



Adopted on June 30, 2026

NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE

Special Meeting of May 11, 2026

3:33p.m Board of Regents Conference Room
As Terlaje, Saipan

Minutes of the special meeting of May 11, 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 May 08, 2026, advance written notice of this special meeting was posted in the Marianas Variety News and Views.
- b) On May 07, 2026, a copy of this advance notice of the meeting was uploaded on the college's website at www.marianas.edu.
- c) On May 07, 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 special meeting of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents was called to order at 3:33pm by Chairman Jesse Tudela.

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

NMC Staff and Faculty Present: Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD, President; Lorraine Maui, Dean of Academic Programs & Services; Kevin Bautista, Director, President's Office; Velma Guerrero, SMH&A Chair; Polly Masga, HRO Director; Dave Attao, Chief Financial Officer; Vilma Reyes, Director of Institutional Effectiveness (via Zoom); Kelsey McClellan, Faculty Senate President; Becky Sablan, Executive Secretary/Recorder, President's Office.

Chair Tudela acknowledged that the terms of Vice Chair Orilla and Regent Cing were nearing expiration and encouraged all Regents to attend the Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremony.

A quorum was established.

b. Review and Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Tudela proceeded with the adoption of the agenda.

Action: Regent Janice Tenorio moved to adopt the agenda. Regent Michelle Sablan seconded the motion. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed unanimously.**

c. Review and Adoption of Minutes

i. March 06, 2026 regular meeting

Action: Regent Michelle Sablan moved to approve the March 6, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Elaine Hocog Orilla seconded the motion. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed. The March 6, 2026 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. - For the record, No public comments were received.

III. OLD BUSINESS – None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ratification of Board Resolution No. 2026-01

President Deleon Guerrero explained that the special meeting was convened to ratify Board Resolution No. 2026-01, which authorizes emergency procurement measures to expedite recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Key points discussed included:

- The resolution allows the College to temporarily waive certain procurement thresholds and procedures in order to respond quickly to emergency recovery needs.
- All expenditures remain subject to oversight and documentation requirements.
- The emergency procurement authority is effective for sixty (60) days from April 29, 2026, expiring on June 28, 2026.
- Recovery expenditures are being carefully documented to maximize FEMA and other federal reimbursement opportunities.

- The Chair emphasized the importance of completing project worksheets and maintaining thorough documentation for reimbursement and transparency purposes.

Action: Regent Janice Tenorio moved to ratify Board Resolution No. 2026-01. Regent Michelle Sablan seconded the motion. **All voted yes, the motion passed unanimously.**

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Deleon Guerrero provided an update on the College's recovery efforts following super Typhoon Sinlaku.

Campus Recovery Updates

Tinian Campus

- Sustained significant roof damage.
- Emergency repairs are underway.
- The campus is expected to reopen by Fall 2026.

Rota Campus

- Sustained minimal damage.
- Power and water services have been restored.
- Campus operations have resumed.

As Perdido Campus

- Modular units survived the storm.
- Aquaculture project development at Lower Base continues.

Saipan Campus

- Buildings N,O, and P remain operational.
- Buildings J,K, and portions of Building V require mold remediation.
- Buildings M sustained extensive damage and is expected to be demolished.
- CREES facilities remain operational.
- The College is working with FEMA and the U.S.Army Corps of Engineers on the debris removal and recovery projects.

Modular Classroom Unites

- FEMA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are assisting with recovery planning.
- Replacement modular classroom units similar to the Hopwood building design are being pursued.
- Current estimates indicate installation could begin around September 2026. The College expects to retain the modular units for future use.

Utilities and Infrastructure

- Most debris removal has been completed by NMC employees.
- The campus remains dependent on water storage systems while utility restoration efforts continue.
- CUC continues to provide responsive support regarding restoration of services.

Enrollment and Student Support

In response to Regent inquiries, President Deleon Guerrero reported:

- Historical enrollment increased following Typhoon Sinlaku.
- The College anticipates a combination of in-person, hybrid, and online instruction moving forward.
- Students continue to face challenges related to internet access and loss of electronic devices.
- Community partners and donors are exploring opportunities to provide laptops and other assistance to students and employees.
- The NMC Foundation remains available to receive and administer charitable donations.
- The University of Guam is providing relief supplies to support affected students.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Presidential Evaluation

Chair Tudela reminded Regents that the President's annual evaluation process would be initiated and requested that evaluations be completed promptly upon distribution by Human Resources.

Commencement Planning

The Board discussed commencement planning and noted that a final date had not yet been established. Administration reported that planning is underway and a ceremony will be held.

Chair Tudela encouraged Regents to attend and support graduating students once the date is announced.

Recognition of Service

The Board formally recognized Vice-Chair Elaine Hocog Orilla and Regent William Cing for their years of dedicated service to the College.

The Board also extended condolences to Vice-Chair Orilla and her family following the passing of her son. Both Vice-Chair Orilla and Regent Cing expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the College and the Commonwealth.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Regent Janice Tenorio moved to adjourn the meeting. Regent Michelle Sablan seconded the motion. **All members voted yes, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**

Prepared and submitted by:

Becky Sablan, Executive Secretary

Approved by:

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD
NMC President

Concurred by:

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.