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Minutes of Governor's Higher Education Leadership Forum
National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102
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9:00AM-3:30PM

Minutes:

- 9:00 - 9:05AM Welcome Remarks by Secretary Damron
- 9:05 - 9:25AM Governor Martinez, NM Higher Education Policy Reforms
- 9:30 - 10:05AM **Fiduciary Principles and Habits of Effective Boards**

Jill Derby, PhD, Consultant, Association of Governing Boards and Former Chair, Nevada Board of Regents

Serving as a member of a governing board of a college or university requires an understanding of board responsibilities, the culture of the academy, and limits and obligations of individual board members, as well as the traditions, circumstances, and goals of the institution and state. Both new board members and those who are looking to enhance their expertise will gain a clear understanding of fiduciary duties and fundamental board responsibilities—including how to translate these duties into effective board conduct. High-performing boards recognize that the pace of change requires a new level of fiduciary engagement and this session will focus on just that--habits and best practices of effective boards.

Handout: [Statement on Fiduciary Duties](#)

Trusteeship Article: [10 Habits of Highly Effective Boards](#)

10:05 - 10:20AM Break

10:20 - 10:55AM **Board Engagement in College Completion and Attainment**

Richard Novak, Senior Fellow and Former Senior Vice President, Association of Governing Boards

Gone are the days when getting from freshman orientation to graduation was solely the responsibility of students. Colleges and universities must commit to ensuring the success of all students they matriculate, and oversight of student completion is fundamental to the legal and fiduciary duties of boards. This session will engage participant in discussions related to how to respond effectively to institutional, state, and national college completion and attainment challenges while still upholding educational quality.

Handout: [Statement on College Completion](#)

11:00 -11:30 AM **Prioritizing College Completion through the Higher Education Trifecta and Performance Funding**

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- 11:30 - 12:30PM Lunch
- 12:30- 12:40PM Walk to breakout session rooms
- 12:40- 1:40PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions:

1) Advancing Policies through Collaboration: Board members, Presidents, Senior Administrators, Faculty, and Staff

Session Leader: Richard Novak, Senior Fellow and Former Senior Vice President, Association of Governing Boards

The breakout session will begin with a discussion of institutional governance—the internal structures, policies, and processes necessary for sound and responsive institutional decision-making—a precondition for collaboration, particularly among internal stakeholders. The remainder of the session will be based on Principles 2 and 5 of the AGB Statement on Board Responsibility for the Oversight of College Completion and how effective institutional governance can facilitate successful collaboration. These principles address accountability to the board by the president and senior administrators for progress on completion goals, the key roles of faculty and staff in advancing a completion agenda, and the need for boards to ensure that institutional policies reflect a commitment to collaborations with community partners, such as K-12 leaders and other colleges. The New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) in collaboration with board members, presidents, administrators, faculty, and staff of the higher education institutions (HEIs) have set long-term goals to improve 4-year graduation rates, transfer and articulation, and remedial education outcomes.

Handout: [AGB's Statement on Board Responsibility for Institutional Governance](#)

2) The Future of Governance: Creating Consequential Boards

Session Leader: Jill Derby, PhD, Former Chair, Nevada Board of Regents and Consultant, Association of Governing Boards

This session will discuss “Consequential Boards: Adding Value Where it Matters Most,” a report of the National Commission on College and University Board Governance. This session will address the multiple risks facing higher education today and the changes in governance needed to address them. Effective boards must be at the forefront of these changes because their fiduciary role requires them to focus on strategic long-term issues and the intersection of internal and public interests. This session will outline seven recommendations in support of the distinct role only boards can play in improving institutional value through more effective governance.

Handout: [Consequential Boards](#)

- 1:40- 1:55PM Break
- 1:55- 2:55PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions: **Topics above will be repeated**
- 2:55- 3:05PM Break and return to main room
- 3:05- 3:30PM Closing Remarks and Adjourn