Supercomputing Challenge Board Meeting: August 5, 2026, 6pm MDT

AGENDA:

--6:01 PM--

o Establish quorum

1	Char Arias	_ Yes
2	Richard Barrett	_ Yes
3	Tom Bowles	_ Yes
4	Ron Davis	_ Yes
5	Creighton Edington	_ Yes
6	Alan Friedman	_ Yes
7	Elizabeth Knowles	_ Yes
8	David Kratzer	_ Yes
9	Lupe Montoya	_
10	Lee Rand	_
11	Tom Robey	_ Yes
12	Mario Serna	_ Yes
13	Tim Thomas	_ Yes
14	Kaley Woelfel	_ Yes

Others:

15	Karen Glennon	_ Yes
16	Patty Meyer	_ Yes

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o Accept Minutes of the July 6th meeting:

https://supercomputingchallenge.org/board/ (Not posted yet)

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o Call for modifications to the agenda

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o Any action re. retiring Board Members NONE

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o Activities / status updates...

STI - held at NM Tech July 12-17, 14 participants, 13 new to the Challenge, cost about $35K. ~45 initially registered then cancelled, but we added them to the MMM email list.

SUGGESTIONS for who to ask to print the finalist reports book from 2025-26 are needed

--> Reminder to the Board about the history of support of this activity…

- Char to talk to a few people - folks who haven't donated before but are in the printing business and can give her a price. Also has contacts for folks who usually donate money who may sponsor these.
- Why can't we just have digital available? It is available on the website, but there are a variety of reasons for printed copies - we'd like to pursue that.

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o Treasury Report / update / comments

o Any update on 2026-27 Budget

--> Previous items: Professional Services Contract with NM Tech...

See full budget, attached to previous email, for 2026-27, along with the budget of $200K for the NM Tech/legislative monies which we needed to provide to NM Tech last month.

- October 10th and 11th for Kickoff
  - Staff and Instructors coming in on the 9th, 10-11th for students
  - Started to contact hotels and reserve rooms - this will be handled through NMT so we don't need to do the purchasing/POs
- At STI, we started thinking about next April's Expo - Thinking to hold at NMT April 23-24 (Friday and Saturday)

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o Any Funding updates

--> previous items: NMSU funds used (~$142K), NM Tech funds for 26-27 ($200K), potential other funders (Sandia $10K, LANL $55K, NMSU $50K...

Any comment (from Tom B. and/or David) re. persistence of $s from Legislature.

- Meredith Dixon helped us get funding last time
- Mimi Stewart also was a huge supporter of us and has submitted appropriations for us (that were not funded)

Michael Jackson, NMT President, told us he will put budget in on his side for us for their budget with the Legislature

Tom will be unavailable to support efforts in September. Mario willing to help and get involved

--> From earlier... NM S&T Roadmap: https://edd.newmexico.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/New-Mexico-ST-Roadmap-Final.pdf

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Any comments on the new web site (work of Carlos and others)
Main page is done. Registration is up and some people have registered for this year's Challenge.

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o Discussion of our Executive Director candidates (Report from Executive Director search committee)

Alternative futures; back toward HPC or forward to a broader agenda; etc...?

We have some paths for futures we can take and have a vision for what our organization is doing
The students are at the forefront of technology and we don't need to lead them.

Two very qualified candidates for the Executive Director role.

Tim moves to vote on the executive director.
Char seconds
Board unanimously approves this motion.

Vote is held, 80% in favor of Melany as Executive Director.

Kaley moves that we accept that Melany has received 80% of the votes and begin next steps to create a contract for her and offer her the position as the Executive Director.
Char seconds.

Board unanimously approves the motion.

New President will contact Melany to let her know she was chosen for the position.
We will wait to decline Lindsey until after receiving a verbal acceptance from Melany.

https://supercomputingchallenge.org/executive-director

An issue: Contract language for the new position

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o Election of President
Tim would like to make a nomination of Mario Serna as President
Mario accepts the nomination
No further nominations for President

Char would like to make a motion to accept Mario Serna as the new President of this Board of Directors.
Tim Seconds.
Board unanimously approves this motion.

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o Other business

--7:29 PM--

o Adjourn
Tim moves to adjourn
Kaley seconds
Board unanimously approves to adjourn