MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS
Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Continued on January 28, 2010
Continued on February 22, 2010
Continued on February 25, 2010
11:05a.m.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Chairperson Janet Han King, Regent Maria (Paz) C. Younis, Regent Frank Rabauliman, Regent Andrew Orsini, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter, Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla (via VTC on Rota).

Excused Absent: Regent Charles V. Cepeda

Honorary Regents: Miles Rodriguez, Student Regent; Joyce Taro, Staff Senate President; Larry Lee, Faculty Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Dr. Carmen Fernandez, NMC President; Stacey Demapan, ASNMC Secretary; Mindy Park, ASNMC Treasurer; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Galvin Guerrero, Accreditation Liaison Officer/Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Henry Hofschneider, CFAO; Leo Pangelinan, Dean of Student Services; Cynthia Deleon Guerrero; Dean of Academic Programs and Services; Daisie Camacho, Director of Information Technology; Skep Palacios, Finance Office; Maria H. Aguon, Tinian Administrator; Les Ogumoro-Uludong, CDI Program Manager; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Mark Scoggins, Legal Counsel; Matthew Smith, Legal Counsel; Oscar Rasa, Observer; Pat Rasa, Observer; Junhan Todeo, Marianas Variety; Moneth Deposa; Saipan Tribune; Pete and Jean Camacho, Observer.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on January 12, 2010, at 11:05a.m., in the BOR Conference room, Northern Marianas College.

A. Roll Call

Chairperson King called roll call. Six members of the Board of Regents were present.
Chairperson King recognized Regent Orilla who was present for the meeting via VTC in Rota. At this time, Regent Orilla requested to recess the board meeting until January 15, 2010 because of all of the festivities going on in Rota for the mayoral inauguration. She indicated that because the Board will be addressing a personnel matter she would appreciate it if the board would consider her request so she could participate in the discussions during executive session.

**Motion:** Regent Orilla moved to recess the Special Board meeting.

**Second:** Regent Peter seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion did not pass.

Regent Orilla - Yes
Regent Peter - Yes
Regent King - No
Regent Orsini - No
Regent Younis - No
Regent Rabauliman – No

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

Executive Session called at 11:10a.m. on January 12, 2010
Executive Session ended at 2:10p.m.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Personnel Matter

**Motion:** Regent Peter moved to recess the meeting to give NMC’s Counsels time to gather more information.

**Second:** Regent Orilla seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion did not pass.

Regent Orilla – Yes
Regent Peter - Yes
Regent King - No
Regent Orsini – No
Regent Rabauliman – No
Regent Younis – No

**Motion:** Chairperson King moved to suspend the President Fernandez.

**Second:** Regent Orsini seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion passed with four regents voting in favor of the motion.

Regent King – Yes
Regent Orsini – Yes
Regent Rabauliman – Yes
Regent Younis - Yes
Regent Orilla - No
Regent Peter - No

A vote of Four (4) Yes and two (2) No to suspend President Dr. Carmen Fernandez passes. Chairperson King indicated that President Dr. Carmen Fernandez is hereby suspended until further notice.

Chairperson King indicated that she would like to consult with the legal counsels immediately after the meeting. On a separate matter, she stated that the board has convened an investigative committee and the Attorney General's Office has been delegated the authority to conduct an investigation. The President's office has been given written instructions that the NMC staff and employees would have to adhere to.

Miles Rodriguez, Honorary Student Regent, wanted to know if there is a timeframe and the reasons for suspending the President. Chairperson King explained that because it is a personnel and sensitive matter, details of the suspension will not be disclosed at this time.

Motion: Regent Orsini moved to recess the Special Meeting until further notice.
Second: Regent Rabauliman seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

Recess was called at 2:20 p.m. on January 12, 2010 subject to the call of Chairperson King.
Honorary Regents: Miles Rodriguez, Student Regent; Joyce Taro, Staff Senate President; Larry Lee, Faculty Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Ms. Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Galvin Guerrero, Accreditation Liaison Officer/Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Tee Abraham, Dean of COMPASS; Henry Hofschneider, CFAO; Leo Pangelinan, Dean of Academic Programs and Services; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Mathew Smith, Legal Counsel.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents that recessed on January 12, 2010, convened on January 28, 2010 at 3:40p.m., in the BOR Conference room, Northern Marianas College.

B. Roll Call
Chairperson King called roll call. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION
(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

Executive Session called at 3:44p.m. on January 28, 2010
Executive Session ended at 5:36p.m.

Motion: Regent Younis moved to recess until Monday, February 22, 2010 at 3:30p.m.
Second: Regent Orsini seconded the motion.
Vote: The motioned passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:37p.m. on January 28, 2010 for Monday, February 22, 2010 at 3:30p.m.
I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Chairperson Janet Han King, Regent Maria (Paz) C. Younis, Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Frank Rabauliman, Regent Andrew Orsini

Excused Absent: Regent Charles V. Cepeda, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter

Honorary Regents: Miles Rodriguez, Student Regent; Clarice Arriola, Acting Staff Senate President; Frank Sobolewski, Faculty Senate Representative.

College Staff and Faculty: Ms. Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; Daniel Kintol, ASNMC Vice-President; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs & Services; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesse Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; John Aguon, Cabot & Mantanona, NMC Legal Counsel; Junhan Todeno, Marianas Variety.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents that recessed on January 28, 2010, convened on February 22, 2010 at 3:59p.m., in the BOR Conference room, Northern Marianas College.

C. Roll Call

Chairperson King called roll call. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

Executive Session called at 4:00p.m. on February 22, 2010
Executive Session ended at 4:50p.m.

Motion: Regent Orsini moved to recess until Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 2:00p.m.
Second: Regent Younis seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous.
I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

**Board of Regents:** Chairperson Janet Han King, Regent Maria (Paz) C. Younis, Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Frank Rabauliman, Regent Andrew Orsini

**Excused Absent:** Regent Charles V. Cepeda, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter

Honorary Regents: Miles Rodriguez, Student Regent; Clarice Arriola, Acting Staff Senate President; Frank Sobolewski, Faculty Senate Representative.

**College Staff and Faculty:** Ms. Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

**Others:** John Aguon, Cabot & Mantanona, NMC Legal Counsel

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents that recessed on February 22, 2010, convened on February 25, 2010 at 2:00p.m., in the BOR Conference room, Northern Marianas College.

**D. Roll Call**

Chairperson King called roll call. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.

Recess called at 2:46p.m. on February 25, 2010 and will resume at 4:00p.m.

The Board meeting convened at 5:05p.m on February 25, 2010.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)

Executive Session called at 5:05p.m. on February 25, 2010.

Executive Session ended at 5:45p.m. on February 25, 2010.

III. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Regent Orsini moved to adjourn the Special Meeting on February 25, 2010.

**Second:** Regent Orilla seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46p.m. on February 25, 2010.