Call to order at 10:10 a.m.

I. Preliminary Matters

Roll Call

Board of Regents: Regent Hinds, Regent Olopai-Taitano, Regent Deleon Guerrero, Regent Furey, Regent Orilla, and Regent Wyatt.

Legal Counsel: Jesus C. Borja, Esq.

NMC: President Guerrero, Lorraine Sonoda, Elsie Dela Cruz, Bobbie Hunter, Al Johnson, Jack Sablan, Sam McPhetres, John Griffin, Kurt Barnes, Debbie Diaz, and Reina Camacho as recorder.

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of July 28, 2004 meeting was adopted with the following changes.

- Page 8 - Regent Orilla made the motion
- Page 2 – Item III, add "to" before the word refer
- Page 2 - remove "is" before the word attached.
- Page 2 - grammar corrections need on the Land grant section
- Page 2 - add "planning for a " before the words steering committee
- Page 2 - change X in AXNMC to ASNMC
- Page 3 – under Old Business add "Regent Furey stated that there are"
- Page 3 - add "to" between the words college and operate

II. Miscellaneous/Public Comments:

Regent Hinds said for the record, Regent Sablan is off island. Regent Cabrera has a family emergency.

In honor of the tragedy of Sept 11th let's take a moment of silence to recognize loss of lives for our nation.

III. Old Business

A. La Fiesta

MOTION: Regent Deleon Guerrero said after much work on the college, they submitted a proposal and the committee recommends the board adopt NMC’s proposal on the utilization of the La Fiesta facility, which proposes to transfer the facility to Governor Babauta. In the interest of sparing college additional costs of running the facility and in the interest of exploring a more feasible approach such as the global education initiative, NMC proposes to transfer the facility to the government. Regent Orilla seconded the motion.

Discussion:

- Regent Deleon Guerrero said after meeting with Legal Counsel, he has suggestions for grammatical changes. While the changes are not substantive, it could be interpreted as meaning something different.
- Legal Counsel said to be consistent with the language used in the MOA, every mention of title needs to be changed, to the language, which was real property and facilities/improvements in the real property.

Typo and grammar changes were discussed.

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Discussion:
- Regent Deleon Guerrero said this would require the signature of Governor and Lt. Governor and then we would have to work with the sellers to negotiate the transfer.
- Legal Counsel Borja said this proposal is contingent upon the previous owners. We cannot assign until we pay everything under the agreement.
- Regent Deleon Guerrero said the proposal is a good distillation of events around La Fiesta and hopes the media gets a copy of the proposal once it is finalized.

No further discussion. Motion was carried.

IV. New Business

A. Recruitment Requests
- Regent Deleon Guerrero said the committee met to discuss this request and wanted to address the larger issue of budgeted positions should they be vacant, be filled as it would not affect the cost savings action plan.

MOTION: to amend the cost savings action plan, specifically #5, regarding freeze on all hiring. The amendment would read “also excluded from this action are replacements for currently filled and budgeted positions that would not result in an increase in the amount budgeted for the fiscal year and overall costs of the college.

Regent Orilla seconded the motion.
- Regent Deleon Guerrero amended his motion to include the amendment made at a previous Board meeting.
- Regent Hinds said the amended motion is as follows: the immediate freeze on all hiring, reassigning, reclassification, appointments that will result in an increase in salary. This excludes any federally funded vacancies as well as positions where funds are clearly provided under the grant to pay for all costs of hiring. Also excluded from this action are replacements for currently filled and budgeted positions that would not result in an increase in the amount budgeted for the fiscal year and overall costs of the college.

No further discussion. Motion carried.
- Regent Hinds said while this matter is administrative, the Board to action to address the shortfall and would like the administration to continue due diligence in hiring.

B. 2004 Consolidated Budget

Regent Guerrero said the committee discussed and reviewed the consolidated budget and recommends the Board adopt the consolidated budget for FY 2005. Regent Furey seconded the motion.

Discussion:
- Regent Deleon Guerrero said there are two aspects of this budget. This is the first time NMC is presenting a consolidated budget, however the focus on tuition and fees and assumes that college gets the budget it’s requested and has submitted to the Governor. The committee will request the Board of Regents for a special meeting in the event we are not on continuing resolution to amend budget.
- Regent Hinds said this also addresses WASC concerns to submit a consolidated budget. Thank to all working on it.

No further discussion. Motion was carried.

V. Executive Session

Executive session was entered at 10:55 a.m.
All were asked to leave except the Board of Regents, Legal Counsel, President Guerrero and Reina Camacho.

Special Meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m.
Regent Hinds stated La Fiesta matters were discussed and no action needs to be taken.

Adopted on October 4, 2004
The special meeting will be recess until Monday, September 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the Governor’s Office.

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Special Meeting of the Board of Regents (cont’d)  
Wednesday, September 15, 2004  
3:30 p.m.  
BOR Conference Room – As Terlaje, Saipan

Call to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**  
Board of Regents: Regent Hinds, Regent Olopai-Taitano, Regent Furey, Regent Orilla,  
and Regent Cabrera.

Legal Counsel: Jesus C. Borja, Esq.

NMC: Raajkumar Kurapati, Al Johnson, Jack Sablan, Kurt Barnes, Eric Plinske, and  
Reina Camacho as recorder.

Governor's Office: Governor Juan Babauta, Steve Newman, Clyde Lemons

**Executive Session**  
Executive session was entered at 5:10 p.m.

Special Meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m.  
Regent Hinds stated La Fiesta matters were discussed and no action needs to be taken.  
The Memorandum of Agreement between Northern Marianas College and the Executive Branch  
has been signed.

**VI. Adjournment**  
Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.