



Adopted on May 11, 2026

NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

Regular Meeting of March 06, 2026

3:30p.m Board of Regents Conference Room
As Terlaje, Saipan

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 06, 2026

In compliance with the Commonwealth's Open Government Act, to fulfill this requirement of this regular meeting was provided as follows to all stakeholders:

- a) On March, 02, 2026, advance written notice of this regular meeting was posted in the Marianas Variety News and Views.
- b) On March 03, 2026, a copy of this advance notice of the meeting was uploaded on the college's website at www.marianas.edu.
- c) On March 04, 2026, advance written notice of this meeting was emailed to the College campus.
- d) Any individuals who has requested notice of this meeting has been forwarded a copy of the notice of such meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Roll call

The regular meeting of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents was called to order at 3:30pm by Chairman Jesse Tudela.

Board Members Present: Regent Jesse Tudela, EdD, Chairman; Regent Elaine Orilla, Vice-Chairperson; Regent Michelle Lin Sablan; Regent William Cing; Regent Janice Tenorio; Regent Dave Guerrero; Regent Michael N. Evangelista, Esq.

NMC Staff: Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD, President; Frankie Eliptico, Senior Vice-President; Polly Masga, HRO Director; Rachel Fusco, CIP Director; Vilma Reyes, OIE Director; Charlotte Cepeda, Dean of Student Support Services; Timberley Ngewakl, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Clifford Aldan, Information Technology Director; Casey Huliganga, OIA; Barnaby Lizama, Facilities Manager, and Helen Camacho, Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents (Recorder).

Via Zoom: Maria Aguon, Tinian Center; Gudadalupe Camacho, Staff Senate; Lisa Hasckaylo, OIE Director; Janson Sullivan, OAR; Renedel Buno; Mark Rabago.

A quorum was established.

b. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Tudela welcomed the newest members of the Board - Regent Dave Guerrero and Regent Michael Evangelista. Chairman Tudela proceeded with the adoption of the agenda.

Regent Sablan motioned to move Item VIII. Executive session to Item VI, seconded by Regent Evangelista. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed.**

Regent Sablan motioned to remove the Adhoc Committee, seconded by Regent Orilla. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed.**

c. Review and Adoption of Minutes

- i. December 02, 2025 regular meeting

Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the minutes, seconded by Regent Tenorio. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed. The December 02, 2025 regular meeting minutes is adopted.**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- a. Individuals may testify on items on this agenda during this period. Written testimony is also accepted. Individuals are requested to limit their testimony to five (5) minutes.

Lisa Hasckaylo, OIE Director, provided testimony. A hard copy was provided to the Board.

III. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Finance Committee
Regent Guerrero, Chair reported on the committee's review of the FY 2027 Appropriations Budget Request.
- b. Audit Committee
No report.
- c. Human Resources Committee
Regent Cing, HR Chair provided updates on recent committee discussions.
- d. Regent Nominating Committee
Regent Orilla, RNC Chair reported that three board members' terms will expire in May, and the committee will begin the nomination process.
- e. Program Committee
No report.



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- f. Facilities Committee
No report.
- g. AdHoc Committee
Removed from the agenda.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. [Organizational Chart Policy](#)

Regent Cing provided an update on the proposed policy. **Regent Tenorio explained that to change the organizational**

Regent Orilla motioned to revise the policy to state that the Board of Regents has full authority to change the organizational chart, seconded by Regent Sablan. Discussion: The policy was identified as new and required further review. **All members agreed to send the policy back to the committee, and the motion passed.**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FY2027 Appropriations Budget

President Guerrero presented the FY2027 budget request totaling \$17,982.808. Overall request, \$17.982.808 Million.

Regent Tenorio motioned to approve the budget request, seconded by Regent Orilla. **All members approved the request, and the motion passed.**

VI. Executive Session

Regent Orilla motioned to move into executive session, seconded by Regent Tenorio. All members agreed, the executive session began at 4:25pm. The executive session ended at 4:46p.m. Regent Tenorio motioned to rise from executive session, seconded by Regent Sablan. No action was taken, the motion passed. The regular meeting resumed.

VII. COLLEGE EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. President's Report
 - i. Accreditation Update

Dean Charlotte Cepeda provided an update on accreditation efforts. A written report was submitted.

ii. Facilities Update

Updates included:

- Solar Energy
- Workforce Development & Training Center
- Center for Research Extension & Development
- Classroom Buildings (Bldg E and F)
- Alternate Project Requests
- Tinian Project (Roof Repair + Covered Walkway repair - Bid Due Next week)
- Lack of approval Delaying CIP Response for Match
- Listed in the CNMI Territorial Transportation Plan

iii. Ellucian Colleague Digital Migration

- Fully implemented as of Fall 2025
- Technology upgrades completed
- Students shared their experience with the new upgrade; Positive student feedback.

iv. Workforce Pell

Presented by Monique Sablan -

- Federal initiative effective July 1, 2026
- Focus on workforce credentials
- Title IV eligibility requirements
- Implementation considerations and accountability measures

v. Finance Update - No report.

vi. Legislative Update - No report.

VIII. UPCOMING BOARD ACTIVITIES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- a. 45–50 Strategic Plan Process Update
- b. NMC 45th Anniversary Plans Update
- c. NMC Charter Day

IX. 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.

X. ADJOURNMENT



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Regent Orilla motioned to adjourn, seconded by Regent Sablan. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.**

Prepared and submitted by:

Helen Camacho, Executive Secretary
to the Board of Regents

Approved by:

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD
NMC President

Concurred by:

Jesse Tudela, EdD
Chairman of the Board of Regents

Mission

The mission of Northern Marianas College is to cultivate stewardship through scholarship. Embracing our agency and cultural identity on the global stage, the College strives to take care of our community, our resources, and our people by cultivating the structural pursuit of knowledge across the Marianas.

Vision

As we sail ahead with a focus on learning, let us lift the tide for everyone.