



BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 31, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College was held on Friday, October 31, 2025, In Person and 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, Sandy Krolick, Creative Director, Communications & Marketing, Alejandra Jaramillo, Director, High School Equivalency Program, Tammy Winston, Student Life Coordinator, Emma Hashman, Director, Admissions, Shawn Madrid, Capital Projects Coordinator, Vince Lithgow, Accountant III, Arin McKenna, Staff Writer Reporter, Cindy Martinez, Human Resources Admin/Tech, Patrice Trujillo, Health & Safety Manager, Deborah Trujillo, It Manager, Sally Martinez, Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Sara McCormick, Career Services Specialist and Amy Peña, Executive Office Director/Board Secretary.

Faculty Present: Scott Braley, Faculty Senate President, Rhiannon West,

Others Present: Brandee DeAguiro, Cipriano Marquez, Student Senate,

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:01AM

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Martin stated the first item on the agenda is to approve the agenda. He stated he had one correction to make. The Academic and Student Affairs Committee did not meet this last month, so we will scratch them from the agenda. Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Regent Velarde moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second – Regent Archuleta. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Board of Regents Subcommittee Reports

1. Housing Committee

Regent Archuleta stated we had a great meeting in El Rito last month and Mr. Leo Valdez is meeting with President Balderas and Matt Baca to go over a developmental plan for the study that they are going to perform. So, they will be meeting pretty soon. Leo has narrowed it down to four companies that we are going to choose from. He will go over that with President Balderas.

Chairman Martin asked if there were questions from the Board. No questions from the Board.

2. Audit, Finance, Facilities Committee

Regent Archuleta stated it was an informative meeting and we will have some stuff to approve today on the agenda but it was a very short meeting.

3. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

None.

4. Governance Committee

The Board entered into an Agreement with AGB for an online board survey. Chairman Martin stated everyone received the survey by October 23 and asked if all regents have filled it out. Regent Archuleta stated he has started and will finish. Regent Gurule stated she will finish it this weekend. Regent Velarde will finish it this weekend.

5. HERC Committee - Informational

HERC is having the annual meeting on Monday, November 10 at NNMCC. All regents are invited to join. There will be regent training by Cuddy and McCarthy, Marc Saavedra and updates from Cabinet Secretary Rodriguez. Big shout out to Ms. Peña for all her help setting this up. Thank you to President Balderas and Northern for providing all the meals for the festivity and we really appreciate that. President Balderas thanked Chairman Martin

6. November/December Board of Regents Meeting

Board President Martin stated the Board of Regents needs to pick a date. We have four dates in December, the 10th, 11th, 17th and 18th. The 11th is also the day of our holiday party here on campus, which would be a perfect time to have the meeting. Chairman Martin asked if everyone could make it on December the 11th. Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Gurule - yes.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to set December 11th as the meeting for, our last meeting of the year.

Regent Velarde moved to have December 11th as the last meeting of the year. Regent Archuleta – second. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

7. AGB Annual Conference

Chairman Martin stated the next item is the AGB Annual Conference which is happening March 28-30, 2026 at the Gaylord Rockies Resort in Denver, Colorado. Chairman Martin stated he was hoping that the Board and President Balderas could attend. He knows Regent Velarde and Regent Archuleta have attended the national conference in the past and asked them to share a little bit.

Regent Velarde stated it was great. It's a great opportunity to see what other schools are doing, how they are structured and how differently we are structured sometimes and it is great to go out there and be able to make connections with other schools and be able to have conversations afterwards and she knows that when they went to Boston, our student regent, she made great connections there. There was a whole, like, cohort of student regents and so, you know, those are those opportunities that are there as well.

Chairman Martin thanked Regent Velarde and asked Regent Archuleta.

Regent Archuleta stated he went last year to Chicago, you know, they offer different classes to take, very interesting ones. He got to network. He sat with a regent from Penn State and he was kind of amazed that they had 42 Regents on their campus. He asked how many we had and he told them five. He is thankful to have five and not having to deal with 42 other people. It was very interesting and it was his first one. The classes were, they talked about the NIL deals with the monies for the basketball programs, the football programs and big money being spent.

Chairman Martin thanked Regent Archuleta and stated HGB has an early bird discount if we register before the 5th of December. Chairman Martin stated he highly encourages everyone that is thinking of going to please contact Ms. Peña before that deadline so that we can take advantage of, we will save something like \$1,800 if we register three members by the 5th of December. Chairman Martin also stated he would really like the President to join them up there and thanked him.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2025.

Regent Archuleta moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2025. Second – Regent Velarde. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Celebrate Northern

President Balderas stated he would like to congratulate the committee and the team that came together. We are going to be visiting and celebrating a little bit this afternoon on a clean audit for our foundation. The foundation has come a long way. Not only does Judith and our team do a great job fundraising, but it’s great to make sure that we have all the compliance issues that are necessary in order to have that privilege, really be taken care of, and so we’ll be thanking the audit team that really kind of got us over the hill there with a clean audit for our foundation. President Balderas stated he would also like to thank the amazing, kind of multidisciplinary crew of, that came together yesterday to put a successful ribbon cutting of cosmetology. It is to see you Mr. Chairman and some of our other regents. We were told those portables dropped in 1983, he believes, or 87. It was a nursing department but for many years, it never as modernized or updated and so, so many groups academics, staff, facilities, contractors, the regents and the administration kind of came together and when President Balderas got here, the cosmetology program was displaced in completely different buildings, so yesterday it was amazing to see someone like Betty from Cosmetology speak with a very love, and authentic voice of all that she’s endured and then it was great to see these students and the student leaders come together around that so that’s exciting to see .

We celebrated the revitalization of Northern’s historic El Rito campus with the Northern New Mexico Normal School Alumni Association at Northern Rising. It was rewarding to see the reactions of people with such close ties to the campus to the unveiling of El Portal del Águila (the Normal School Alumni Memorial Wall) and the revitalization of the dorms and common areas of Cutting Hall. I want to thank Leo Valdez, the President of the Alumni Association, as well as Cleo and Raymond Lobato, Class of ’58, and our student athletes

who performed the Ribbon cutting at Cutting Hall. I also want to thank Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the New Mexico State Legislature for providing the funds that made this possible. We are not going to stop and we have exciting plans to continue renovation on the campus. Definitely a remarkable event. He also got letters from as far as California and Washington, DC. It was more than a facility; President Balderas thinks this was an inspiring hope that we can educate in all our rural communities that we don't have to leave anybody behind or pick one community over the other so that was fantastic.

President Balderas stated he was just in Colorado with the Provost and Judith Pepper. They were raising money in Gunnison and he wants to thank Judith Pepper has been doing a tremendous job on the President's Eagle Campaign. So far, we've raised \$620,000 toward our \$1,000,000 goal. These donations are supporting student scholarships, strengthening our academic and trades programs, and opening doors of opportunity across Northern New Mexico.

Northern is one of eight higher education institutions spotlighted in the new "Knowledge Concourse" at the Albuquerque Sunport. Each institution has a showcase in the baggage claim area to highlight their story, accomplishments and educational offerings. Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller led the ribbon cutting ceremony October 20. Our Communications Department did a phenomenal job of planning and executing our display, which reflects Northern's rich legacy and forward-looking spirit through four themes: Eagle Spirit, Academics, Community and our historic roots. A special thanks to Sandy Krolick and Milam Shah for their work designing and installing the exhibit. I also wanted to thank everyone who contributed items for the display, including the Northern New Mexico Normal School Alumni Association, Registrar Janice Baca, alumni Jacob Torres, Española Gloveworks, Joanne and Lowlow Medina, our Admissions office, the Veterans Resource Center, Trickster, the Technical Trades and Athletics Departments and David Lindblom. If you visit the Sunport, be sure to stop by Gate 4 in the baggage claim area to see our showcase.

I want to congratulate Career Services for their success with a transformative internship program they launched in Fall 2024. So far, they have placed 50 students in paid internships in high-demand fields. This program is creating career-ready opportunities for first-generation students from underserved communities, bridging the gap between classroom learning and workforce readiness. I want to commend Career Services Specialist Sara McCormick and her team, Alan Kapulski and Ashley Duemmler.

We are collaborating with the Department of Corrections Penitentiary of New Mexico and the New Mexico Higher Education Department to bring an electrical vocational program to the Penitentiary. The course covers the basics of electrical work and lays the groundwork for inmates to pursue advanced certification or an associate's degree in the field. Northern is providing the instructor and the New Mexico Higher Education Department is providing the funding. This is exciting because Espanola always gets

dubbed as a community with challenges. We're on the news, you know, crime, drugs, all that and President Balderas hates that framing and it's exciting to see Northern kind of leading the state in the conversations for justice reform and so a lot of lawmakers are already asking you know, what we're doing in that area, and it's like, we want to prepare the workforce, whether you start off in the beginning or you need a second chance, we want to be a statewide leader in that so that's exciting to see that take off.

We honored Native American Heritage Week with Native Arts Demos, a screening of "Rez Ball," and a day of celebration that included an Arts & Crafts Fair, Native Dancers and Tewa Tacos. Josett Monette, Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs, gave the Keynote address and Ohkay Owingeh Governor Benny Lujan led the invocation. I would like to thank the team that organized this week of events: Marcel Povijua, Toni Atencio, Rachel Begay, Khiana Valencia, Joseph Padilla, Neomi Baldonado, Virginia Cata, Martin Shupla, Melvin Moquino, Alicia Naranjo, Amy Peña, Tammy Winston, Sally Martinez, Sondra Adams, Geno Trujillo and Sandy Krolick.

Kudos to our Math & Physical Sciences Department and their partnership with the Universities Space Research Association's Lunar and Planetary Institute to bring us Sky Fest, which brought in over 120 participants. It was an incredible evening of planetarium shows, hands-on activities, and stargazing through telescopes. Our thanks to Christine Shupla for a fantastic tour of the planets and to the Pajarito Environmental Education Center and the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science for their participation. I also want to thank Ana Vasilic and all the staff and faculty who helped create this event and staff activities during it.

Our El Rito campus hosted Growing Together: A Celebration & Visioning Session, which celebrated the Greenhouse and Alumni Hall Rain Gardens Projects. The event included a guided garden tour, a visioning discussion about ways to grow the impact of this project and a chance for community members with a common interest to connect. I want to thank Lina Alegre for her great work on this project.

The Counseling & Student Support Center hosted two events. The 3rd Annual Recovery Month Celebration shared stories of resilience and recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and connected participants with local resources for healing. During a forum about human trafficking, Lynn Sanchez, Silver Van Fleet, and Xuelian Hao from The Life Link shared powerful stories about the realities of human trafficking and the work being done to support survivors in rebuilding their lives. Our thanks to Khiana Valencia and Adam Baca for their continued efforts to support our students.

President Balderas recognized Edwina Romero, Director of NNMCC's Dual Credit program, discussed the challenges Dual Credit students face and shared strategies for how faculty and staff can best support their success during the September 25 Lunch n Learn. Thank you, Edwina, for your passionate support of these students. She was also key in hosting Pojoaque High School at Northern New Mexico College.

Student Life hosted Out Together: A Campus Celebration to commemorate National Coming Out Day. The event included a resource fair, food and games, including a discussion on what coming out means, and how we can all create a safe space for our friends, family and community on our campus. Our thanks to The Mountain Center for their participation in this event and to Tammy Winston for bringing this event to our students.

President Balderas stated he would like to recognize all the individuals that are working right to prepare for our national accreditation visit which is only weeks or days away. You're seeing concrete getting laid, gravel getting spread, you're seeing the regent room and the boardroom will be done by then. We are under the clock and he can't thank the multidisciplinary group that's working on all that to make sure that our campus looks great for our national creditors. For proper perspective. Just in the fall, we've had a successful business accreditation, a successful engineering school accreditation and this the 10-year renewal. But we have, from facilities, faculty staff working logistically above and beyond their normal job to make sure that we have the right environment to tell the school's story and he is excited and we're ready and then he is also going to be hosting a couple of presidential events. If it involves Frito pies, paletas, come and hang out with me, but it's really to share how you can partner with us when our creditors come onto campus. We are going to be ready to tell Northern's story and we want you all to be knowledgeable with where Northern excels in finance, academics, governance. We are, nationally doing very well but he wants everyone from facilities all the way to our staff to really be proud of that and for us to share that story.

President Balderas concluded his presentation on Celebrate Northern.

B. CUP/NMICC Report

President Balderas stated CUP/NMICC is really in a hibernation mode. Most everything CUP/NMICC related at this time revolves around the interim legislative session and development of the higher ed. unified priorities; here are some of the highlights of where we are there:

- Current Draft of Unified Priorities
 - Recurring Priorities
 - I&G - request 2.7% increase to formula funding

- Employee benefit changes - fully fund statutorily enhanced employee benefits, including any required employer share
- Cost of Living Adjustment - provide equivalent increases that go to state agency and K12 employees
- Non-formula adjustment - student support funding to support retention & completion efforts
- Non-recurring Priorities
 - Continued funding of Workforce Training GRO appropriation to include funding beyond FY27
- Statewide Initiatives
 - Campus Safety (\$20M)
 - Building Renewal & Replacement (\$30M-\$100M)
 - Equipment Renewal & Replacement (\$5M-\$10M)
 - Cybersecurity (\$5.4M)
- Dual Credit - request legislature to have PED provide funding for dual credit tuition
- Continued support for funding Lottery & Opportunity scholarships

The CUP continues to work through contracted support to educate the LFC and other stakeholders on institutional fund balances. This is increasingly important as it is unclear if the NCHEMS adequacy study will influence budget recommendations or changes to the funding formula.

The CUP is also closely following the possible creation of the Major Projects Fund. The purpose of the fund is to relieve pressure on the GO cycle and to provide alternative funding for major projects not permissible under existing funding.

Chairman Martin asked President Balderas to remind him, the LEF comes up with their budget and asked if that has been submitted yet and then the Governor has a budget, correct. President Balderas stated that is correct. Chairman Martin asked if either of those have been submitted. President Balderas stated they have not, not their budgets but the technical agencies that give recommendations have made recommendations but what they are going to propose won't be until the session starts and then from there we try to modify and move. Chairman Martin thanked President Balderas.

C. NNMC Foundation

President Balderas stated he referenced this earlier.

FY26 Philanthropic Donations

- D. July 1, 2025 to September 22, 2025 - \$115,201
- E. President's Eagle \$1,000,000 Campaign – \$622,018
- F. Start Date: March 2024

G. Introduction of Staff and Faculty

President Balderas introduced the following staff and faculty:

Matt Barnes

Title Five Coordinator and head of new Peer Tutor Center

Matt Barnes joins us as Title Five Coordinator and head of our new Peer Tutor Center. Matt comes to Northern from Hobbs, New Mexico, where he spent the last two and a half years as an English professor. Prior to that he was the Director of the Academic Success Center at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Oklahoma, for three years. Matt was able to increase visits to this student run peer tutoring center by an average of almost 25% per year. Matt is a native of Oklahoma, where he earned two degrees from NWOSU. He received an undergraduate degree in business administration and worked for several years as a licensed investment advisor before going back to school in his late thirties to work on his graduate degree in adult education and English.

Kenneth Gallegos

Assistant Director of Facilities

Kenneth Gallegos joins NNMC's facilities team as Assistant Facilities Director. Kenneth's background includes 25 years of maintenance experience for the NMDOT maintenance department. Ten of those years were routine highway maintenance and 15 years were as a Highway Maintenance manager. After retiring from NMDOT, Kenneth worked for Española Public Schools for 4 years as a maintenance tech, taking the leading role on all specialized maintenance projects.

Mark Montoya

Custodian

Mark Montoya joins NNMC as a member of the custodial team. Mark will be keeping things clean at the Martinez, Teacher Ed and Nursing buildings. Prior to joining NNMC, Mark was a self-employed handyman. He wanted to thank everyone who has gone the extra mile to get him onboarded and make him feel welcome.

Gilbert Nunez

Groundskeeper

Gilberto Nunez joins the NNMC facilities team as a groundskeeper. Gilberto brings great knowledge in the upkeep of landscaping and much more. He worked for Española Public Schools for four years as a maintenance worker and prior to that he worked at Mesa Ranch for 25 years as a supervisor of all operations. Twenty-nine years of knowledge and experience under Gilberto's belt brings a wealth of experience to NNMC's facilities team.

President Balderas also stated Dalene Valdes is our new project manager leader. Many of you, he doesn't have to mention, know Dalene, she was here before but she's really, as we're ratcheting up some of our construction and remodel projects, we need someone to rally focus on a lot of those details and she, we stole her away from LANL.

Chairman Martin asked if there were any questions from the Board. No questions.

VII. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Faculty Senate Braley stated there will be program changes sent to the Provost and otherwise it has been routine business.

VIII. STUDENT SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Student Senate President DeAgüero stated she attend the National Student Government in Washington, DC and learned a lot of new ways to improve the campus along with student government at NNMC. Her vision is to make the campus safer, more connected and inclusive. She will focus on campus safety and listen to student voices about planning events for all students, not just athletes. Being able to honor Northern in DC, she is very honored and her goal is for every student to feel honored, supported and part of Northern. That is her vision of attending the DC Conference. They selected four new members for Student Senate. They are also participating in the Chamber of Commerce Trunk or Treat on November 1st and starting a coat drive and food drive for the holidays. They will be decorating and participating for the homecoming basketball game.

Chairman Martin asked if there were questions from the Board of Regents.

Regent Velarde had no questions but thank you for representing us out there and great job in getting so much going.

Regent Archuleta thanked Ms. DeAgüero.

Regent Gurule thanked Ms. DeAgüero

IX. VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE

1. Metal Trades Roofing

Theresa Storey, Vice President for Finance stated the first item is an action item for the approval of the metal trades roofing replacement. Ms. Storey stated she would like acknowledge Shawn Madrid who is present should we have any technical questions. This project is, again, for the metal trades roofing. It will consist of demo and replacement. Multiple quotes were sought for this project. The price and the quote and the vendor we

landed on will cost us just over half a million dollars. The source of funds will be the 2023 general obligation bonds and the project will be reviewed by the Capital Outlay Committee pending the Board's approval. With that, Ms. Storey stood for questions.

Chairman Martin asked if there were questions from the Board.

Regent Velarde stated she had no questions she had her questions answered during the subcommittee meeting.

Regent Archuleta – no questions.

Regent Gurule – no questions.

Chairman Martin asked Mr. Madrid if he had anything to share.

Mr. Madrid stated this is a much-needed improvement for the metal trades building. The weaving shop and stuff like that have had, like, they have a lot of leaks inside the building, so this is something that we really need to get, just for the structure of the building to continue if we want to keep that building. President Balderas stated yea, and that's all he wanted to do is bring Mr. Madrid up so the community can understand who is going to benefit and what programs. President Balderas asked Mr. Madrid to describe to the Chairman kind of the scope of the roofing improvement, obviously that those buildings are going to continue to improve but it's just kind of the scope.

Mr. Madrid stated yes, so the scope of the work is that we're going to be doing is we're going to be replacing he thinks it's, like, 600 square feet of right now it's built up roof so its farm gravel and it will be replaced with a new TPO with, he thinks it's a 25-30 year warranty on it and then as well as we have he thinks it's 40 square feet, 4,000 square feet of metal roofing that will be replaced with metal roofing as well and we will be replacing all the trim and we'll make sure that we enclose the building envelope consistently with stucco repairs, caps on all the parapet walls, all that stuff, so that we make sure that we have a really good, building envelope on top of that building.

President Balderas asked if this will impact the weaving or it doesn't go as far away. Mr. Madrid stated it does, yes. So, this will replace the roof on the whole building. President Balderas stated this is what he wanted to know for our Regents to know because he knows the Regents care a lot about the weaving, the continuing ed courses that some of the elderly come and this will also protect the new trades classrooms and everything that's going on in there. So, this is kind of an exciting, we won't be inviting the Regents quite yet for ribbon cutting and we've got a lot of HVAC work and others, but the heart of this college is our cultural arts and our trades and so we're kind of doing what we did with cosmetology, we're helping catch those programs up and then those programs, we have

a lot of dual credit high schools kids that come in and so we want them to have a safe and a kind of exciting impression. So, this is the beginning of many phases.

Chairman Martin asked Mr. Madrid for the timeframe. Mr. Madrid stated we are looking at, depending on, hopefully, we'll get the committee approval on November 12th. After that, we've already kind of scheduled to get this project started November 17th, planning that we get approval from HED on the 12th. We'll have approval and break ground on the 17th of November.

Chairman Martin asked how long it will take. Mr. Madrid stated maybe three to four weeks. Chairman Martin asked if it would impact classes. Mr. Madrid stated no, because we're doing it so, like, so the majority of it is going to be ripped and replaced so we're only replacing decking where, it's required, like where it's damaged and stuff like that so the decking itself, will stay intact so essentially, we're just kind of putting a new top on top of what we have.

Chairman Martin asked if we are taking the old top off and putting a new one on. Mr. Madrid stated yes. Chairman Martin asked what TPO is. Mr. Madrid stated TOP is a new, it's a material, it's kind of like a vinyl material so it's almost like a big role of plastic but it is thicker, it's TPO. Chairman Martin asked if it replacing the tar and gravel. Mr. Madrid stated yes. Chairman Martin asked if that will be replaced and all the metal will be replaced. Mr. Madrid stated yes. Chairman Martin thanked Mr. Madrid.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the recommendation.

Regent Archuleta moved to approve the recommendation. Second – Regent Gurule. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Fiscal Watch Reports

Ms. Storey Presented the Fiscal Watch Report (attached) to the Board of Regents and stood for questions.

Chairman Martin asked on the summary of operating and plant funds, with the ending fund balance at the bottom of the page, that just jumped out, it shows a negative (\$112,000) and asked why it is so high. Ms. Storey stated she will take a look at that, percentage calculation, but essentially, our plant funds, we budget, we seek reimbursement on a draw down basis. So typically, you wouldn't necessarily see a fund balance there, but that's likely just a function of either we had front-loaded funds for our capital improvement so it's kind of a timing between revenue and expenditures. The percentage looks funky because there's nothing in our prior columns.

Chairman Martin stated he had one other that jumped out at him on page 26 of 27 total expenditures and transfers is up at 10,000% which is good, it's a positive number. Ms. Storey stated you'll see in this period last fiscal our expenditures for the plant were about \$65,000 and this year period they are \$2.1 million. So that's just the percentage difference there. Chairman Martin asked is that the result of getting funding from the legislature for projects. Ms. Storey stated she thinks it's a result of all ongoing projects that President Balderas has mentioned in celebration. The project, you know, we go for the housing. We had a lot of activity in July, August for both renovations and then as well as some of the renovations, the concrete outside, the drainage project, the stacked concrete, the rock that you see outside.

Chairman Martin asked if the drainage project is complete. President Balderas stated almost, they're working on kind of the final landscaping pieces of it and they are going to do wanting our cleaning so that it looks beautiful from the retail perspective but someone was saying we got five or six floods this year that engineering held up so it was very successful because before it used to flood out the farm and for some reason it's been a really high-water season. President Balderas would get videos from different people thinking it looked like we could have a river raft that river and let's see, it was just a flood drainage but very proud. A lot of the sediment came from the county but we're now going to start working on what's called kind of a, he could call it a pond but some of the work down past the pond, because this is doing a really good job now of managing the water safely but they are on the final stages of this stage to be finished.

Chairman Martin asked if he understands correctly that the end of our property is Santa Clara. President Balderas stated he believes so. Chairman Martin stated and they don't want any sediment coming on to their property from drainage. President Balderas stated exactly. Chairman Martin stated so we need to somehow collect that sediment that is not generated on our property but coming down the arroyo. President Balderas stated coming down and then what we thought is that they would either want it for their water table or let the water flow back into the Rio Grande but they would rather us contain. Chairman Martin asked if a lot of water is contained. President Balderas stated a lot of water which means we probably need to engineer and clear out some of that back, those back lots we do own. The other thing we're doing in the process, we're updating the current survey because President Balderas needs to know what our property boundaries are so that we can start to maximize the land and some of these engineering decisions and security decisions we can make. Knowing where our property boundaries are so we have beautiful land back there. But it's so within our 5-year master plan, we are going to be talking about the farm and the land behind the farm and some of this land and then even we have some beautiful land that has never been developed. Right by the event center, he wants to build parking and walking trails all around the facility but we need to know what our property boundaries are so we are getting a legal survey done.

Chairman Martin asked if there were questions from the Board. No questions. Regent Lovato joined the Board of Regents meeting and had no questions.

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to approve the Fiscal Watch Reports as presented.

Regent Gurule moved to approve the Fiscal Watch Reports. Second – Regent – Velarde. **Chairman Martin – yes, Regent Velarde – yes, Regent Archuleta – yes, Regent Lovato – yes, Regent Gurule – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. VOTE TO REOPEN MEETING - Certification that only those matters described in the Executive Session Agenda were discussed in the closed session; if necessary, final action with regard to certain matters will be taken in Open Session

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Regent Archuleta moved to adjourn. Second – Regent Lovato. A roll call vote 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 at 9:42AM

Approved:



Michael A. Martin
Chair



Erica Rita Velarde
Vice Chair