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and declared a quorum.

Dr. Lynn Willard, Mr. James Paxton, and Ms. Gina Klinekole were present. Mr. Brad Treptow arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Also present were Dr. Clayton Alred and Dr. Steven Gamble.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Paxton moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Klinekole seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Paxton moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2017 as submitted.**

**Ms. Klinekole seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 3-0-0. Motion approved.**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Willard introduced guests: Mr. Jack McCaw, Ms. Annie Kalama, Mr. James Pawlak, Ms. Sheila Farquer and Mr. Lonnie Jossart.

**REPORT FROM COLLEGE BOARD CHAIR - None**

**REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY**

- Dr. Gamble discussed about the legislature and the discussions being held regarding additional taxing possibilities. The governor is opposed to any additional tax, however if the revenue package were to be approved, funding cuts would remain around 3% and not increase to 6%. Dr. Gamble presented articles from the Albuquerque Journal discussing the issues with the state budget. Dr. Gamble explained in order to balance the budget, ENMU needs to grow revenue and cut expenses. One way ENMU will cut expenses is to decrease employment positions by 30-45 employees or approximately \$1,500,000 in expenses. Dr. Gamble stated that the decrease in employees will happen by attrition. Dr. Gamble noted that 39% of state budget cuts for FY17 have come from higher education when only 13% of the entire state budget is higher education.
- Dr. Gamble referred to the third article presented and stated that it discusses the possibility of too many schools in the state. He stated that the Secretary of Higher Education does not agree.
- Dr. Gamble also stated that there has been a bill introduced to make college credits accepted throughout the state instead of allowing universities to decline credits.
- Dr. Gamble informed the Board of the passing of Regent Susan Tatum. He stated there has been no reappointment. Additionally, a new student regent has been appointed, Kokoa VonSchultz.
- Dr. Gamble reported on the presidential search. There are currently ten semifinalist interviewing in Albuquerque. It will be narrowed down to five finalists who will be interviewed in Portales in April.

- Dr. Gamble reported that there is an upcoming meeting for 2018 Bond C capital.
- Dr. Gamble reported retention is good and fall enrollment was over 6,000.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO PRESIDENT**

- Dr. Alred informed the Board that the Board of Regents were meeting on March 24, 2017 on the Ruidoso campus. The luncheon starts at noon and the College Board is invited.
- Dr. Alred reported that there has been another delay on the renovation. An engineer will be coming to campus on the following Saturday to finalize changes to the plans to address the support beam issues.
- Dr. Alred reported that there will be an accreditation visit April 17 and 18, 2017. He stated that one team member will be on campus for a half day during the visit. He anticipates the team member will want to talk with Board members, faculty, staff and students. Additional information will be presented at the April 6, 2017 budget workshop meeting.
- Dr. Alred informed the Board that Dr. Gamble will be the speaker for the graduation ceremony.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ENMU-RUIDOSO FACULTY**

Jack McCaw provided the faculty report for the science department. Mr. McCaw stated that the science degrees are transitioning from Natural Recourses to General Science. The General Science degree will allow for a transfer to a variety of medical and premedical sciences and additional alternative areas to graduates. Mr. McCaw stated that there have been sixteen natural science degrees since inception. Currently there are seventy seven students enrolled as science majors with students from the Title V and TAACCT grant programs feeding into the science department. Additionally, Mr. McCaw reported 2+2 programs are being created to partner with NMSU, ENMU and UNM.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Marketing/Recruitment Committee Report – Mr. Lonnie Jossart presented the report. He stated that the recruitment committee had met several times to determine events and create a calendar that are relevant to recruitment. He stated that initiatives for distance education have been created. Mr. Jossart reported that recruiting is expanding focus to go outside Lincoln County to offer online programs such as cyber security.
2. ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Update – Dr. Willard provided the Foundation report. The Foundation Board met March 2, 2017. The Aim High event is scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2017 and will need volunteers. Dr. Willard informed the Board that raffle tickets are being sold for a chance to win a Polaris.
3. Grants Update – Ms. Annie Kalama provided the update on the Title V and SunPath grants. The final pilot semester of the Wildland Fire Science program ends at the end of the first eight weeks of the spring semester. The WFS Specialist, science department and Grant Activities Director are meeting weekly to ensure the transition from grant to institution is seamless. The Emergency Medical Services pilot classes, basic and advanced, are underway this semester. The specialist is working with Dona Anna Community College and our local medical providers to ensure that clinical opportunities are available. The EMS Specialist is working on interim status so we will be advertising the position soon. The new Title V Structural Fire (SF) Specialist started in February. Mikel Ward has 19 years of experience in the field and has held various leadership positions across the state. His experience includes working with the NM State Fire Marshall's office and the NM Firefighters training academy. The coursework is being put together and will begin partnering with various stakeholders across the state. Sun Path was also able to send a staff member to simulation training provided at CNM to improve and expand the use of simulations utilized in the college's first responder programs.

I-Best faculty Barbara Paul and Bonnie Rossiter will be serving on a state-wide taskforce charged with designing integrated CNA curriculum, exchange ideas and best practices.

Through grant provided funding, the college has partnered with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMMS) to improve workplace readiness of HIT completers.

National CyberWatch Center provided access to their labs which are hands-on, scalable, and customizable virtual platform. These labs will be used in the Cyber Security Program moving forward. Sun Path JDCC Lonnie Jossart has worked with the marketing department to create new outreach materials for Sun Path programs including Cyber Security

4. Legislative Update – Dr. Alred presented the legislative update. Phi Theta Kappa Ceremony recognizing New Mexico All-State Students at the legislature, was held Monday, February 27, 2017.

Dr. Alred reported the current state fiscal year 2018 financial deficit is at \$240 million.

Dr. Alred reported the Senate passed a revenue package that includes: gas tax increase (10 cent per gallon), additional excise taxes on vehicle sales, and increase on diesel sales tax. However, the Governor has promised to veto any tax increases and additional reductions in appropriations are expected.

Dr. Alred reported on various bills including proposals to raise minimum wage from \$7.50 to \$9.00 or higher and HB 113 whose purpose of developing a statewide telecommunications infrastructure.

5. Presidential Search Update – Dr. Alred reported that there were ten semifinalists interviewing in Albuquerque. Five finalists will be selected to interview in Portales. The Board of Regents will then make their selection in April or May.
6. Community College Board Member Election Results – Dr. Alred reported that James Paxton was reelected for Position 2 and Gina Klinekole was reelected for Position 3.

## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

1. Board member Resignation – Mr. Treptow presented a resignation letter from Dr. Michael Budd who is relocating to Texas.  
**With regret, Dr. Willard moved to accept the resignation letter of Dr. Michael Budd. Ms. Klinekole seconded.**  
**Vote: 4-0-0. Motion passed.**

Mr. Treptow asked Dr. Alred to provide the next steps in appointing a new Board member. Dr. Alred provided a mockup advertisement to be used to announce the vacancy. Dr. Alred suggested a deadline for letters of interest to be submitted by May 26, 2017, which will allow the Board to discuss and take action during the retreat meeting. Mr. Treptow stated he would prefer to have a candidate chosen so they may participate in the retreat. Dr. Willard agreed and suggested a deadline date of April 12, 2017. Mr. Paxton and Ms. Klinekole agreed.

2. Election of Board Officers – Mr. Treptow asked for nominations of Chairman and Secretary of the ENMU-Ruidoso Branch Community College Board.  
**Mr. Paxton nominated Mr. Treptow as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Willard seconded the motion. Mr. Treptow asked for other nominations, no other nominations were made.**  
**Vote: 4-0-0. Nomination passed.**

**Ms. Klinekole nominated Mr. Paxton for Secretary of the Board. Dr. Willard seconded.  
Mr. Treptow asked for other nominations, no other nominations were made.  
Vote: 4-0-0. Nomination passed.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

There were no items to be discussed during a closed session.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS**

ENMU Board of Regents Meeting, April 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Portales

Graduation, May 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Spencer Theater

ENMU-Ruidoso Foundation Board Meeting, June 14, 2017, 5:00 p.m., Conference room

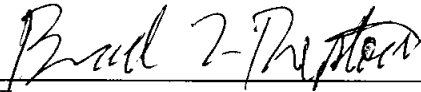
ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Retreat, TBD, Location - TBD

ENMU-Ruidoso Community College Board Meeting, September 21, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 102

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Paxton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Ms. Klinekole seconded the motion.

**Vote: 4-0-0. Motion approved.**



Brad Treptow  
Chairman, Community College Board

4-13-17

Date



James Paxton  
Secretary, Community College Board

4-13-17

Date

Respectfully submitted for approval by:  
Marla Romero, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Clayton Alred