



Special Business Meeting
November 4, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Hybrid

In person: Staff Council Conference Room, Hokona-Zuni 352

Online: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/94260178352>

APPROVED

Present: Hussein Al Azzawi, Chantel Anaya, Marcus Anderson, Angel J Baca, John Bell, Gari Bodor, Vanessa Chavez, Li Chen, Sharina Desai, Grace Faustino, Jennifer Kavka, Chelsea Kies, Sierra Kowalski, Joseph Lane, Wendy Gaytan Marin, Jairo Marshall, Frankie McQuerry, Amanda Ortiz, Amie Ortiz, Renu Prinja, Araceli Ramirez, Kristina Rucker, Nicole Smith, Damion Terrell, Quinton Valencia, Winton Wood, Robinson Worley

Excused/Late: Michael Baca, Deena Duran, Mark Fischer, Frankie Flores, Jessica Hitzman, Marco Lopez, Brynn McCabe-Kelly, Stephen Murillo, Colton Newman, Jennifer Chamberlin Payne, Madeline Pennington, Natalie Rowe, Carla Sakiestewa, Yadéeh Sawyer, Anneliese Ward,

Absent: Precious Allen, Michael Baca, Marvin Gouch, Mollie Hayden, Ivan Olay, Mary Phibbs, John Shaski, Ry Siderius, Sarah Treviso, Arley Unger

- I. **Opening, 1:05 pm,**
- II. **Roll Call, Speaker Kowalski**
- III. **New Business**
- IV. **Speaker clarified Robert's Rules for this special convening:**
 - a. Each councilor may speak twice, up to 10 minutes each time.
 - b. No special rules adopted; default rules apply.
 - c. Encouraged brevity due to time constraints (approx. 45 minutes remaining).
- V. **President announced University President Stokes' retirement planned for June.**
 - a. Regents will make final selection for new president.
 - b. Staff Council aims to have representation in the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.
- VI. **Nominees**
 - a. Joseph Lane
 - b. Frankie McQuerry
 - c. Carla Sakiestewa
 - d. Amie Ortiz
 - e. Grace Faustino
 - f. Speaker called for unanimous consent to move forward with these names: PASSED
- VII. **Resolution to provide Staff Council representation on committee**
 - a. Moved to adopt, seconded
- VIII. **Discussion followed**



- a. Historically the SC President gets a seat at Executive Search Committees. Presidents function as an advisor. Surprise at the SCP not having been invited.
- b. MOTION: Add language that going forward, the Staff Council President is to be required to serve as an advisor on search committees. (Article 8)
 - i. "Be there resolved that the current Staff Council President, or their representative, in their capacity as an advisor to the Board of Regent serve a member of any presidential search committee."
 - ii. Discussion followed.
 - iii. MOTION to amend the amendment
 - 1. "Or their representative"
 - 2. SECONDED
 - 3. PASSED
 - iv. MOTION to amend the amendment
 - 1. ..."shall be authorized to serve on any presidential search committees convened by the University;"
 - 2. SECONDED
 - 3. PASSED
 - v. MOTION to amend the amendment
 - 1. Strike Item 9 and 11
 - 2. SECONDED
 - 3. PASSED
 - vi. PASSED

IX.

X. Adjourned, 1:35PM

Minutes by Simon I Groove and Copilot.