I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Attendance:

Board of Regents: Acting Chairperson Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Regent Frank M. Rabauliman, Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter, Regent Juan T. Lizama and Regent Andrew Orsini.

Honorary Members: Antonio Tiples, ASNMC President; Clarice Arriola, Staff Senate President; and Amanda Angel representing Larry Lee, Faculty Senate President.

College Staff and Faculty: Lorraine T. Cabrera, Interim President; Maria Aguon, Tinian Site Program Coordinator; Joyce Taro, Academic Programs & Services; Daisy M. Propst, Financial Aid Director; Frankie Eliptico, OIA Director; John Cook, CNMI Archives; Rosa M. Tudela, Nursing Department; Barbara Mertalen, Dean of Academic Programs & Services; Johnny S. Aldan, Nursing Department; Leo Pangelinan, Dean of Student Services; Zenaida V. Javier, Counseling Department; Eric Abragan, Acting IT Director; Timothy Baker, Counseling Director; Gerri Willis, President’s Office and Helen Camacho, Office of Institutional Advancement (Recorder).

Others: Jesus C. Borja, NMC Legal Counsel; Lucy Blanco Maratita, former Board of Education member; Moneth Depposa, Saipan Tribune News Reporter.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Regents was called to order on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 10:17 a.m., in the BOR Conference Room at the Northern Marianas College, Saipan campus.

A. Roll Call

Acting BOR Chairperson Elaine Hocog Orilla called roll. Five members of the Board of Regents were present.
B. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Regent Orilla moved to approve the agenda with changes to move the Old Business to the first item of the agenda, and the New Business to be the last item. 
Second: Regent Orsini seconded the motion.
Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/MISCELLANEOUS - None 

III. Old Business

A. WASC Accreditation Update

NMC Interim President Lorraine T. Cabrera requested that the Regents enter into executive session to meet with the Accreditation Standard IV Team. Regent Orilla asked Interim President Cabrera to inform those in attendance the length of time required for the executive session. Interim President Cabrera informed that the Standard IV presentation would take no longer than 30 minutes.

IV. 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)

Motion: Regent Rabauliman motioned to move into executive session at 10:20 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011.
Second: Regent Peter seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

For the record, executive session ended at 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Upon reconvening the meeting, the board did not take any action on any matter discussed during the executive session.

V. New Business

A. Election of BOR Chairperson

Acting BOR Chairperson Elaine Hocog Orilla opened the floor for nominations for the position of BOR Chairperson.

1. BOR Chairperson

Regent Juan T. Lizama
Nomination: Regent Peter nominated Regent Lizama to serve as BOR Chairperson.
Second: Regent Orilla seconded Regent Lizama’s nomination.
Vote: 3 Regents voted for Regent Lizama for BOR Chairperson:
1. Regent Orilla
2. Regent Peter
3. Regent Lizama

Regent Andrew L. Orsini
Nomination: Regent Rabauliman nominated Regent Orsini to serve as BOR Chairperson.
Second: Regent Orsini seconded the nomination.
Vote: 2 Regents voted for Regent Orsini for BOR Chairperson:
   1. Regent Rabauliman
   2. Regent Orsini

Regent Lizama was elected the BOR Chairperson. Regent Lizama thanked colleagues for demonstrating their confidence in him and electing him as BOR Chairperson. Regent Lizama also acknowledged that BOR Chairperson requires collaboration in order to succeed with reaffirming the College’s accreditation, and expressed his desire to work rigorously and closely to achieve this goal. In addition, Regent Peter gave some closing comments on Regent Lizama’s election, and their expectations of the BOR Chairperson.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: Regent Orilla moved to adjourn at 11:50a.m on Saturday, February 19, 2011.
Second: Regent Orsini seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

The meeting ended at 11:50a.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011.