

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
SAN JUAN COLLEGE BOARD
January 6, 2025**

ITEM A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pendergrass called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. The following Board members were present:

Valerie Uselman, Chairman
R. Shane Chance, Member
Bryon Manning, Member
Bev Taylor, Member
GloJean Todacheene, Member

ITEM B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

San Juan College administrators and staff in attendance included:
Dr. Pendergrass, Edward DesPlas, Boomer Appleman, Michael Ottinger,
Kerri Langoni Carpenter, Troy Brown, Alicia Corbell, Gayle Dean, Josh Bishop,
Chris Rosen, Carrie Tsosie Jim, and Donna Ellis

Guest(s): Senator Steve Lanier, Senator William E. Sharer,
Representative Mark Duncan, Representative Bill Hall, Representative Joseph
Hernandez, Scott Scanland, and Dr. Vanessa Hawker

ITEM C. DISCUSSION OF 2025 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Vanessa Hawker from New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC) gave an overview of the shared goals for NMICC and highlighted how collaboration across all institutions benefits everyone involved.

Edward DesPlas presented on behalf of Kathy Ulibarri, Director of Collaborative for Higher Education Shared Services (CHESS), sharing details about CHESS's collaborative efforts. He also reported on the funding request of \$10.5 million for FY 2026 and \$10 million for FY2027, which are being sought through the C2 funding cycle of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT).

Dr. Pendergrass provided an overview of the College's Strategic Directions, legislative funding actions, enrollment growth, graduation/transfer rates, as well as Capital Outlay Requests. She also expressed her sincere gratitude to the legislative members in attendance for their continued support of the College.

Dean Troy Brown spoke about SJC's requests for the Heavy Duty Program, while Dean Alicia Corbell discussed the CDL Program requests for Capital Outlay Requests.

ITEM D. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.