

**MESALANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

August 22, 2023

The Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Conference room, 214, Building “A” in Tucumcari, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Richard Primrose, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge to the flag:

Recited was the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Mexico Flag was saluted.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Ms. Teresa Stephenson, Mr. Tom Sidwell, Mr. Phillip Box, Mr. Jimmy Sandoval, and Mr. Richard Primrose.

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Approval of Consent Agenda – July 18, 2023
- 3) Approval of Quarterly Financial Actions & Certification Report
- 4) Approval of the Financial Report for July 2023
- 5) Approval to go into Executive Session
- 6) Approval to Reconvene from Executive Session
- 7) Action if needed from Executive Session
- 8) Approval to Adjourn the meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ACTION

ACTION – Mr. Sidwell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Stephenson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Tom Sidwell, yes; Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; and Mr. Primrose, yes. The motion carried.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

As per Board Policy 2.3 Procedures for Addressing the Board: Any person wishing to speak to the agenda must register prior to the meeting and their comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

There were no public comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION

ACTION – Mr. Box made a motion to approve the regular Board meeting minutes as presented in Exhibit 2, dated July 18, 2023. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Tom Sidwell, yes; Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Primrose, yes; and Ms. Stephenson, yes. The motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

- Mr. Primrose gave an update on the Mesalands Stampede Golf Tournament that was held July 28th, 29th, and 30th. We had thirty teams; it was a big success! I think we will net approximately \$6,200 for the Foundation. Thank you to everyone that participated and to those that sponsored the tournament and Marty Garcia and his team, and also Charlie Maciel the Golf Pro. Everything went very well for the first time hosting this tournament. Hopefully, we will continue doing this every year.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- **Dr. Allen Moss, Interim President**
 - The State Auditor was here last week, this was the last time they will be on campus for the FY22 audit which should be finished soon, then they will get started on the special audit and FY23 audit.
 - Mr. Galindo is working on the Foundry Grant of \$128K through Senator Heinrich’s office, also, he is still working on the Child Care grant of approximately 500K, we still need to work on the logistics for this.
 - I went to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) meeting in Las Vegas, NM, the agenda was about Financial-aid and work to be able to qualify for funding. They also talked about Opportunity scholarships, we are funding that at higher levels, which is something that the LFC is looking at
 - Mr. McVey and I went to the City Council meeting, Mr. McVey presented the request for the lodger’s tax to help pay for three billboards for the Dinosaur Museum. We are excited to get their help.
 - I will be going to Santa Fe this Thursday to the PNM (Penitentiary of New Mexico) with HLC on their multi-location visit. Mr. Kiser and Mr. Benavides will also be visiting different Correctional sites with HLC next week.
 - Convocation week went fairly smoothly, we tried to give everyone more time to get things done and ready for the semester to begin.
 - A lot of us are feeling the strain from the cutbacks in the last five months. Thank you to everyone that has stepped up and filled in the gaps
 - Semester began, dual and corrections will drop, but we are seeing an increase of onsite students.
 - We still have some positions posted on our website, HR, Director of Instruction, Director of Maintenance & Security, and Director of IT.
 - I do not think you all have been getting a list of expenses, I will visit with Blanca about this. We are looking at every expense that is being spent and being very careful and as conservative with everything as possible. Until we know differently on the budget with more exact numbers that is the way we are going to operate.

- We submitted a budget to HED, they are a little behind in getting that back to us. We do not have the budget in Jenzabar yet, we will be getting to that point soon. For now, the department heads are keeping track of their budget and expenses and the remaining balances.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

▪ Mr. Joel Kiser, Vice President of Academic Affairs

- We have 156 courses offered for the Fall semester. Just to highlight some specific programs;
- The nursing program has two cohorts now in rotation, next semester we will have 3 cohorts, and then at the fourth rotation we will get to see a cohort of nurses actually complete and enter the workforce. That will be an exciting day for Mesalands and for Ms. Shannon Fries, Director of the Nursing program, who has been a big supporter and done a great job.
- The phlebotomy area has a full cohort as well.
- Wind students, I do not have a specific number, but I can tell you there are a lot of them, and they are working with hydraulics and climbing the turbine and are very active.
- Silversmithing students and the Fine Arts, I have seen a lot of activity as well. I urge you all to go to the silversmithing and look at some of the work of our students. We are seeing true Navajo silversmith brackets, jewelry, bracelets, etc.
- The Bitten Spur class is actually working on a bit right now, doing some really wonderful work.
- I do want to take a moment to thank our students for choosing Mesalands.
- I also want to thank our faculty and staff for all the hard work they have been doing.
- The Academic Affairs division is currently preparing for the multi-location site visit with HLC (Higher Learning Commission) our accreditor. Dr. Denise Hackett is coordinating these operations. As Dr. Moss mentioned, we are going to three correction sites. I will be visiting the Springer site on Tuesday and meeting students and gathering a better understanding of how we can serve that population and deliver content back and forth. That is my goal when I go to visit these students and if possible, develop post Correctional Workforce entry courses that might lead to potentially welding or other courses depending on the site because they have different restriction levels.
- Mr. Galindo has been working on the 128K grant to improve the Foundry. It was approved, so now we will break it down and look at the logistics of installation and how to make this a more carbon friendly Foundry, which could include heat reduction hoods, more efficient furnaces, so there's a lot of opportunity there.
- The Cyan grant for the Indigenous Artist – Mr. Gene Ross our faculty member and Mr. Nate Glaspy will be traveling to Evergreen State Community College in Washington to present on behalf of Mesalands.
- We are also resolving scheduling issues for the Spring '24 and Summer course offering and Fall '24 offerings as well.
- Any questions:

- ❖ Mr. Sandoval – When you go to Springer are you going to talk about education? Joel – yes, education, vocational programs, part of that is understanding their restriction level, some facilities actually allow their student to do carpentry, welding and we have had talks about wind energy certificates, and certain workforce certificates as well.
- ❖ Mr. Sidwell - On dual enrollment, what schools dropped out? Dr. Moss stated that Texaco, Moriarty, and Dexter. It is not that we intentional dropped them, but we were offering classes there and paying an instructor for those classes, but we were not getting the state money for that, and these are students that typically do not come to Mesalands, they usually go to other colleges. We are trying to focus on dual students in our area; Logan, San Jon, Tucumcari, Clayton, Des Moines, Roy, Mascaro, House, and Santa Rosa. We have to focus on the areas that we have the biggest impact on, and right now for us everything is what we can afford to do, and what is financially responsible for the college.
 - Joel stated that it is a geographic area of our responsibility. Different schools have different territories. Our vocational programs that are unique, they can enroll from other areas. I think we are going to see more area schools form very specific certificates for their students' needs. I think that is something that will develop in the next year or two.
- ❖ Mr. Primrose said from the Board “we appreciate our students!”

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Mr. Josh McVey, Vice President of Student Affairs**
 - Fall Enrollment Update - we have increased enrollment from last year by 14% at this time with on-campus students. When I submitted this update, it was a 9% increase. Our goal was to have more before Stampede Day than last year, and we were successful in that. We did lose FieldCore (72 students) that were counted as on-campus students, so when you look at the end of the semester that is when FieldCore gets calculated in, when you look at that, it is not a gain of on-campus students. Last year we had a total of 222. When I calculated the 9% increase, we had a total of 163, as of tonight, for on-campus students we have 176. That puts us forty-six students away from making up the seventy-two students that we lost from FieldCore. We are making positive strides in using our finances and resources more effectively. We are moving forward and gaining ground.
 - Recruitment will begin, Mr. Galindo will be visiting various areas and college fairs recruiting students. Mr. Galindo is also working on different grants such as the decarbonization of high temperature industrial foundry processes.
 - I want to thank the city of Tucumcari for helping us fund our Dinosaur billboards through the Lodgers tax, working together to help increase attendance and tourism in our town.
 - There is a publication coming out; a book about the history of wind energy - Wind at our Backs, Mesalands will be featured in this book as education in New Mexico as an authority in wind energy for the state, as well, in that we work with different organizations such as Pattern Energy, GE and others will be highlighted.

- Mr. Andy Swapp was interviewed by Heat Map, which is a publication on renewable energy.
- Student Life
 - Stampede Day
 - Orientation
 - Free movie nights for the students
 - More activities are being planned to keep our students engaged and excited.
 - Opportunities for clubs and organizations for our students.
- Any questions:
 - ❖ Ms. Stephenson – On the Child Care Grant – is that a State or Federal Grant? – Josh, it is a State Grant from the New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care department for \$500,000.
Dr. Moss – We have reached out to HeadStart and the public schools to see if there is a possibility that we can partner together on this. We originally looked at using the Armory, which we cannot at this point, those are some things we have to work through before we fully move through with that.
Josh – there are opportunities for child development in Tukumcari that we might be able to partner with on this grant to utilize those funds to help them and Tukumcari and Mesalands as well.
 - ❖ Mr. Box – Can we get copies when those articles; Wind at our Backs and Heat Map when they come out? – Josh, yes sir, I think it would be interesting for each of you.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

- **Ms. Blanca Pauliukevicius, CFO & Executive Director of Business Services**
- Dr. Moss presented in Blanca's absence.
- The last several weeks the Business Office has been inundated on working with request from the State Auditors, and doing everything they can to provide the information they need.
 - ❖ Mr. Box – Jenzabar, where are we at in that process, and are they seeing an improvement?
Dr. Moss – Larry Wickham is now the Project Manager overseeing the implementation and making sure everyone gets the training needed for their area. At first the meetings were discovery meetings where they asked what are you using now, how are you using this piece and what are you not using, and what do you need? We are still doing a little of that, but they are starting to learn forms and processes and some benefits. We are not at the point where you can see a huge difference in our use of Jenzabar. A month or so ago we started pushing for more training, the problem is with the start of school and getting ready for that and then next week we will be busy with getting Corrections going, it is finding time for the people that need to be at those trainings are able to meet. We did not have any training this week, but the meetings will pick up, it is moving, but we don't want to push too fast, or we will be like last time when we did not get sufficient training. Larry conducts weekly meetings with Modular Managers; Managers from each department,

such as enrollment, business office, purchasing, etc. Larry sends reports every few weeks on progress. I will forward those reports to you.

- ❖ Mr. Primrose stated that it will help once it gets implemented and will be helpful to the staff and students.
- Dr. Moss stated; we are also talking about moving our payroll back to Jenzabar tentatively on January 1, 2024, since ADP continues to have problems.

1. Quarterly Financial Actions & Certification Report – **ACTION**

ACTION – Ms. Stephenson made the motion to approve the Fourth Quarterly Financial Actions & Certification Report as presented in Exhibit 5. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Primrose, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; and Mr. Sidwell, yes. The motion carried

2. July 2023 Financial Report – **ACTION**

Mr. Box had a question on the cash flow projection report – January and February of 2024, it looks like tuition and fees are a lot higher than any other times of the year, is there a particular reason for this? I would have thought that it would be more spread out during the semesters.

Dr. Moss – I am not sure, it may be a delay in billing, I will check with the Business Office, I am sure they have a good answer on this.

Ms. Stephenson stated that there was not a checks-cut report (expenses report) in the financial report.

Dr. Moss – I will follow up on that and see what happened and get the expense (check-cut) report for July to you and we will make sure it is in next month's report also.

ACTION – Mr. Sidwell made the motion to approve the July 2023 financial report as presented in Companion Exhibit 1. Mr. Box seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Primrose, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; and Mr. Box, yes. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS CONTINUED

- **Mr. Mark A. Martinez, Executive Director of Operations and Procurement**
 - Capital projects; On July 26th Dr. Moss and I traveled to Eastern New Mexico University which was the location for our region in which we had to present our summer capital projects that was strictly based on infrastructure needs for building “A”, as well as the Dinosaur Museum, the museum only qualifies for 25% of the capital project based on the actual use for instructions. There would need to be a 75% match from our own internal funds here at the college, so that is something to consider. We requested \$990,000 for those improvements which would not be covered through our insurance due to the hail damage we had back on May 25th, such as roofs, skylights and anything that was not covered by that claim. We will try to implement and utilize that for our project. With that we have an old portion of the roof that needs to be replaced over the library, windows in the library, flooring, and exterior work to

- some stucco to keep the moisture out. We want to wait until we hear back from the Insurance company before we update the project.
- We have had some difficulties due to those storms; a release went out to faculty, staff, and students today, we will be shutting down the Wind Energy building until further notice. I have been working with the Insurance Adjuster, we have had several meetings cancelled, and delays with the contractors. I do have an on-site meeting this Friday to go over everything. We have some concerns, some remediation has already taken place, and further evaluation of the facility is needed, there was some mold that remained in the building so until I receive further guidance, I am waiting to hear back from the Environmentalist that was provided by the insurance company. All of this has been streamlined through NMSIA. Due to a lack of communication and things were not moving as quickly as possible, I spoke with the Adjustor again today, and there will be a new contractor on-site tomorrow to investigate and conduct remediation. We have exercised caution in the best interests of our students, faculty, and staff. We will relocate everybody, all classes will remain the same, work will continue as usual, we just want to make sure we have that extra precaution in place.
 - Update on the Building “A” project, as of last Friday, all outstanding invoices should have been paid, we were waiting on funds from the State, so as those funds were received, we made sure that the invoices were paid through CES and then they pay the contractor. We hope to get WWRC back on campus to finish the project on the building “A” renovation.
 - Drawdown funds from HED: There are some outstanding balances on draw request. We did receive the \$72,000 from HED to pay the contractor. There is about \$90,000 outstanding, about \$9,000 GO Bond to the Library, Funds for the nursing kiosk from the nursing program. HED will be processing those funds.
 - Procurement – I am the Jenzabar Module Manager for the purchasing side, being the CPO. We had a great training last week, it was very informative, and some new processes will be taking place. During our Convocation I was able to present with the Business Office and express some of the internal policies and procedures from our Administrative Affairs Handbook on how we need to conduct our procurement for purchases from one cent all the way up to \$60,000 and above which implements the RFP request for proposal or a sealed bid. IT has implemented a site called “Knowledge Base” which will be the home for all standard operating procedures moving forward. This will allow us to do a better job of on-boarding new employees, so if they are new and they are a requester for a requisition to be turned into a purchase order, they can go see the step-by-step instructions on how to complete a requisition, what is expected, and what information has to be on the requisition. We are going to have a formal training internally for those individuals that are authorized to input requisitions into Jenzabar along with maybe some alternates so that we are all on the same page. There will be a few different requirements that may be a little stricter than what the guidelines were in the past to make sure we are meeting all the requirements we need to in case of an audit. I think the purchasing segments of Jenzabar has pretty much wrapped up, and I think we have learned and are comfortable moving forward where we can maybe save some of those billable hours for training in

- other areas. Mr. Wickham has been awesome and instrumental in helping with the Knowledge Base site and setting that up as a center for all operation procedures. With Jenzabar reimplementation, it will be more automated, which will save time and streamline the process. With automated email notifications to those that need to approve requisitions.
- Maintenance/Custodial and IT – I would like to thank all the staff and also the IT staff for preparing for the semester, it has been very busy getting classrooms ready for the students. And IT is really busy at the beginning of the semester with work tickets are through the roof, we are a bit short-handed on staff, so please be patient with us as we work through these work orders.
 - Fitness Center – We are still waiting for parts to be able to open 24/7, we have installed security cameras to have more coverage of the area to make sure that we are protected and everybody that is utilizing the fitness center is protected.
 - Utility Bills – We can get an exemption for the President’s house to save approximately \$35 per month on the City utilities.
 - I would like to thank the Farm Credit of New Mexico for choosing Mesalands, we hosted them for one of their conferences in July, things went well, and we received a lot of compliments on our IT staff and on the cleanliness of the facility. I would like to invite them to come back.
 - In a future meeting I would like to re-evaluate our fees and what we charge for renting facilities and rooms, it is outdated, dates back to 2012 or 2013. This could be an extra source of income to help with our budget.
 - Any questions:
- ❖ Mr. Box – It seems like we are having trouble getting the insurance company to respond in a timely manner. I take it that this goes back to our storms on May 25? – what is going to happen if we have another major thunderstorm before we get the repairs done and it causes more damage? It seems like they are not working with us as fast as they should, it is different than any insurance claim settlements that I’m used to dealing with.
Mark – I agree, it has been a very slow process, I have been very disappointed. Today was the first time throughout this process that I have received a report from the initial site visit. I have been in contact with the adjuster multiple times, our Interim Facilities Director has done the same, I was cancelled several times, I relayed to him the urgency to get this done and my responsibility to report to the Board and the College President – Finally today we had a good conversation, and we are getting things moving. They will have a new company on site tomorrow. Everything has to go through CCMSI – The President’s house and Coach’s house now have new roofs. The Adjustor will be here on Friday so he can see everything for himself so we can move forward and get this fixed.
 - ❖ Mr. Sandavol asked how is the Wind Turbine?
Mark – It is still operational; classes are going on as usual. It is getting old and pretty much met its life expectancy. Thankfully, for the Staff that we have, and the students constantly going up and down and fixing things, it is actually lasting a lot longer than usual. Mr. Galindo is working with Andy and some other people throughout the state in an effort to try to find funding to completely re-power the turbine, it will cost approximately two million, which

would be the best ideal situation at this time. It would generate 20% more power.

REPORTS FROM SHARED GOVERNING SENATES:

- **Faculty Senate President – Ms. Janet Griffiths**
 - The faculty is back and going strong, this is the second week of classes. Everyone seems to be doing good, we are getting classes situated. We have larger classes and that is exciting.
 - We met on the 18th of August and had the election of officers; we kept the officers the same.
 - Grant for \$30,000 for the Indigenous art.
 - Kids camp for two weeks, we had over eighty children, they provided meals for two weeks to over 80 kids.
 - Bridgitte Davis, Phlebotomy has acquired more sites for clinicals, so she has seven sites now that she can send students to do clinicals.
 - Mesalands is going to be used as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) testing site. The Department of Health can bring students in and test them, and our students can also get their certification here.
 - ❖ Mr. Box – Is the faculty feeling more comfortable now that we are progressing in the right direction? Ms. Griffiths – yes, I think so, I do, and I have not heard any grumblings

- **Staff Senate President– Mr. Dean Garcia**
 - I am the new president for the Staff Senate as of August 18th
 - We had a meeting on August 18, 2023, and elected new officers for the next two years – a two-year term.
 - President – Mr. Dean Garcia
 - Vice President – Mr. Matthew Benavidez
 - Secretary – Ms. Rachael White
 - I will be reporting monthly to the Board of Trustees
 - We will be meeting again in a week or two.
 - Adult Education – ESL (English as a Second Language) We had our first class last Tuesday night, with twenty-four people, and possibly another seven or eight that showed up since then, I think there is a big interest in the community for ESL. Mr. Simon Chaves is the instructor. It has been three years since we offered this class due to Covid. This is a service free of charge that we provide to the community.
 - ❖ Mr. Box – Does the staff feel more confident in the way things are going? Mr. Garcia – yes, everybody feels good about the direction we are going, and we are excited about having more students on campus. We have been very busy the last few weeks and we're excited about that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ACTION

ACTION – Mr. Box moved that the Board enter Executive Session for limited personnel matters as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (2), for litigation as allowed

for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (7), and for real property and water rights as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (8). Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Primrose, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; and Mr. Box, yes. The motion carried.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION – ACTION

ACTION – Ms. Stephenson moved that the Board Reconvene from Executive Session which was limited to discussions as stipulated above for limited personnel matters as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (2), for litigation as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (7), and for real property and water rights as allowed for in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H) (8). Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Primrose, yes; Ms. Stephenson, yes; Mr. Sidwell, yes; Mr. Box, yes; and Mr. Sandoval, yes. The motion carried.

ACTION, IF NEEDED BASED ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mr. Primrose stated there are no action items that are needed, based on Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Senator George K. Muñoz:

He was writing to address the situation here at Mesalands. The gist of the letter was that he was encouraging us to explore partnerships with four-year universities. He does list Eastern New Mexico University and New Mexico State. One of the questions asked was, have we been having those conversations, and as you all know we have not. What we have been focused on and really, what we are doing now we would do whether we were going to continue as an independent college or go under a four-year college. We have to get our financials in order, and we have to keep providing an education for our students and working to serve our community. In looking at what Senator Muñoz is asking; I started a reply letter and anything that you want to add that you think would be relevant this is the time to let me know.

- Reply letter:

Senator Muñoz, Thank you for your recent letter. We as the Interim President and Board of Trustees from Mesalands Community College agree that additional and strengthened partnerships need to exist between Mesalands Community College and other higher education institutions in New Mexico. Over the past few months, we looked at changing our focus toward this end.

Recently on July 27, 2023, we entered into a MOU articulation with Northern New Mexico College. This agreement allows for a seamless transition for students graduating with an associate degree in business to continue their program in Business Management. On September 22, 2022, we entered into an MOU/Agreement with Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso with an exchange of Wind and Cybersecurity

program elements. Other options we are looking to explore are teaching programs and extending partnerships in our renewable energy programs.

Currently, we are undergoing an economic impact study through Lightcast. This study is being performed for Mesalands through NMICC and will help facilitate the Higher Education Department's information gathering. We are also waiting on the Higher Education Department (HED) to finish the RFP process for additional assessment for the best path forward for Mesalands Community College. At the last update by Secretary Rodriguez, HED is working with General Services to get this completed. It is our understanding that these evaluations need to take place before a recommendation is made by HED in the next steps.

I will also attach the power point outlining what we have done so far to the letter.

- The additional assessment that HED is waiting on is part (\$250,00) of the HB2 bill.
- This letter differs from the letters sent to New Mexico State and Eastern, because I think those letters also mention – would they consider taking us under as a branch.
- My intention is, I agree, we need to build those articulations with other colleges not just in other states such as California, or Washington. I think we need to have more agreements with colleges in New Mexico. I think our students would prefer to finish their education at Eastern or New Mexico State or UNM or Northern New Mexico College.
- We have to wait for HED to make a recommendation, then legislation would have to follow, and the Governor would have to sign off on it for any change to even happen.
- Is there anything you want me to add, or approach differently?
 - ❖ Mr. Primrose – I personally agree. The Legislature has appropriated funding so that they could do this study and get feedback on the college's condition. We need to wait for recommendations from this study and have a better assessment as to which direction we need to go. And the audits need to be completed.
 - ❖ Mr. Box – I agree with you, I think it is premature to start having discussions about partnering with these other four-year institutions until we know what recommendations are going to come from the study and what your audits show.
 - ❖ Dr. Moss – I did have a conversation with the Interim President at New Mexico State, and I intend to talk to the President at Eastern. There is a lot of information that they were looking to answer from that letter. At this point I cannot pull my staff away from what they are doing right now. We are still working to get things in order – it is premature to work towards having the partnership to be taken over by another four-year institution until we get further information.

- ❖ Ms. Stephenson – The letter does not really say that he wants us to be taken over. It just talks about partnerships, and we have those partnerships. Maybe you could highlight all our partnership with other colleges in your letter.
- ❖ Dr. Moss – That is what I want to do, and also, I think we need to develop more articulation agreements in New Mexico making sure that our students have clear pathways to further their education.
- ❖ Mr. Box – We are making great progress; it is too early to get into any serious negotiations about totally being taken over by another four-year institution.
- ❖ Mr. Sidwell – When you update your draft letter, please send it to us.
- ❖ Mr. Sandoval – I saw on KOB TV about this doctor talking about the neighborhood and the lady that runs the schools in Albuquerque and what she talked about, I hope that they come to Quay County and work with the schools.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presented were the following:

- A. Important Dates:
 1. College Closed for Labor Day – September 4, 2023
 2. HLC Site Visit – September 12-13, 2023
- B. Board of Trustees – 12 Month Calendar
- C. Board of Trustees Annual Calendar of Reports

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday, September 12, 2023, Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting, 2:30 p.m. in Building A, room 214.
- Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Mesalands Community College Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Building A, room 214.

ADJOURN

- Mr. Primrose stated if there was no further business, he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Box made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sidwell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with members voting: Mr. Sidwell, yes; Mr. Box, yes; Mr. Sandoval, yes; Mr. Primrose, yes; and Ms. Stephenson, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

[signature on original]

Richard D. Primrose
Chair

[signature on original]

Thomas Sidwell
Secretary/Clerk