

**NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, in the Board Room of Northern New Mexico College, Española Campus. Regents Present (Roll Call was taken): Michael A. Martin, Porter Swentzell, Ph.D., Erica Rita Velarde. Regents Tomas Rodriguez and Damian L. Martinez, Esq. were not in attendance. The Board of Regents meeting was called to order at 8:38AM.

Northern New Mexico College Staff Present: President Richard J. Bailey, Jr., Ph.D.; Ricky A. Bejarano, CPA, CGMA, Vice President for Finance & Administration; Ivan Lopez Hurtado, PhD, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs; Chris Trujillo, IT; Evette Abeyta, Budget Director; Vince Lithgow, Comptroller; and Amy Pena, Executive Assistant to the President/Board Secretary.

Others Present: Kyle Land, Rio Grande Sun; Jake Arnold; John Ussery; Barbara Campbell and Anne Keener, members of the El Rito Art Association;

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Martin called the meeting to order at 8:38AM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board President Martin stated the first item on the Agenda is Approval of Agenda and entertained a motion to approve the Agenda.

Regent Velarde moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second - Regent Swentzell. Motion passed unanimously.

III. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

A. Moment of Silence for Senator Carlos Cisneros

Board President Martin requested a moment of silence for Senator Cisneros.

Board President Martin asked if any members of the Board of Regents had any comments regarding Senator Cisneros.

President Bailey stated regarding Senator Cisneros, in the three years he has known him, the Senator was always a champion of this campus. He was always a champion of the College and everyone knows there were some dark days in there and he was always a fighter for the College. He was always a fighter for us and he had a smile that would light up a room and positivity and enthusiasm that kept us even our most challenging times moving forward. And he was an inspiration to all of us.

There are many of us, whose faith tells us that we will see him again sometime and I look forward to that day and he is someone that although we miss him, his legacy lives on here in the village and throughout the community. Regent Swentzell stated he is glad there is a recognition of those allies and recognition of their service not only to the College but to everyone. Regent Velarde thanked Senator Cisneros for his service.

B. El Rito Art Association

Regent Martin stated he was fortunate enough to attend the event at the Mercado. Regent Martin thanked Barbara Campbell and Anne Keener for putting on this event. Barbara Campbell thanked the Board of Regents for giving them the space. Ms. Campbell stated she would like to apologize for the confusion with the key. She knows President Bailey got a call that the key that they had given the Artist Residency people had been lost and they then found it and they didn't realize how valuable it was and they now have a whole new system. They also decided the Pueblito Complex has been renamed the Art Plaza.

They do have a request regarding Luos Peña who married Beata Tsosie. During one studio tour Luis had a program who got a lot of the students involved in painting a mural on the Martin's Gas Station. Ms. Campbell met with Mr. Peña and asked him if he would be willing to do some murals around the art plaza and have some of the young kids involved. He was extremely excited about this. Ms. Campbell stated they will prepare a proposal and present it to the Board of Regents for next year.

Ms. Campbell stated the latest idea is to start a ceramic program that would be open to the community one day a week. There would be someone there to oversee it. As soon as the kiln is ready and Ms. Campbell has reached out to NM Potters Association for tools and equipment. They have a small amount of money to purchase wheels at first. This would be the first studio project.

Ms. Campbell stated for next year, they applied for the Northern New Mexico Heritage Grant which would allow for three lectures that will present professional artists life experiences. How they became professional, business issues and what their lives were like to help inspire younger people and they would have mentors to help them get into the commercial part of the art world.

Mr. John Ussery stated he came back from Taos where his wife performed her one woman show. That came about through the acting workshop at the College. These things ripple out. Ms. Campbell stated NM was awarded the contract for the Christmas Tree for the Washington mall this year. The District Forrest Ranger reach out and they made a number of ornaments that were sent with the Christmas Tree. One of the workshops was by Carmen Campos and they will ask her to come back to do a workshop on tin making. Ms. Campbell again thanked the Board of Regents for the space and there are a number of ideas coming forward.

President Bailey stated this was the third year the Studio Tour was hosted at the College and the goal of this was to reconnect the campus to the Village. That was a good first step. The El Rito Art Association has been a real partner for the College. The Art Association agreed to be the lead agency for events at the El Rito Campus. The College signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Art Association and allowed them to use the Pueblito as a Community Space. They have taken this and run with it. As much as the College was limping along it is now going strong. When budgets get inside the first two things that get cut our career technical education opportunities and the artist those first two things. Obviously because they're expensive. Now with what the College is doing and the movement that it is making, it is going to be able to solve both of those things. And this campus will not only be a home for this, but I think it will also be a regional hub for a lot

of diverse arts. Barbara Campbell stated the El Rito Art Association is a 501c(3) and they are able to write grants. One of the things they will probably ask the Board of Regents for at some point is what if they were renting the space, what is the in-kind equivalency be. So, at some point they would like to have say, we have the space is valued at this much that the College's donated for our use but here's what that value is. President Bailey stated this is easy. The College can't violate the anti-donation, so this is the deal. We will obviously have lawyers look at it, we were doing it right. But because the College gets direct benefit from what they do for the campus and community, we are able to legally to say a we will be able to let you use this space. But the purpose of Grants that MOU now is a foundation for the College to say here's the in-kind we're already providing to these guys which helps the College to go together with Grants. Ms. Campbell stated this will help them to get equipment, instructors, etc. Board President Martin asked if there were any questions. Board President Martin thanked the El Rito Art Association.

C. Grant Gym

Board President Martin stated he has been approached by the community to open the gym a couple nights of week for either walking or basketball. Board President Martin spoke with President Bailey and asked how it looks. President Bailey stated there are a couple of things that the College needs to be clear about, there is no heat or water. This was discussed with legal counsel and it could be offered off the assumption that the community members know there is no heat and water. Security will be on site when the gym is open. The gym will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00PM-8:00PM for community members. There is basic liability coverage but knowing the floors are not covered, there is a risk the College is assuming and the College feels this is a good faith effort for the community. President Bailey thanked Board President Martin for his support and advocacy on this. President Bailey stated this will start in the next month and it will be advertised in the Post Office and Library.

D. Subcommittee Reports

Regent Velarde stated regarding the Audit/Finance/Facilities Committee it will reported under the Vice President for Finance & Administration.

Regent Swentzell stated regarding the Academic and Student Affairs Committee the items are on the Agenda.

E. Subcommittee Assignment

Board President Martin stated he is going to assign Regent Velarde and Regent Swentzell to be on the committee to evaluate the President.

F. Higher Education Summit

Board President Martin stated he and Regent Velarde attended the Higher Education Summit and asked Regent Velarde for her comments. Regent Velarde stated, Higher Education Summit – Free College. Free College was announced for all New Mexicans. The College will definitely need to bring up the El Rito campus to educate all these students. It was a great summit to understand the vision. Dr. Lopez stated this ia very exciting announcement. If it happens it is going to be challenging for the College. President Bailey stated just for just for the audience to understand the way that the governor announced this plan and nothing is set in stone until the legislature to pass up with something this this legislative session. It's only a 30-day session. So, it's going to be crazy for them to try to figure all this out the way the governor outlines a plan. Any students who

graduates high school and starts college within 16 months of their high school graduation would have their tuition and fees paid for all the way through their Bachelor Degree. The other half of her plan said that any New Mexican Citizen could go back to a community college and get tuition and fees paid for, for an Associate's Degree at a Community College. The thing that's exciting for us is because of Senate Bill 431 the College has both. The College actually has them integrated. In that sense members of the community are going to be able to benefit from both sides of the plan. The College is going to have a lot more students come into the system. The challenge is the College does not want a repeat of 1996. When the Lottery Scholarship came out there was a huge flood of students who came to the College and their performance and graduation rates is horrible. President Bailey stated he is not speaking for the Governor but if there is a huge flood of students into the colleges and they don't get to the finish line, the Governor is going to be upset, and rightfully so. The College is going to have to be sure to double down on student success and doing everything it can to make sure these students are on a path meet their education goals.

G. HERC Meeting

Board President Martin stated the Regents are members of the Higher Education Regents Council. Regent Velarde and Board President Martin sit on this committee. They had an informational meeting and a training for all the new Regents. They did get a good update from David Abbey, LFC. Board President Martin asked Regent Velarde for her feedback on this meeting. Regent Velarde stated lobbying training was also provided and they would like to see more lobbying from the Regents.

H. Board of Regents Meeting November/December

Board President Martin stated the Regents spoke about Mondays and Fridays for the meetings and asked the Regents which date works best for them. President Bailey stated typically the November and December meetings are combined. President Bailey asked if everyone is available Friday, November 22nd. Regent Velarde stated she could do the 22nd. The next Board of Regents Meeting will be set for November 22nd in Espanola.

Regent Swentzell moved to have the next meeting on November 22 at a time to be established after contacting Regent Martinez. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board President Martin asked if there were any comments, changes to the Minutes. If not, Board President Martin would entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

Regent Velarde moved approve the minutes as presented. Second – Regent Swentzell. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Celebrate Northern

President Bailey stated:

1. Dr. Ajit Hira – Dr. Hira was invited to the largest society in the world the American Physics Society. This is a great day for the College. Regent Velarde stated if it wasn't for Dr. Hira she would not be an Engineer.
2. National Science Foundation – Faculty members from Engineering, Biology and Arts and Media prepared a proposal for the National Science Foundation and
3. David Barton – has a book available for Pre-Order on Amazon – Hobble Unfinished Resolution. One of the jacket reviews is from former Governor Bill Richardson. For future Deep Dives, faculty members may present their books.
4. Salazar Center for the Arts - There is now a digital mural on one of the faces of the Nick Salazar Center for the Arts. It is an unbelievably beautiful mural. Joe Dean's work is now being displayed. The College received funding from LANL to do it and will be used to celebrate local art. Congratulations to Mateo Frazier for this.
5. Solar Array – September 13th was the groundbreaking. The expectation to turn on the switch is December 16th. In conjunction for the ribbon cutting for this, the College is hoping the observatory will be ready as well.
6. Financial Aid Office – Special thank you to the Financial Aid Office. A few years ago, our rate was 26%. For the DOE anytime you get above 30% there is a threat for future Pell Grants. The Financial Aid Office for the last three years has been working diligently and it has now dropped to 13.1%. The National DOE is using the College as an exemplar for how to make it work. The goal is to continue to drive this down.
7. Robert Bashara - Thank you to Robert Bashara for hosting the Praxis Conference at the College. He had educators and researchers at the College from several states and out of the country. This was a huge success.
8. Santa Fe Reporter – There was an article talking about women in STEM fields. They looked at College and women who are in STEM pathways. NNMC was singled out in the article while the number has been decreasing at NNMC it has been going through the roof. Almost half of the College's STEM students are women. Thank you to Sandy Krolick and Carmella Sanchez for helping the Santa Fe Reporter.
9. SER Community Day was held Friday. There were 2,000 students on campus and this was the biggest event with students the College has had. President Bailey thanked all staff, faculty and students for their assistance with this event. Regent Velarde stated it was an awesome event. When she was in high school she had Cesar Chavez at her high school and didn't realize what an impact he had on her. President Bailey stated the College will continue to look for opportunities like this for the College.

B. CUP/NMICC

President Bailey stated both those associations NNMC is a part of and they are looking at the legislative agenda and will be asking for new money and another compensation package for faculty and staff. The College may also be looking for BR&R (Building Renovation and Replacement) money as well. There will be a lot of one-time money this year. President Bailey has been fighting for one-time money to do green energy infrastructure at the El Rito Campus. What you should do with one-time money is spending it where in years to come you will still benefit from it.

C. NNMC Foundation

President Bailey stated there was an appreciation dinner for all Foundation Board Members. The Foundation is not defunct, it is still active. The College is letting it restructure and while this is happening the corpus is growing. The College set aside scholarships this year for the Foundation to let it grow and restructure. Foundation money can now switch to help students with books, child care, housing, etc. now that College will be free for students.

D. Residence Halls

President Bailey stated there are beds for 100 people in El Rito. Kevin Powers, former President of the Board of Regents, has agreed to be the advisor on the project and they will wait until the Mill Levy Election is completed before moving forward. Late this fall there will be meetings regarding this leading to an RFP for investors who are already interested in a private/public partnership.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

1. Academic Program Review Policy

Provost Lopez stated the first item is the approval of the Academic Program Review Policy. There is a Policy that is dated 1999 and this Policy is obsolete with the new challenges of a four-year institution. The suggested policy is in the package. The College is proposing that when programs are submitted for review it is based on the program of study. One example is the College is going to be reviewing the Information Technology Program. Instead of reviewing in isolation the Associate Degree and the Bachelor Program, they do both at the same time, which makes sense because the curriculum is basically the same. Another change is the College is aligning the Program Review with a seven-year cycle which is the typical amount of time that accrediting agencies (inaudible), right now the policy says every three years. Every three you will need to have your faculty, at least chairs, working at all times, on program review. It does not make sense, we are changing from a three to seven-year cycle. In the new policy, the College is making programs much more accountable because we are having student learning outcomes and assessment data. This is something the old policy did not have. Despite that, the process happened, the College was requesting the data but what was found was the programs were not accomplishing the assessment piece (inaudible). Now the College is making sure that the student learning outcomes are being done. This is the other important change in the proposed policy. Provost Lopez stated NNMC's legal team reviewed this policy. Provost Lopez recommended approval of this policy.

President Bailey stated the other thing, and he appreciates his leadership on this. When talking about assessment and everything you have to do for this it helps the Academic Team with the Higher Learning Commission.

President Bailey stated when talking about this policy it helps the academic team with accreditation and it also helps the individual departments with their accreditation.

Board President Martin stated he would entertain a motion to approve.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve the Academic Review Policy. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Changes to the Faculty Handbook

Provost Lopez stated this came to be based on the suggestion of Regent Martinez last time the Board of Regents met where he said there are certain policies that the Board of Regents can delegate to the President that are more administrative. Faculty are currently under a CBA or the Faculty Handbook. Every time the Board of Regents ratifies the CBA, there are certain changes in the CBA, the Board of Regents reviews and moves to ratify those which are also applicable to the Faculty Handbook to keep it consistent. One example is Tenure, the CBA says the Faculty are going to have five to seven years to submit. Another example, when the CBA says the Provost has until February to recommend for Tenure. The College also wants this in the Faculty Handbook. Provost Lopez is proposing delegation to the President the approval of changes to the Faculty Handbook that are approved in the CBA. This way the College does not have to wait for the Board of Regents to reconvene to make the changes. It is not a good idea to have these two documents different for too long. By delegating this to the President as soon as the Board of Regent ratifies the CBA, Provost Lopez can start working with the Faculty Senate to get certain changes approved and he does not have to wait for the Board of Regents to reconvene. The changes will be taken to the President. The only changes Provost Lopez is asking to take to the President are those consistent to keep those two documents consistent. The changes will go through legal and through Faculty. The President will report to the Board of Regents at the next meeting of any changes taking place. The Board of Regents will always be in the loop. The College is trying to expedite these changes so there is not a gap in the documents.

Board President Martin asked how many are in CBA and how many in the Faculty Handbook. Provost Lopez stated about 66% under the CBA and 33% under the Faculty Handbook.

President Bailey stated this also shows good faith to the Union. The College is saying what the Board approves for collective bargaining, we are now making these changes for all faculty.

Regent Swentzell stated his terms of thinking, since this memo doesn't have a policy, and he is not sure where the policy would be. Because of this, he thinks it would be important that when the motion is made every time the CBA is approved, the power needs to be given to the President to make the changes to the Faculty Handbook that are part of the changes to the CBA. The Board of Regents needs to make sure the President gets power to do this. Provost Lopez stated the Faculty Handbook has the steps on how the changes is made. One idea is that one of the steps is any time the CBA is changed the changes are also made to the Faculty Handbook. This would be Provost Lopez proposal that this piece would be inserted and people will remember this has to be done.

Board President Martin stated he would entertain a motion to approve the changes to the Faculty Handbook.

Regent Velarde moved to delegate the approval of some of the specific changes discussed regarding the Faculty Handbook to the President. Regent Swentzell - second. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Vice President for Finance & Administration

Ricky Bejarano, Vice President for Finance & Administration stated he had a couple of informational announcements. Mr. Bejarano stated the Banner System has been down and it was a result of a button that a contractor pushed. There are five contractors that work with the College on Banner. Rather than letting the Board of Regents hear complaints, Mr. Bejarano stated he would like to lay it out for the Board of Regents. It should be up and running no later than tomorrow and has been down for five business days. Essentially this has risen to a level of disaster recovery and there are two contractors working on this.

President Bailey stated there was a controversial decision to have a third-party contractor to do Payroll starting July 1st. This is the one thing, since Banner went down, this is the bright spot, the College was able to pay people on time because of this transition. This was a human error from someone outside the College. IT staff has been working day and night to make up for this. It exposes the vulnerability of the College. Add this to what happened at Highlands last week when they were a victim of a cyber-attack, they were down for a couple of days. This should be a catalyst for the College to solve some of the vulnerabilities.

Mr. Bejarano stated the College owes a world of gratitude to the IT team who was able to mobilize and keep everything going during this time. Regent Velarde asked if Banner goes down often, should the College be looking at another system. Is it that much of an issue? Mr. Bejarano stated he does not have the answer to this. NMICC is pretty set of moving off Banner, CUP is reluctant. There are different schools of thought.

Mr. Bejarano stated there is a lot going on with construction. There is construction going on in the Administration Building. Art will be displayed in the Lobby Area where a hole has been left for a TV screen. This is going along the lines with the concept of what is going on at the CFA. Mr. Bejarano is working with Mateo Frazier on student work which will be displayed on the screen.

Mr. Bejarano stated office changes will also be made. The new Assistant Provost and Evette Abeyta, Budget Director will be moved to the President's Suite. The College will also have a Conference Center for larger College meetings. The Facilities Committee hopes this to be more internal. Perhaps combining two workshops in one meeting. One suggestion would be to have a Board of Regents Meeting in the Conference Center so the Board of Regents can experience the space. The College has also upgrade Student Center which will be open to all students to go and "hang out." It also gives office space specifically for Student Senate.

1. Fiscal Watch Reports

Mr. Bejarano turned this over to Comptroller, Vince Lithgow. Mr. Lithgow stated there are two months of the Fiscal Watch Reports in the Board of Regents packet. The first is the month of May. Beginning with cash at about \$2.4M. May and June are the months that bring in cash. The rest of the assets are stagnant because of what they are, inventories, etc. Capital Expenses get adjusted once a year and Deferred Resources are at \$10.4M. Total assets are \$36.4M. In the month of June payables went up. Procurements will be done by April. Total net position is at \$34M and unrestricted is at \$1.8M. The College is moderately adjusting throughout the year and very conservative in spending. There is not a big rush to spend money. Spend what you need to. President Bailey stated this is a really hard thing to do, looking at the numbers it is working. The College is telling people spend what you need to spend, do not spend it at the end of the year.

Mr. Lithgow stated regarding the Summary of Operating and Plant Funds – the College collected over 84% of revenues as of the end of May. Expenditures are at 75% of budget.

Mr. Lithgow stated for June – cash has gone down and inventory has increased, more significantly on the liability side AP and non-recurred liabilities went up. AP went up by \$650,000. Ultimately the goal is to have everything paid by the end of the fiscal year. Ricky Bejarano stated interestingly enough, the College has to sometimes beg vendors to send invoices by July 30th. Sometimes the College approves on estimates because the College cannot get bills. So, the \$700,00 seen, (inaudible). So, in addition to talking to employees, the College talks to vendors to please get their invoices in. This year was smaller than last year. It makes it look like the College increased expenditures but it does not because it does not get invoices until the end of June. Mr. Lithgow stated the total net position did decrease from \$34M to \$32M and this is expected. (inaudible). The tuition and fees (inaudible). The College collected more than budgeted and that is a good thing. Other gifts and grants were under collected by almost 20%. Those were based on estimates. Mr. Bejarano stated this basically apportions everything, the percentages have equal weights. For example, when you compare tuition and fees and state appropriations. Those are the things you want to look at. Sales and serves at 79%. The College needs to figure out something that draws out those percentages because they are more relevant. The College may segregate those percentages into separate columns because they are more relevant. Those should rise to a higher level than the rest of them. Overall the revenues increased when all was said and done. Mr. Lithgow stated regarding expenditures, (inaudible). The next biggest one would be student aid which is at \$4.8M. All this being said the College is still under budget.

Board President Martin asked the Board of Regents had any questions, if not, he stated he would entertain a motion to approve the Fiscal Watch Reports.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve the Fiscal Watch Reports for months ending May 31, 2019 and June 30, 2019. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Budget Adjustment Reports (BARs)

Mr. Bejarano stated the College tends to have more BARs because it budgets at the line item level instead of the category level. There are different schools of thoughts going on with this. The primary reason is because Higher Education requires the College to report out and it is at the line item level. Until HED moves to the category level, it will be like this. Evette Abeyta, Budget Director stated regarding the BARs, BARs in the packet are for July, August and September. There is a total of 12 restricted, 4 unrestricted increases and a lot of those are basically Grant changes. The unrestricted are basically increases to budget fund balance. Ms. Abeyta stood for questions from the Board of Regents.

Board President Martin stated he would entertain a motion to approve the BARs.

Regent Velarde moved to approve the BARs as presented. Second – Regent Swentzell. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Nursing Course Fees

Mr. Bejarano introduced Ellen Trabka, Dean, College of Nursing. Mr. Bejarano stated this request is only to cover costs as pricing has gone up on the College. This is simply to cover the costs. Ms. Trabka stated this is a comprehensive list of fees for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences that have been approved by the Board of Regents. The ones Ms. Trabka is requesting are in bold and are increases in fees. These are all mandatory services provided for students.

Regent Martin asked if these fees would be covered by the opportunity plan. President Bailey stated this would be covered. The Legislature will have the final say.

Board President Martin stated he would entertain a motion for approval.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve the Nursing Course Fees as presented. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Out of Country Travel

Mr. Bejarano stated the College would like this approval to move to the President unless it is anomalous or special circumstances for the President. The request is for those items the President sees no issue with. The sooner you book travel the better off you are. This would allow for President Bailey to approve it sooner. The request is for approval for the President to approve those items there is no issue for. Mr. Bejarano asked if the Board of Regents had any questions. Regent Swentzell asked for his information, he agrees the Board of Regents should not have to approve this, in terms of internal controls, the dollar amounts on travel and asked what were the triggers. Mr. Bejarano stated travel goes through traveler, supervisor, Provost Lopez or Ricky Bejarano. Depending on significance, President Bailey may review and sign off on travel. Provost Lopez stated there is a threshold on hotels, if it is more than \$250 per night, it requires Presidential approval. Mr. Bejarano stated College chose because of its situation to follow the regulations as set by the State and appertaining regulations.

Board President Martin stated he would entertain a motion for approval.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve. Second - Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Report of Actuals

Mr. Bejarano stated this report is required by HED by September 16th every year. Ms. Abeyta stated this is the report of actuals for FY19 and reviewed (attached) with the Board of Regents. Regent Martin asked if the Board of Regents should meet earlier next year to approve this document. Mr. Bejarano stated probably not because they are working until the last minute to submit. Earlier for the College is not always real helpful. The College would love to get to that point but they are not there yet.

Regent Swentzell moved to approve the Report of Actuals as presented. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

6. RPSPs

Mr. Bejarano presented the RPSPs (attached). President Bailey stated as an overview, the State gives the College its budget every year and it is somewhere between \$9.5 and \$10.5M. This is typically instruction and general. But, there are a couple of separate different projects that the State budgets separately and they are RPSPs. For example, Athletics, Veteran's Resources Center. If the College wants to have a new RPSP it will have to go to the DFA and make the argument. This year they called the College to look at the four items in the packet (attached). President Bailey reviewed each of the four RPSPs for the Board of Regents.

Regent Velarde moved to approve RPSP requests as presented. Second – Regent Swentzell. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

John Ussery stated there will be charging stations in El Rito. Mr. Ussery stated the solar array is moving along really well. (inaudible). It looks like we will be getting charging stations here. El Rito looks like it is getting Kit Carson internet and it is a good thing. There is good progress. Regarding the San Juan/Chama Watershed partnership, one thing that is happening, In July they had a meeting to do a Forrest restoration project in collaboration with Chama. It had to be submitted (inaudible). These ten years of funding is at \$4M with a match of another \$4M. There will be thirty some collaborating organizations. With the sustainable Forrest restoration, the College has an opportunity to work with them. The geoscience pathways are designed to give cohorts of student's skills (inaudible). This will be monitoring and collaborating directly with the Forrest service. There is a lot going on and Mr. Ussery hopes to get the Mill Levy moving on.

Jake Arnold stated it is great to be at the Board of Regents. He usually attends these meetings regularly but has been incapacitated for the last six months. Mr. Arnold stated he comes to the Board of Regents speaking for La Sociedad Venceslao and Central Committee of Democratic Party of Rio Arriba. Regarding the Mill Levy, his organization has been positive and supportive of this. The two pieces of literature are excellent and he hasn't seen any two pieces of literature that does the job like these two. On the Spanish language version of the Mill Levy version of the ballot, the term mill is not defined as the mathematical term but is defined as molino. (inaudible) Mill Levy means something of great value.

Mr. Arnold stated regarding the SB 431 votes (inaudible) Mr. Arnold would like to make a pitch again although we have the two programs (plumbers and electricians) as the core, assuming the Mill Levy passes, to remember that the SB 431 talks about career education beyond just the trades. There are various other programs that could be done. Mr. Arnold stated he has spoken before about possible cannabis studies program. It is not talking about the regular (inaudible) in the State of New Mexico and the need to train people. The medical marijuana industry in New Mexico really does need people. This is just one example of various types of other programs. Perhaps a cannabis studies program would be an option.

Mr. Arnold invited the Board of Regents for a candidate forum at 1:00PM at the Carlos Vigil Middle School in Espanola for the Congressional Candidates and US Senate Candidates. They will also be passing out at the door the items of literature in support of the Mill Levy.

Board President Martin thanked Mr. Arnold for attending both Mill Levy events (El Rito and Abiquiu). He spoke very eloquently about the Mill Levy. Mr. Arnold stated people are not really cognizant of what this new general election is and it is going to take a while to get used to this. Every single school district in Rio Arriba County has candidates, there is the Mill Levy, Sunday Liquor Sales issue and Rio Arriba County issues. It will take a while to get this system going. Mr. Arnold thanked the Board of Regents for all their hard work.

The Board of Regents took a brief recess at 10:38AM and returned to order at 10:49AM.

VIII. DEEP DIVE

President Bailey stated this is really for the Board of Regents to understand. They know all the information regarding the Mill Levy. President Bailey stated he would like to talk about how the word is getting out. A Blue-Ribbon Committee was formed from around everywhere that is represented in the district. They put together all the literature and send it out digitally. The College has asked that it be posted on social media. They were printed out and handed out in communities as well. The College received formal endorsements from SER, the Rio Grande Sun, the Greater Espanola Chamber of Commerce, all five public school districts, Espanola Public Schools Foundation. There has been letters of support published in the Taos News. KRQE did a television interview. Hutton, KSWV and KDCE did radio spots. There were ads on the RTD buses and there are ads going in the Rio Grande Sun, Chama Valley Register and Abiquiu News. The College has been getting the word out.

President Bailey stated the challenges are:

1. The Mill Levy is on the back of the ballot;
2. We are the last thing to be considered after everything is voting on; and
3. There could be voter fatigue and this is an issue.

President Bailey stated the College is trying to explain to voters that the ask is small on purpose and made it clear as to what the money will be used for. The College has also held a series of town hall meetings. There are also future ones set up in Espanola and it will be in the Rio Grande Sun to get people from Espanola there. There will also be one in Chama and Gallina. The College has hit all the areas to get people out. Most of those town hall meetings, the people who have come are people who support it. In Tres Piedras there were people who were inquisitive and not really sold but by the time the meeting was over they were sold. President Bailey stated there are some yard signs and there are teams going door to door to do this. Ms. Isabel Jewel who put on the event at the Abiquiu Inn was reading the Washington Post and thanks to geofencing as she was reading the news, the Mill Levy popped up. It means the College is doing some good things to get the word out. At the end of the day this is a new tax and there are some people who do not want new taxes and we have to respect this. The College's goal is that people understand that this is an economic issue for the entire community. Ultimately, the College will respect what voters decide on November 5th and the College will respect the decision.

Regent Velarde asked with the radio spots she would recommend the College place ads on KSFR 101.1 and 94.7 as points of advertising which is in this area. President Bailey and Leo Valdez recorded a 30 second spot with Hutton Broadcasting and they can take that to other areas.

President Bailey stated no matter what happens, the College has left everything on the field. He cannot imagine anything else that the College could have done. They have put in a lot of time and effort. John Ussery stated KTAO could help. Everywhere he goes around here, everyone is enthused. When he goes to Taos, people are not as enthused. He is concerned all quadrants have not been covered.

President Bailey stated when you look at Taos and Santa Fe there are pieces of this where it applies and does not apply. It has been strategic as to where the College has been active reaching out. It has looked at the largest block of voters.

Jake Arnold stated the number of precincts not in Rio Arriba County are 8 total. Two out of Taos County (Ojo Caliente and Tres Piedras). Three from Espanola in Northern Santa Fe County and Pojoaque precincts. The vast majority are Rio Arriba County. In terms of radio, KDCE reaches those other areas. The real battle is the Espanola area. It is probably more than 50%.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Board President Martin entertained a motion to adjourn.

Regent Swentzell moved to adjourn. Second – Regent Velarde. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Regents Meeting adjourned at 11:59AM.

APPROVED:

Michael A. Martin, Board President

Erica Velarde, Vice President