



# State of New Mexico

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## **Governor Bill Richardson appoints new regents at UNM, NMSU**

*Governor also appoints members to financial boards*

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today announced the appointment of Raymond G. Sanchez, former Speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives, to serve on the University of New Mexico Board of Regents. Governor Richardson also appointed Steve Lewis, owner of Artesia-based Lewis Livestock Co., to serve on the New Mexico State University Board of Regents.

Governor Richardson also reappointed UNM Regent Jack Fortner of Farmington.

“Education and job creation are my top priorities as governor,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “These regents reflect my vision for holding universities more accountable, increasing graduate rates and preparing students for high-wage jobs. I look forward to working with the regents to improve workforce training, job development programs, high-tech research, agriculture product development and medical research.”

### **New Mexico State University**

**Steve Lewis** is the owner of Lewis Livestock Co., the largest sheep broker in the state of New Mexico. Lewis served on Governor Carruther’s Department of Agriculture Transition Team and was a member of Governor Johnson’s Business Advisory Council. He holds a B.S. in Agriculture Economics from New Mexico State University and completed the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University.

Lewis, a native Artesian, is also responsible for developing three new dishes of lamb.

Lewis will serve a six-year term on NMSU's Board of Regents. He replaces outgoing regent James Manatt, Jr.

### **University of New Mexico**

**Raymond Sanchez** is an Albuquerque lawyer who was elected in 1970 to serve in the New Mexico Legislature. He served in the House through 2000 - serving as House Speaker from 1983-85, and again from 1987-2000. He was the second longest serving State House Speaker in the country. Sanchez represented New Mexico nationally as President of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. During his tenure, Hispanic Business Magazine named Sanchez as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics.

Sanchez was instrumental in helping to establish the Education Plan of New Mexico, an education financial planning program that allows New Mexicans to prepay tuition or open college savings accounts for their children or grandchildren.

Sanchez will serve a six-year term on UNM's Board of Regents. He replaces outgoing regent Maria Griego Raby.

Governor Richardson chose Jack Fortner, of Farmington, to serve another six-year term on UNM's Board of Regents.

"Jack Fortner has proven that he knows what it takes UNM to the next level," Governor Bill Richardson said. "Jack understands the link between higher education and creating jobs."

### **New Mexico State Board of Finance**

Governor Richardson also announced the appointment of **Maria Griego Raby** to the New Mexico State Board of Finance. Griego Raby, whom Governor Richardson has reappointed as regent in 2003, is president and principal of Contract Associates, Inc., a commercial and office furniture company in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Los Alamos. She has earned several awards during her career. Most recently, she was named to the Hispanic Business Top 500 List and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Maxie Anderson Small Business Award in 2002.

"Maria Griego Raby did a great job for UNM," Governor Bill Richardson said. "Now, I am tapping her business and financial expertise as my administration moves forward with a strategic economic plan to create high-wage jobs for New Mexico."

Griego Raby replaces Ed Garcia, who is leaving the Board to take another position.

### **New Mexico Finance Authority**

Governor Richardson is appointing **Ed Garcia**, an Albuquerque businessman and auto dealer, to serve on the New Mexico Finance Authority.

