



**NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
Special Meeting of April 23, 2019**

Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the BOR Conference Room, Saipan Campus.

Chairman Charles V. Cepeda, called the meeting to order at 10:17a.m. Seven members were present and a quorum was established. Chairman Cepeda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

a. Roll Call

Regents Present: Regent Charles V. Cepeda, Chairman; Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson; Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, Treasurer; Regent Michael N. Evangelista; Regent Zenie P. Mafnas; Regent Jesse Tudela; Regent Irene Torres.

NMC College Staff: Frankie M. Eliptico, NMC Interim President; Cyndi I. Deleon Guerrero, Vice-President of Learning and Student Success; Alexis Cabrera, Student Leadership Coordinator; Adrian Atalig, Information Technology Director; Ajike Omojala, International Student Counselor; Victoria Deleon Guerrero, OIA Marketing Coordinator; Konrad Reyes, Human Resources Personnel Specialist; Queanna Sablan, CNMI AHEC; Charlotte Cepeda, Learning and Student Success Dean; Patty Coleman, Interim Dean of CREES & Program Leader; Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder).

**Regent Torres called for a short break, seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion carried.**

a. Review and Adoption of Agenda

**Regent Torres motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Regent Evangelista. All members voted yes, the motion carried.**

**II. Public Comment Period:** Individuals may verbally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Testifiers are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes. Written testimony is also accepted.

**Alexis Cabrera, Program Coordinator, Office of Student Activities and Leadership & Staff Senate President:**

Ms. Cabrera was present at the meeting to share comments on behalf of the Staff Senate of NMC. She informed the Board that the staff understands the situation that we're in and also support the decision that needs to be made. Furthermore, this will not affect the quality of their work and will continue to provide the best services to our students.

Regent Evangelista thanked Ms. Carbrera for her comments. He wishes to convey the boards appreciation to the staff for their understanding of the college's current situation.

### III. **New Business**

#### a. Proposed Austerity Measures

**Regent Torres motioned to support the college administration's proposed austerity measures and support the Interim President's action to identify and access financial resources that may result in an increase of NMC's operations budget by no more than \$250k, seconded by Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion carried.**

Chairman Cepeda explained that the delay of the meeting was also essentially to thoroughly discuss the proposed austerity measures in greater detail and to also share openly their feelings with the decision that each one is about to make.

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

### V. **Adjournment**

**Regent Evangelista motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion carried. The meeting ended at 11:56am.**