



**NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
Special Meeting of March 30, 2021**

**Minutes**

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

The special meeting of the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College was held on Friday, March 30, 2021 in the BOR Conference Room, Saipan Campus.

Regent Charles V. Cepeda, BOR Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m. and called for roll of the members. Seven members were present and a quorum was established. Chairman Cepeda welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**a. Roll Call**

Regents present in person:

Regent Charles V. Cepeda., Chairman  
Regent Elaine Hocog Orilla, Vice-Chairperson  
Regent Michaela U. Sanchez, Treasurer  
Regent Jesse Tudela  
Regent Michelle Lin Sablan  
Regent Zenie P. Mafnas  
Regent Irene T. Torres

NMC College Staff/Faculty:

President in person: Frankie Eliptico, NMC Interim President; Charlotte Cepeda, Dean of Learning and Student Success; Renedel Buno, Information Technology Staff; and Helen B. Camacho, Board Secretary (Recorder).

Present virtually: David Attao, Chief Financial Officer; Patricia Coleman, Interim Dean of CREES; Polly DLG. Masga, Human Resources Director; Ray Muna, Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator; Maria Aguon, Tinian Center Executive Director; Jean Castro, Criminal Justice Admin Asst.; Tayna Belyeu-Camacho, Program Lead-Family, Youth and Community Development; Velma Deleon Guerrero, Science Math Health & Athletics Department Chair/Liberal Arts Coordinator/School of Business Interim Director; Kathleen Winkfield, SMHA Instructor; Larissa Larson, School of Business Instructor; Lisa Hacskaylo, Institutional Researcher; Barbara Hunter, School of Business Assistant Professor II; Christine Inos, Director of Learning Support Services/International Student Services; Elynn Sakisat, Learning &

Student Success Administrative Manager; Alexis Cabrera, Office of Student Leadership; Lisa Lunde, SMHA Assistant Professor II; Miguel Dandan, Program Coordinator Office of Institutional Advancement; Raynard Travilla, Interim Director of Marketing; Breanna Lee, Specialty Instructor of Nursing; Dr. T; Steven Witer and Ajani Burrell, Assistant Professor I; and Helen B. Camacho, Executive Secretary to the Board of Regents (Recorder).

Chairman Cepeda continued with the review and adoption of the agenda for today's special meeting as follows:

#### **b. Review and Adoption of Agenda**

**Action:** Regent Orilla motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Regent Sanchez. All members voted yes, the motion passed. The agenda was approved with no changes.

### **II. Public Comment Period**

Individuals may orally testify on items on the agenda during the Public Comment Period. Written testimony is also accepted. Oral testimonies are limited to five (5) minutes.

For the record, no public comments were submitted online in the chatroom or via email.

### **III. NMC Executive Reports**

Regent Sablan motioned to move into executive session, seconded by Regent Orilla to discuss the presidential search. Chairman Cepeda indicated that the board will resume the regular session at 11:30a.m. All members present voted yes to move to executive session. At 11:30a.m., Chairman Cepeda requested for an additional 30 minutes. The request for more time was noted in the chatroom and the college community was also notified. At around 12:00p.m., Chairman Cepeda called the regular meeting back to order at 12:00p.m.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Presidential Search Committee**

Chairman Cepeda thanked the public for their patience and understanding as the Board moves into the second Phase of the search process. After much discussion in the executive session, Chairman Cepeda indicated that the Board of Regents will proceed with the Phase II based on the resolution and that it will notify the top five candidates. In response for clarification from the recorder, a motion was not necessary as the board is simply following the resolution.

### **V. Adjournment**

**Action:** Regent Orilla motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:15p.m, seconded by Regent Torres. All members voted yes, the motion carried.