ENMU ROSWELL

Office of the President

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell
Administration Center Board Room #135
July 8, 2026, 5:00 pm
Board Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present:	Carleton "Cla" Avery, Rissie Daubert, Tamaliah "Tammy" Lueras, Ginger Miller, and Jamila Miller
Members Absent:	
Others Present:	Carlos Camacho, Joey Colburn, Chad Cole, James Edwards, Lindsay Fincher, James Johnston (via Teams), Craig Leager, Deanna Maestas, Tony Major (via Teams), Eric Mann, Stephanie Miles, Veronica Munoz, Linde Newman, Shawn Powell, Jacob Puckett, Destinee Salayandia, Harry Tackett, Adonis Vargas, and Edna Yokum

Routine Business

I.	**Call to Order**	President Avery called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
II.	**Declare a Quorum**	President Avery declared a quorum.
III.	**Pledge of Allegiance**	Carlos Camacho, student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
IV.	**Finalize Agenda**	President Avery asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice President Lueras moved to approve the agenda as presented, and Member Jamila Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
V.	**Approve Minutes**	President Avery asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Secretary Daubert moved to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2026 meeting, and Member Ginger Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

I. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Conference

Mr. James Edwards, GEAR UP Advisor, provided highlights from the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission three-day leadership conference recently held on campus. Enrollment doubled from the previous year with approximately 120 people attending. A Juneteenth presentation was incorporated into the last day of the conference. ENMU-Roswell received a thank you letter from the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission conference organizers for hosting the leadership conference.

Presidential Remarks

I. ENMU-Chancellor Remarks

Dr. James Johnston, Chancellor, shared System updates. Preparations are underway for the Board of Regents meeting Friday. The System will present information regarding usage of Workforce Development GRO (Government Results and Opportunity) grant funds. Anticipation for the new academic year, and a ribbon cutting is scheduled for October for a new student services building. ENMU-Ruidoso will have a groundbreaking ceremony on July 23 for a workforce training center.

II. ENMU-Roswell President Remarks

Dr. Shawn Powell, President, distributed a handout with information regarding Citizens and Scholars (C&S) Campus Wide Immersion. This is an opportunity for the campus to join in a national effort designed as a campus wide immersion project to help students in three areas: productive discussions, using reliable information, and collaboration across differences; to date 125 college campuses are participating in this no cost three-year national cohort process. C&S also offers a faculty institute program.

Dr. Johnston mentioned an ENMU System presentation given to the Indian Affairs Committee Ruidoso recently. Dr. Powell asked Dr. Edna Yokum, Dean of the School of Technical Education, to provide additional information. Dr. Yokum indicated our campus shared information about campus-wide initiatives that have been implemented to support indigenous staff and students, such as the leadership programs on campus.

Fall 2026 Enrollment

Enrollment is currently up about eight percent from this time last year, and the number of continuing students is encouraging.

Select Term for Processing: 202611 - Fall 2026

Comparison Relative to Term Start: 07/03/2025 07/02/2026

	Prior Year Term	Current Term	Change	Percent
	1,096	1,161	65	6%

Student Type	Prior Year Term	Current Term	Change	Percent
Continuing	391	459	68	17%
First-time Freshman	279	286	7	3%
HS Dual Credit	66	9	-57	-86%
Private HS CC Enrl (Pvt,HmSch)	26	15	-11	-42%
Public HS Concrnt Enrlmt	2			
Public HS Dual Credit Enrlmt	179	251	72	40%
Readmit	116	113	-3	-3%
Transfer Outside NM	9	14	5	56%
Transfer from NM	28	14	-14	-50%

Residency	Prior Year Term	Current Term	Change	Percent
In District	957	981	24	3%
Out of District	94	137	43	46%
Out-of-State	45	43	-2	-4%

Major	Prior Year Term	Current Term	Change	Percent
Agricultural Mechanics Tech	1			
HS (Private/GED/Hm Sch) CC E...	15	12	-3	-20%
High School Dual Credit Prog	261	263	2	1%
Medical Assisting	3	8	5	167%
Alcohol & Drug Abuse Studies	2	8	6	300%
Airframe	1	1	0	0%
Agricultural Science and Tech	12	11	-1	-8%
Aviation Maintenance Technolog	35	31	-4	-11%

Semester Class Hours

	Prior Year Term	Current Term	Change	Percent
	11,303	11,960	657	6%

Construction Update

Project	Status	Projected Completion Date	On Time or Delay
Sidewalk Replacement	Moving into Second Phase	12.31.2026	on time
Fire Suppression (sprinklers)	Two buildings complete; working on third building	12.31.2026	delay
Aviation Maintenance Expansion	Approval Phase	12.31.2027	on time
ITC Roof Replacement	Construction	10.30.2027	on time
Connect Community IT Project	Ordering and Installation Phase	06.30.2027	on time
Greenhouse	Planning Phase	TBD	delay
Pavilion	Delivery 06.11.2026	09.01.2026	on time
Child Development Center	Planning Phase	05.30.2027	on time

President Avery asked if the driveway in front of the Administration Center would be part of the sidewalk replacement. Mr. Chad Cole, Vice President of Business Affairs, responded it likely will not be part of the replacement process, as it is more of a driveway for physical plant staff.

President Avery inquired how we are connecting with the community through the Community Connect grant. Mr. Jacob Puckett, Director of Information Technology, announced this project will serve as a model for the rest of the state regarding implementation and its success. We will connect with the community by providing free wi-fi services for areas on campus that the community can use. President Avery asked about advertisement. Mr. Puckett stated there will be a marketing effort and at least one community event. Internet access workshops will also be offered.

President Avery asked about the status of the Child Development Center. Dr. Powell responded the center has not been in operation for over a year. Renovation funds of $250,000 were received from the Higher Education Department to bring the building up to current standards in order to be operational. Construction would likely be completed by May 2027. The campus also applied for a $2,000,000 grant to provide funding for operational and staffing costs. President Avery inquired who would be responsible for the center. Dr. Powell stated the operation was outsourced previously but if the grant is received, ENMU-Roswell would operate it. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be necessary if the grant is not received.

President Avery inquired about the swimming pool attendance this summer. Mr. Cole indicated he would have to get exact counts but was confident attendance on some days has been over 200.

President Avery asked if the new construction would require charging stations. Dr. Powell noted the Higher Education Department will set the parameters.

Vice President Lueras asked if there would be any avenue to extend funding for the Community Connect grant if some aspects cannot be in place by the end of the timeline. Mr. Puckett responded the understanding is there is no leeway. Vice President Lueras inquired about an exception if equipment has been ordered, but delivery is delayed for any reason. Mr. Puckett added there may be avenues to pursue in that event, however, he does not foresee delays at this point.

Secretary Daubert asked if installation must be complete within the timeline, as well. Mr. Puckett affirmed that is a requirement of the grant.

Upcoming Events:

July 6–10	Kids College
July 13-23	Black Rocket Camp
July 17	Summer Classes End
August 17	Fall Classes Start
September 17	Constitution Day

Air Center Activities:
September 16 to 20 National Championship Air Races

Board Matters

I. Board Report
There was no Board report.

Action Items

I. 2027 Research & Public Service Projects (RPSP) Requests
Board approval was sought to submit three new Research and Public Service Projects (RPSP) funding proposals to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED). These requests will support campus operations, expand academic programming, and establish two new high-demand career and technical education (CTE) academic pathways.

Background
In November 2025, Chaves County voters approved a mill levy enabling ENMU–Roswell to expand its career and technical education (CTE) programs. Based on regional student and community workforce demands, the college selected two new programs for development. Additionally, the college asked for operational funding for its existing childcare facilities following recently secured state renovation funds.

- Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) Program (Request up to $300,000)
  - Justification: Addresses critical state and national shortages of certified PTAs.
  - Regional Need: There are three existing PTA programs in New Mexico in Albuquerque (CNM), Farmington (SJC), and Clovis (CCC). No PTA training program currently exists in southeast New Mexico.
  - Funding Use: Operational and startup academic program costs.
- Heavy Diesel Mechanic Program (Request up to $300,000)
  - Justification: Addresses urgent state and national shortages of heavy diesel technicians.
  - Regional Need: Only two public programs currently exist statewide, located in Albuquerque (CNM) and Farmington (SJC).
  - Funding Use: Core operational expenses and technical instructional setup costs.
- Child Development Center (CDC) (Request up to $300,000)
  - Justification: Maximizes recently received NMHED capital funds to be used to renovate the facility.
  - Impact: Expands high-quality infant care services directly supporting students, faculty, staff, and local community members.
  - Funding Use: Will allow students to complete clinical rotations/field training experiences with infants for education and health science academic programs, ongoing CDC operations, and quality-of-service enhancements.

Dr. Powell announced NMHED is preparing to release RPSP guidelines, so these proposals are preliminary.

It was requested the Board approve the submission of these three RPSP proposals, totaling up to $900,000, to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for the upcoming legislative funding cycle.

Vice President Lueras asked if the Child Development Center will be limited to a certain age limit. Dr. Yokum stated it will depend on how whether it is run as a daycare or as learning facility involving students.

Secretary Daubert inquired if the idea is to utilize it as a lab school, similar to the one on the ENMU-Portales campus. Dr. Yokum expressed the dream is to create a transformative experience for students, but there are many logistical challenges with an end goal of streamlining instructional observation and practicum courses.

Vice President Lueras moved to approve the 2027 Research & Public Service Projects (RPSP) Requests and Secretary Daubert seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

II. 2026 HED Summer Capital Project Hearings Supplemental Request: AMT Expansion

Board approval was requested to pursue $3,000,000 in supplemental funding through the Higher Education Department's 2026 Summer Capital Project Hearings. This funding is necessary to complete the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) Building Expansion, originally authorized under the 2024 General Obligation Bond.

Background

The initial opinion of probable cost dated May 8, 2023 estimated a total project cost of $7,153,970 for a 10,000 square-foot addition, sanitary and sewer line replacement, and renovation of existing restrooms and laboratory space.

The updated cost estimate, dated April 9, 2026, identifies a revised total project cost of $10,169,899, which includes sanitary and sewer line replacement, and renovation of existing restrooms and laboratory space. This increase is attributable to:

- Expansion of the planned addition from 10,000 sq. ft. to 13,500 sq. ft.
- Additional lab space is being requested to meet current and future aviation maintenance training needs
- Construction cost escalation exceeding inflation assumptions built into the 2023 estimate

This project was approved by voters of Chaves County and the State of New Mexico as part of the 2024 General Obligation Bond and is designated as a priority initiative in the ENMU–Roswell 2025–2030 Campus Facility Master Plan.

Member Jamila Miller inquired about the aircraft currently housed there that were to be auctioned off. Dr. Powell announced two airplanes and two helicopters have been sold. He also noted students will not need to be relocated off campus. They will be able to utilize the Quonset hut that was renovated for the welding program, as well as a bay in the Automotive/Welding Building. Member Jamila Miller asked if other aircraft will be relocated during the renovation. Dr. Powell stated the space they are in is not part of the renovation or expansion. However, some aircraft will have to be relocated for class instruction purposes.

Vice President Lueras asked if additional aircraft will need to be purchased to replace those sold at auction. Dr. Powell responded the program is looking at trainers because the focus will mainly be specific systems and types of engines.

Secretary Daubert made the motion to approve the 2026 HED Summer Capital Project Hearings Supplemental Request for the AMT Expansion as presented and Vice President Lueras seconded the motion. All members of the Board voted in favor. The motion carried.

Upcoming Events

I.	June 1-July 10	Governor's Challenge Middle School
II.	July 6-10	Kids College
III.	July 13-23	Black Rocket Camp
IV.	Friday, July 17	Summer Classes End
V.	Monday, September 7	Labor Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
VI.	Wednesday, September 9	CCB Meeting, 4:00 pm, Admin Board Room #135

Other Business
No other business was discussed.

Closed Session

I. **Discussion of One (1) Pending Litigation pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H)(7), NMSA (1978)**
President Avery requested the Board enter into closed session to discuss one (1) pending litigation matter. **Vice President Lueras moved for the Board convene in closed session as authorized by the pending litigation exception as authorized by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act. Member Jamila Miller seconded the motion.**

A roll call vote was taken: Cla Avery, yes; Tammy Lueras, yes; Rissie Daubert, yes; Jamila Miller, yes; Ginger Miller, yes.

The Board entered closed session at 6:01 pm.

President Avery asked for a motion to return to open session. Vice President Lueras moved to return to open session at 6:24 pm. Member Jamila Miller seconded the motion. All members of the Board voted in favor, and the motion carried. President Avery reported the only matter discussed during the closed session was one (1) pending litigation pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act. No action was taken.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.
Minutes approved by Community College Board Secretary, Rissie Daubert.

Rissie Daubert
Signature

9/9/2026
Date