Western New Mexico University
Board of Regents Retreat
Sandia Peak Tramway
30 Tramway Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122
November 9, 2026
9:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order & Procedural Business

1. **Call to Order** — Chair Steven Neville
2. **Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**
3. **Motion to move to Executive Session**

Executive Session

1. Discussion of legal matters subject to attorney-client privilege concerning threatened or pending litigation pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1 (H)(7):
    a. State ex rel. Torrez v. Shepard, et al., Sixth Judicial District Court No. D-608-CV-2025-00007
    b. State Ethics Commission v. Shepard, First Judicial District Court No. D-117-CV-202500260
    c. Shepard v. W.N.M.U., et al., Sixth Judicial District Court No. D-608-CV-2025-00335

1. President's Report

- **University Highlights & Progress Overview:** Executive updates on university operations, enrollment/retention,student affairs, and regional workforce initiatives.
- **Campus & Infrastructure Developments:** Capital improvements, facility planning, and community engagement.
- **Institutional Strategic Priorities:** Update on preparation for upcoming strategic planning and administrative goals.

2. Legislative Session Planning

- **Upcoming New Mexico Legislative Session Review:** Priorities, key dates, and strategic objectives for the upcoming session.
- **Capital Outlay & Operational Funding Requests:** Strategy for university funding priorities (e.g., athletics,cultural programming, teacher apprenticeships, infrastructure/housing).

3. President's Annual Evaluation Measures

- **Performance Criteria & Metrics:** Review of key performance indicators (KPIs) and governance priorities for presidential assessment.
- **Evaluation Framework & Timeline:** Alignment on job description, president contract, evaluation mechanisms, survey processes, and Board review schedule.

MISSION
An open-access Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and New Mexico's Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences University, Western New Mexico University combines a foundation of liberal arts education with quality professional programs and career and technical preparation in a diverse, inclusive, creative, and caring community of learners empowered with the essential skills and knowledge for lifelong success in work and life.

Al ser una Institución al Servicio de Hispanos (HSI) y de inscripción abierta, así como la Universidad de Artes Liberales y Ciencias Aplicadas de Nuevo México, Western New Mexico University combina una base de educación en artes liberales con programas profesionales de calidad y preparación técnica en una comunidad diversa, inclusiva, creativa y solidaria de estudiantes capacitados con habilidades y conocimientos esenciales para el éxito permanente en la vida y el trabajo.

VISION
Western New Mexico University is a premier and innovative Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences University in combination with internationally recognized professional programs and career and technical preparation. Its students achieve career goals, become conscientious citizens, practice social and environmental responsibility, and impact their communities and their futures as independent thinkers who know themselves within the changing context of a global, digital world. Embracing its identity as a Hispanic Serving Institution, WNMU is the central contributor in its region for public service, economic development, and cultural enrichment.

Western New Mexico University es una Universidad de Artes Liberales y Ciencias Aplicadas líder e innovadora que combina programas profesionales reconocidos internacionalmente y la preparación profesional técnica. Sus estudiantes alcanzan metas profesionales, formándolos en ciudadanos comprometidos, que practican la responsabilidad social y ambiental, que tienen impacto en sus comunidades y en su futuro como pensadores críticos independientes que se conocen a sí mismos dentro del contexto cambiante de un mundo global y digital. Adoptando su identidad como una institución al servicio a hispanos, WNMU es la contribuyente central en su región para el servicio público, el desarrollo económico y el enriquecimiento cultural.