NORTHERN New Mexico College

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BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
JULY 31, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College was held on Friday, July 31, 2026, Via Zoom in the Board Room of Northern New Mexico College, Española. Campus. Regents Present in person and Viz Zoom: Michael A. Martin, Erica Velarde, Ruben Archuleta, Ron Lovato, and Dolores Gurule.

Northern New Mexico College Staff Present: President Hector Balderas, JD, CFE, Theresa Storey, Chief Financial Officer/Compliance Officer, Matthew Baca, General Counsel, Scott Stokes, Chief Information Officer, Juan Gallegos, Windows System/Information Security Administrator, Geno Trujillo, Director of Security, Vince Lithgow, Accountant III, Sandy Krolick, Creative Director, Communications & Marketing, Sally Martinez, Executive Assistant to the Provost & VPAA, Carmella Sanchez, Director of Institutional Research, Milam Shaw, Communications Coordinator, Haylie Baca, Financial Aid Advisor, Janice Baca, Registrar, Arin McKenna, Staff Writer/Reporter, Communications & Marketing, Anne-Marie Draeger, Grant Writer, Maria Cedillo, Senior Project Manager/Data Base Administrator, IT, Christian Gomez, Technical Trades Academic Advisor, Joshua Lopez, Dual Credit Outreach Specialist, Shawn Madrid, Capital Projects Coordinator and Amy Peña, Executive Office Director/Board Secretary.

Faculty Present: Scott Braley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05AM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Martin stated the first item on the agenda is to approve the agenda and President Balderas requested we flip the executive session with the staff reports so Chairman Martin stated he will entertain a motion to approve it to indicate that.

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Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Regent Lovato entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Second – Regent Archuleta. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Action Required

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the minutes of June 26, 2026.

Regent Velarde moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2026. Second – Regent Gurule. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Vice President for Finance & Administration

1. Valley Fence Company
2. APIC Access Control and Cameras - Action Required

Theresa Storey, Chief Financial Officer stated Geno Trujillo is here as well as Shawn Madrid to answer any technical questions. I would like to couple, items A and B, and then C and D, and ask for approval, stand for questions on those two items, together. Items A and B, the Valley Fence, as well as access control and cameras. Northern has an investment in capital improvement plan. As we've mentioned, we've been working, to develop the five-year plan and to kind of clean up our capital improvement plan. Ms. Storey thinks in calendar year 2025 Northern's submission, for 2027 projects, the top priority was campus safety. With that submission of the top priority, we were appropriated, $3.5 million, specific to the Espanola campus. So, these two projects will represent, essentially, phase one of those security enhancements. Being the perimeter fencing, again, for the Espanola campus, the access control, and the video, surveillance systems. Additionally, these systems are intended to integrate, with each other. With that, Ms. Storey stood for questions from the Board of Regents and asked for approval.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve both the Valley Fence Company and the APIC access control and cameras.

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Regent Velarde moved to approve the Valley Fence Company and APIC access control and cameras. Second – Regent Archuleta. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. El Rito Paving
4. El Rito South Dorm Windows

Ms. Storey stated the second two items, building on recent campus beautification, the dorm renewal and the walking trails. These two items, represent improvement specific to the El Rito Campus. We will be using... utilizing and building on governor-sponsored capital outlay to replace the windows in the South Dorm, as well as asphalting of the El Rito Campus. Ms. Storey stood for questions from the Board of Regents.

Chairman Martin stated he was curious and asked Shawn Madrid, Capital Projects Coordinator how old the windows are. Mr. Madrid stated well, so the... the building was built in 1937, so he believes those windows are probably about that old. There's a few... the upstairs ones, he thinks, were replaced in the... he wants to say 70s, or 80s, on the top story, but they are still outdated, they're not anything, that are really energy efficient for us. So, we are going to be replacing those as well, but the ones downstairs, he doesn't think any of those have been replaced since the building was made.

Chairman Martin thanked Mr. Madrid.

Regent Velarde asked if we have gotten any approval from...she means, are we bound to anything because it's a historic building? She knows that in Santa Fe, when she worked for the State, if we ever wanted to change window on some of those historical buildings, it...we weren't allowed to. So, she just wants to make sure that we got all our ducks in order.

Mr. Madrid stated so the dorms... the two dorm buildings are not a historical building. The only building that we have... he means, don't get him wrong, they are legacy, but they are not in the State Historical Registry, so the only one that is in the State Historical Registry is the main building, Delgado Hall.

Regent Velarde thanked Mr. Madrid.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the recommendation.

Regent Archuleta moved to approve the El Rito paving and the El Rito South Dorm windows. Second – Regent Velarde. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

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B. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Nursing & Health Sciences Course Fees

Matt Baca, General Counsel stated the Board has in front of them in the packet, we have some additional requests from the Nursing Department to adjust fees related to their program. There are three adjustments. One is that our insurance provider for malpractice liability insurance will be going up by $1. So, we need to change the fee schedule to reflect it will be now $16 instead of $15. The second is we were informed by our drug screening provider that the drug screenings that are required will now cost $55 instead of $50, so we need to make that simple adjustment and then the department has made the decision that students will buy their nursing uniforms directly from suppliers rather than the program facilitate the purchase and transfer, so the request is to just remove the $100 fee associated, with that course, and, for those uniforms, and the students will then just purchase them directly. So, the recommendation is that the board do make these adjustments to the nursing fee schedule. Mr. Baca stood for questions from the Board of Regents.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the Nursing & Health Sciences Course Fees.

Regent Velarde moved to approve the Nursing & Health Sciences Course Fees. Second Regent Gurule. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the President's evaluation and real estate acquisition or disposal of the Rio Arriba County Real Estate Transfer Agreement.

Regent Velarde moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss limited personnel matters regarding the President's evaluation and real estate acquisition or disposal of the Rio Arriba County Real Estate Transfer Agreement. Second – Regent Archuleta.

A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Regents entered into Executive Session at 9:07AM.

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VI. VOTE TO REOPEN MEETING

Chairman Martin certified that only those matters described in Executive Session were discussed and entertained a motion to return from Executive Session.

Regent Archuleta moved that the board return from Executive Session. Second – Regent Velarde. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion under the County Real Estate Transfer Agreement that the Board instruct the President to inform the County that we're invoking the revision clause and we're going to take the land back.

Regent Archuleta moved that under the County Real Estate Transfer Agreement that the Board instruct the President to inform the County that we're invoking the revision clause and we're going to take the land back. Second – Regent Gurule. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Regent Archuleta moved to adjourn. Second – Regent Lovato. A roll call was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde - yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Regents adjourned 10:20AM

Approved:

Michael A. Martin

Michael A. Martin
Chairman

Erica Velarde (Sep 22, 2026 11:15:47 MDT)

Erica Rita Velarde
Vice Chair

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