

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell
Administration Center Board Room #135

June 10, 2026, 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Members Present: Carleton “Cla” Avery, Rissie Daubert, Tamaliah “Tammy” Lueras, and Ginger Miller

Members Absent: Jamila Miller

Others Present: Chad Cole, Craig Collins, James Edwards, Richard Govea (via Teams), Jaclyn Henley (via Teams), James Johnston (via Teams), Jeff Lopez (via Teams), Tony Major, Joe Malacara, Eric Mann, Stephanie Miles, Linde Newman, Shawn Powell, Jacob Puckett, Cassandra Rivera, Martha Staab, and Edna Yokum

Routine Business

- I. Call to Order** President Avery called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- II. Declare a Quorum** President Avery declared a quorum.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** Mr. Joe Malacara, Student Body President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Finalize Agenda** President Avery asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Secretary Daubert moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Member Ginger Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. Approve Minutes** Vice President Lueras moved to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2026 Meeting, and Member Ginger Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

Presidential Remarks

- I. ENMU-Chancellor Remarks**
Dr. James Johnston, Chancellor, reported approximately 1,500 certificates and degrees were conferred System-wide this academic year. Capital outlay projects have been approved to move forward. There are a number of Summer camps and activities on the ENMU campus, which are a great way to normalize college campuses for young students. The next Board of Regents meeting will be held on July 11.
- II. ENMU-Roswell President Remarks**
Dr. Shawn Powell, ENMU-Roswell President, thanked Ms. Martha Staab, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, for ordering new flags and securing permanent flag placements across campus. He also thanked the Physical Plant staff for all of their efforts around campus.

Construction Updates:

- An additional \$1,300,000 was awarded from the State legislature for further walkway repairs, and the campus will add a 25% match for a total of \$1,625,000.
- Fire sprinklers installation is complete in the Occupational Technology Center (OTC) and almost complete in the Physical Education Center (PEC). Work has now moved to the Arts and Sciences building and should be complete by the end of this year.
- Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) building expansion in approval phase
- Instructional Technology Center (ITC) roof replacement in contract phase

- Greenhouse in planning stage
- Pavilion will be delivered tomorrow

Campus Activities:

- Youth Challenge middle school students on campus for day camps through July 10
- Mr. James Edwards, Gear-Up Advisor, announced the campus will be hosting a Martin Luther King, Jr. leadership conference with about 95 students from across the state. Sandia Labs, Kirkland Air Force Base, and other agencies will participate. This will lead into the Juneteenth celebration.
- Pool is now open
- National Championship Air Races scheduled for September 16-20, 2026

President Avery inquired about the goal of the Youth Challenge summer program. Dr. Powell indicated the students will work on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) subjects, as well as outdoor activities.

Board Matters

I. Board Report

Secretary Daubert commended efforts to make graduation a nice event and well attended. She asked for an update on the grants. Dr. Powell stated two TRiO grants, Talent Search and Upward Bound, will be ending this year. However, applications for additional funding for these grants have been submitted. Funding was received for the TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) program for another year. The federal administration has appointed political reviewers for the Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) grants to ensure awarded grants using federal funds align with administration priorities. A Title III grant competition with a short timeline to submit applications has opened, and we are preparing a response.

President Avery recently attended a student film presentation on campus, which was a very nice experience. The Nursing expansion ribbon cutting was well attended. He asked about the food pantry status. Dr. Powell noted the campus received \$20,000 in state funds and the pantry is being utilized.

Information Items

I. Strategic Priorities Update

a. Strategic Goal #3: Institutional Success

Objective 3.3: Improve Internal and External Communication

ENMU-Roswell recently received a grant from the Connect New Mexico Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE). This grant will be used to increase the campus's Wi-Fi and broadband capabilities. Information about this grant and Connect New Mexico was presented by Ms. Jaclyn Henley, MPA, senior broadband project manager for OBAE, and her team.

Mr. Jeff Lopez, OBAE Director, stated his office is responsible for broadband oversight in the state of New Mexico. The Community Connect grant program awarded financial assistance grants to roll out or expand Wi-Fi in public areas such as parks, plazas, and municipal buildings. The grant is very much intended to target communities with poor levels of connectivity and support digital inclusion to provide sustainable place-based solutions to meet community needs. ENMU-Roswell received the single largest grant award under the program. The award is approximately \$2,100,000, and the grant will end June 30, 2027.

Ms. Jaclyn Henley met with an ENMU-Roswell team yesterday for the project kickoff, where the goals and objectives were reviewed. Objectives include upgrade and expand the wireless infrastructure, establish public Wi-Fi zones, enhance network security and capacity, and promote awareness and utilization. Regular meetings will be held between the campus IT Department and Ms. Henley. OBAE will assist with planning site visits, reporting, permit tracking, and close out.

Dr. Powell added this was presented to the Higher Education Department (HED) Capital Project Committee earlier today as one of two projects for ENMU-Roswell. Both were approved.

b. Strategic Goal #1: Student Success

Objective 1.3: Enhance Services & Processes that Promote Student Engagement & Completion

The Student Engagement Office recently started a Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA represents the student body's voice, acting as a liaison between students and campus administration to improve campus life. SGA President, Mr. Joe Malacara, discussed his position with the newly developed SGA and his involvement with campus activities.

Mr. Malacara attended legislative sessions, which piqued his interest in government and the desire to be involved. As a result, he asked ENMU-Roswell to establish a Student Government Association. The association is planning events to engage students and create a long-term group on campus. Student groups and activities are being re-evaluated. Volunteers in the community are painting fire hydrants in patriotic themes as part of the nation's 250th anniversary celebration. Mr. Malacara is encouraging students to join the effort by painting fire hydrants on campus, which could be a way to help with recruitment to the SGA.

II. Organizational Chart

Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell has experienced some leadership changes, which will take effect July 1, 2026:

- Dr. Craig Leager, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
- Dr. Lindsay Mayo Fincher, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences
- Mr. Eric Mann, Dean of the School of Health Sciences

The search for the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs is ongoing, therefore, Ms. Destinee Salayandia will continue in the role of interim AVP until the search is successfully completed.

Secretary Daubert asked about the Director of Risk Management. Dr. Powell responded that position now reports to Vice President of Business Affairs. She also inquired about the Director of the Small Business Development Center. Dr. Powell shared that Mr. Scott Bucher retired in February, and the position is currently being advertised. He added the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs positions is still in process. Secretary Daubert also asked about the Grant Director and the Vice President of Operations. Dr. Powell responded that Mr. Harry Tackett and Ms. Kim Biggs are the Grant Directors. The duties of the Vice President of Operations were reincorporated into the duties of the Vice President of Business Affairs.

III. Audit Findings

The ENMU System audit report has been published by the Office of the State Auditor. The report was emailed to the ENMU – Roswell Community College Board members on April 21, 2026 for their review.

Mr. Tony Major, System Chief Financial Officer, shared there were some anomalies with the audit process this past year: the federal government shutdown in the fall led to a delay in obtaining audit guidance resulting in timeline changes; normally, the System undergoes a single audit comprised of six component units, however, because of the deadline changes, two separate audits were necessary: financial and federal; this was also the first year with new auditors. There were no federal audit findings.

There were four findings in this audit report, three of which are repeat findings:

- Information Technology controls (page 95) – This in large part is reporting ghost students who fraudulently registered within the ENMU System. The three campuses are working to reduce the likelihood of future fraudulent enrollments. "Ghost students" are not unique to the ENMU System, they have occurred at campuses across the country. Additional identity verification is being implemented.

- Reconciliation of expenditures under capital appropriations (page 97) – Capital project funds in the amount of \$268,594 were essentially “double billed” by the Roswell campus for drawdowns from the state. The error was corrected when the campus returned the excess funds to the Higher Education Department. Additionally, corrective action for this item has included the centralization of business functions with more oversight of capital project expenditures and state drawdowns. The duplicate expenditure was submitted inadvertently due to business office staff turnover.
- Budgetary compliance (page 98) – The largest part of this finding was the result of increased enrollment and not accounting for student aid expenditures in a budget adjustment report (BAR), as well as not requesting increases for research and athletics. Spending authority for the financial aid distributed was not adequately requested. Ms. Traci Dixon was promoted to System Budget Director.
- Travel and Per Diem (page 99) – This finding was the result of the Portales Foundation directly reimbursing a University employee for expenses, which is a policy violation. Additional checks and balances are being implemented.

Action Items

I. 2026 General Obligation Bond Project Revisions

This request is for approval of the ENMU-Roswell campus to update its infrastructure projects for 2026 General Obligation (G.O.) Bond. When originally presented for consideration by the New Mexico Higher Education Department in the summer of 2025, two projects were approved by the Community College Board as 2026 G.O. Bond proposals:

HVAC System Upgrades to Various Buildings (primary request)	CCB and BOR	NMHED
	approved	approved
- Funds requested through the 2026 G.O. Bond	\$ 6,186,000	\$ 2,000,000
- Campus matching funds	\$ 2,062,000	
- Total estimated project cost	\$ 8,248,000	
EIFS Restorations and Repairs at Various Buildings (secondary request)		
- Funds requested through the 2026 G. O. Bond	\$ 3,751,000	\$ 1,000,000
- Campus matching funds	\$ 1,117,000	
- Total estimated project cost	\$ 4,868,000	

During the 2026 New Mexico legislative session, ENMU-Roswell was authorized a total of \$ 3,000,000, contingent upon the statewide passage of the G. O. bond in the November 2026 election. The legislative language regarding these funds is found in House Bill 248 (2026 Legislative session, page 17):

“three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to plan, design, construct and equip improvements to the Roswell branch campus of eastern New Mexico university in Roswell in Chaves county”.

An additional \$1,000,000 will be added by the campus capital reserves for a total project amount of \$ 4,000,000.

Given the amount of funds recommended by the legislature will not cover the costs of the original requests, approval was sought for the Community College Board to approve revised campus improvements: HVAC upgrades in the Health Science Center and renovations to campus signage. Both of these requested projects are included in the 2025-2030 campus facility master plan.

President Avery asked if the \$4,000,000 will cover the cost to complete both of the revised projects. Dr. Powell affirmed that is the expectation for the foreseeable future. He clarified additional funding will have to be sought in the future for campus-wide HVAC upgrades due to the campus’ current hydronic system, which is inefficient, difficult to maintain, and very costly to replace. President Avery inquired if it would be pursued during the next legislative session. Dr. Powell noted the G. O. bond process is lengthy—the

campus-wide HVAC upgrades would have to be re-introduced during the 2027 legislative session, presented to the Capital Outlay Committee in Summer of 2027, presented to the voters at the November 2027 election and if passed, presented for a final time during the 2028 legislative session. Funding would be available July of 2028.

Dr. Powell reiterated the \$4,000,000 for HVAC renovations in the Health Sciences Center and campus signage upgrades would be the G. O. bond for the November 2026 election; if passed, it will go back to the legislature during the 2027 legislative session, and funding would then be available in July 2027.

Secretary Daubert moved to approve the 2026 General Obligation Bond Project Revisions and Vice President Luera seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Upcoming Events

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| I. | June 1-July 10 | Youth Challenge Middle School |
| II. | June 12-14 | MLK Jr. Commission Youth Summer Program |
| III. | Friday, June 19 | Juneteenth observation (campus closed) |
| IV. | Friday, July 3 | July 4th Observation (campus closed) |
| V. | July 6-10 | Kids College |
| VI. | Wednesday, July 8 | CCB Work Session, TBD, 4:00 pm |
| VII. | July 13-23 | Black Rocket Camp |
| VIII. | Friday, July 17 | Summer Classes End |

Other Business

Dr. Powell announced there will be a memorial service for the Trans Aero Medevac TA40 crew on Saturday, June 27 at Grace Community Church at 11:00 am.

President Avery thanked Ms. Staab for all of the phenomenal social media efforts.

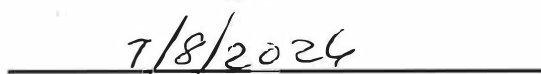
Adjourn

President Avery asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice President Luera moved to adjourn. Secretary Daubert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Minutes approved by Community College Board Secretary, Rissie Daubert.



Signature



Date