Called to Order: 3:15 p.m.

I. Preliminary Matters

A. Roll

BOR Members: Chairperson Kim Hinds, Regent Elaine Orilla, Regent Eloise Furey, Regent Charles Cepeda, Regent Dr. Rita Inos, Regent Malua Peter, Regent Linsa Lizama

Legal Counsel: Jesus C. Borja, Esq.

NMC Faculty & Staff: Mark Mendiola

Guest: Mr. Dan Neilsen

II. Public Comment/Announcements

22. Chair Kim Hinds announced and encouraged all BOR members to attend the NMC Cultural Exchange Night.

23. Mark Mendiola reminded the Regents that Commencement Exercises will be held at the American Memorial Park at 4pm on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

24. Coffee Connections invitation reminder to all BOR members.

25. Regent Kim reminded all Regents to have their BOR photos updated for PR and other approved NMC business.

Meeting Minutes
None Adopted

III. Old Business

No Actions Pending

IV. New Business

A. Suspension of Post-Secondary Licensing

1. Chairwoman Hinds yielded the floor to Program Committee Chair Regent Eloise Furey

2. Regent Furey mentioned that she followed up with the Attorney General Office regarding the propose changes the board submitted 2months ago.

3. Regent Furey mentioned that the proposed policy changes were submitted but never filed with the CNMI registrar office.
4. Regent Furey reminded the board of the process in making the proposed changes. She reiterated that the board has done the work and that the hold up was due the AG’s office.

5. Regent Furey explained the importance of the rules and process of the state licensing board. She mentioned that no financial support is give to the college to oversee the responsibilities of the state licensing board. She reiterated that no NMC funds should be used to conduct the business of state licensing board.

6. Regent Furey mentioned that the review of licenses is a tough task and the support from the Government must be sought to assist in the business of the State Licensing Board. A minimum of a 100 hrs is put into an application.

7. Regent Furey reported that she has heard that there are potential 4-5 applications pending. She believes that the board will not be able to meet the mandates of the public law.

8. Regent Inos asked how many applications were on hand. Special Assistant Mendiola stated 1 pending application from American Worldwide University.


10. Dan Nielsen informed the BOR that he communicated with the AG. The new proposed policy was with the previous AG for a year. He does not know the reason behind the delay. He mentioned that he agrees with the new proposed policies and he recommends to the new AG to support its publication and implementation. He stated that the AG is ready to suggest the necessary documentation. The policy must be registered.

11. Legal Counsel concurred with Dan Nielsen, that the regulations must be adopted and suspension of the rules and procedures be requested as soon as possible.

12. Regent Furey stated that she wanted it published in May 17 Commonwealth Register.

13. Dan Nielsen said will assist any way he can and recommends the BOR act quickly is suspending the licensing.

14. Regent Inos stated that we have an objective to the existing applicant to review the application.

15. Regent Furey recommends that at the next Program Committee the application would be addressed.

16. Legal Counsel said he would like some time to review the time constraints of the suspension of the rules and regulations.

17. **Motion to move into executive session**

   Moved: Regent Furey
   Seconded: Regent Orilla
   Motion Passed
Out of executive session resume regular meeting 4:25

18. Special Assistant is directed to visit the AG’s office and to work with the AG’s office to convert current submission of draft licensing policies into emerging regulations.

19. Regent Hinds stated she would contact the AG personally to ask his assistance.

20. Regent Furey motions to place the proposed draft state licensing policies into an emerging regulation and suspend current policies. Seconded Regent Orilla Vote unanimous. Motion carries.

21. Legal Counsel reminded the BOR that the Annual meeting is the last Thursday in July.

22. Regent Furey mentioned that Regent Linsa volunteered assist in the review of the American World Wide University application and she encourages other Regents to assist.

23. Regent Hinds reminded the BOR that the Boardsmanship training is scheduled for July 13-15. The Facilitators are from WASC.

24. Regent Hinds asked what days would be good for BOR regular meeting.

25. Regents recorded that the week of the 12th (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) would be good.

26. BOR Special assistant was requested to invite the applicant to the next BOR meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.