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Governor Richardson Announces Appointments to New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today announced the reappointment of Jesus Lopez and the new appointment of Pete Aguilar to the New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents.

Jesus Lopez is a graduate of Highlands University and has served as an attorney in the city of Las Vegas for thirty years. Previously he worked as a District Attorney and served 14 years as Chair of the West Las Vegas Board of Education. Jesus Lopez was originally appointed by the Governor on January 17, 2008 to fill an unexpired term. Lopez will now serve a new six year term through December 31, 2014.

Peter Aguilar holds three degrees from Highlands University including a Bachelors degree in industrial arts technology and a Masters in secondary education administration and industrial arts technology. He owns his own electrician business and has worked as an electrical contractor in Santa Fe for nearly forty years. Aguilar will replace Javier Gonzales when he leaves on January 1, 2009 to serve on the New Mexico State Board of Regents. Peter Aguilar will fill Gonzales' unexpired term and will serve through December 31, 2010.

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