



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, May 22, 2015  
Continued Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
9:00a.m**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Attendance:

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson  
Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson  
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, Treasurer  
Regent Frank M. Rabauliman  
Regent William S. Torres  
Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei, Ed.D.  
Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter

**NMC Staff and Faculty:**

Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents/NMC President  
Leo Pangelinan, Dean of Student Services  
Barbara Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs and Services  
Jackie P. Che, Office Institutional Effectiveness Director  
Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder)

At 9:00a.m., Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson called the Regular Board of Regents meeting to order. The meeting was held in the BOR Conference Room. All seven members were present. A quorum was established.

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Regent Torres motioned to include the following items:

1. January 06, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes
2. Post -Secondary Education Act

3. P.L. 14-89
4. Status on pending land issues.
5. List of Vacancies

Regent Peter motioned to adopt the agenda and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion passed. The May 22, 2015 Regular meeting agenda is adopted with the recommended additions.

### **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting**

Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the February 26, 2015 meeting minutes and seconded by Regent Sanchez.

#### **April 24, 2015 Special Meeting**

Regent Torres motioned to adopt the April 24, 2015 Special meeting minutes and seconded by Regent Orilla.

#### **May 07, 2015 Special Meeting**

Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the May 07, 2015 Special Meeting minutes and seconded by Regent Torres.

All members voted yes, the motions passed. All meeting minutes are adopted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Lizama provided some comments. He highlighted the following:

1. Annual Meetings
2. Review of WASC Independent Governing Policy
3. AD-Hoc Committee: Schedule Meetings; Number of members; Type of committees.

Based on the Chairperson's comments about review of the WASC Senior policies and then appointed Regent Rechebei to chair the Ad-Hoc committee. The committee is tasked to review the policies and come up with recommendations by the next Regular Meeting.

### **REPORTS AND ACTION FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Chairperson Lizama assigned Committee Chairs as follows:

Personnel Committee Chair: Regent Maria Peter

Program Committee Chair: Regent Michaela U. Sanchez

Fiscal Committee Chair: Regent Frank M. Rabauliman

#### **Fiscal Committee Report**

Several policies were brought forward for review as part of the policy cycle review. They are as follows:

Board Policy No. 7001 – Audit  
Board Policy No. 7003 – Financial Accounts  
Board Policy No. 7004 – Reimbursement Expenses  
Board Policy No. 7011 – Accounting  
Board Policy No. 7012 – Tuition and Fees  
Board Policy No. 7015 – Tuition Waivers

**Committee Recommendation:** The committee as part of the 5-year policy cycle reviewed the committee made its recommendation to inform the full board that the policies listed above.

**Board Policy No. 2007 – Naming Building**

**Committee Recommendation:** The committee recommends for second reading and legal review. There was a discussion about accompanying procedures for all board policies. Dr. Hart recommended working with the AD-Hoc committee.

**Tuition and Fees**

**Committee Recommendation:** The committee tabled this item for its next meeting.

**Program Committee Report**

Regent Orilla provided an update, nothing to report.

**Personnel Committee Report**

Regent Peter provided a report. She noted some highlights to include some policies and the president’s contract.

**Break**

- Called at 10:42a.m.
- The members will be on break to attend the ASNMC 27<sup>th</sup> Investiture Ceremony. The board will resume its meeting at 1:30p.m.

**Back to regular session**

Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson called the meeting back to order at 1:30p.m. For the record, the following Regents are present:

Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson  
Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson  
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, Treasurer  
Regent Frank M. Rabauliman  
Regent William S. Torres  
Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter  
Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei

**NMC Executive Reports**

**WASC Accreditation Update**

Amanda Allen, Accreditation Liaison Officer provided an update. She highlighted the following:

- Goal Dates for Reporting for NMC Accreditation
  1. NMC Interim Report 2017  
Timeline: November 2016 Meeting  
This Interim Report addressing Recommendations from WSCUC 2014 Report due Spring 2017 and is planned to come to the BOR for review at the November 2016 meeting.
  2. NMC Mid-Cycle Review  
Timeline: November 2017 Meeting  
Review the Mid-Cycle Review for WSCUC for Spring 2018.
  3. NMC Self-Study Under the Standards 2019o  
Timeline: March 2019 Meeting  
Review documentation for the offsite review for fall 2019 and the Accreditation Visit for Spring 2020.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Frankie M. Eliptico, External Relations Office Director provided an update. He highlighted the following bills and also indicated that a Budget Hearing is scheduled for March 28, 2015 at 1:30p.m in the House Chamber.

Introduced Legislation:

- H.B. 19-004: The bill proposes to facilitate technical training and vocational education opportunities by establishing the Higher Education Commission.
- S.B. 19-26: The bill mandates that NMC include the police and fire academies in its training program and to provide that all incoming police and fire personnel attend the academies.
- H.B. 19-52: Amends CNMI statute to include NMC and NMTI as recipients of the funds generated from the gross revenue tax.

Legislation in Progress:

- Higher Ed Commission: To create a Higher Education Commission.
- Board Nominations Council: To establish a nominating body for the Board of Regents to ensure conformance with WASC requirements.
- Scholarship Reform: To encourage / require that all scholarship recipients in the CNMI.

At this time, President Hart requested to allow Dr. Tim Kock, Dean of CREES to speak about the waiver for matching funds for Hatch and Smith Lever. Dr. Kock was allowed the opportunity to make a brief report. A handout was provided in their packet.

### **Break**

- Called at 2:46p.m.
- Break ended at 2:55p.m.

### **Back to regular session**

Regent Lizama, BOR Chairperson called the meeting back to order.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Regent Torres motioned to enter into executive session and seconded by Regent Orilla. There were no objections, the motion passed. Executive Session ended at 4:00p.m. Upon convening the meeting, no action was taken.

## **Back to regular session**

- The board recessed the meeting and will continue on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4:00p.m.



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, May 22, 2015  
Continuation Tuesday, May 26, 2015  
4:40p.m**

### **Attendance:**

### **Roll Call**

### **Board Members:**

Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson  
Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson  
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, Treasurer  
Regent William S. Torres  
Regent Maria (Malua) T. Peter  
Regent Frank M. Rabauliman

Excused Absence: Regent Elizabeth D. Rechebei, Ed.D.

### **NMC Staff and Faculty:**

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Amanda Allen, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Barbara Merfalen, Dean of Academic Programs and Services  
Frankie M. Eliptico, Director of External Relations Office  
Jacqueline P. Che, Director of Institutional Effectiveness  
Charlotte Cepeda, School of Education Director  
Dr. Tim Kock, Dean of CREES  
Christopher Todd, Director of Library Services  
Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder)

### **Legal Counsel:**

Matthew F. Matthew, Legal Counsel  
Mark Scoggins, Legal Counsel

**Meeting Called to Order:**

At 4:40p.m, Regent Juan T. Lizama, BOR Chairperson called the May 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting continued on May 26, 2015 back to order. Six members were present. Regent Rechebei absence was excused.

**BOR Chairperson's Comments:**

BOR Chairperson Lizama made brief remarks and indicated that there were no actions taken in the executive session held during the May 22, 2015 Regular Meeting. Chairperson Lizama noted for the record that he received a letter from the governor regarding the terms of office of Regents Orilla & Torres.

**BOARD ACTION: Move to Executive Session:**

Regent Peter motioned to go into executive session to discuss potential legal matters and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion passed. The board went into executive session at 4:52p.m. The executive session ended at 5:15pm. No actions were taken during the Executive Session.

**Back to regular session**

Chairperson Lizama then called the regular meeting back to order. He noted that there is no action needed to be taken by the Board because the terms of office of regents are not something that the Board can take action on.

Regent Torres noted for the record that he would not consider himself a non-board member and that he will speak publicly about the information that he has.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more discussions before the board, Regent Peter moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting ended at 5:30p.m.