NORTHERN NEW MEXICO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING MARCH 5, 2010

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

The Board of Regents of Northern New Mexico College **reconvened** the regular public meeting held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at a **special meeting on Friday, March 5, 2010** in the Boardroom of the Montoya Administration Building on the Espanola Campus. Regents present: Michael P. Branch, Alfred Herrera, Cecille Martinez-Wechsler, Feliberto Martinez, and Theresa Martinez. Board President Michael Branch called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Regent Branch stated that the purpose of the meeting is to consider in executive session and to take public action on the selection of a candidate for the position of College President. He explained that the special meeting was initially planned for Thursday, March 4, but because there wasn't a quorum of the Board to hold the meeting on March 4, the meeting was delayed one day and scheduled on Friday, March 5, 2010. Notices were posted regarding this change.

II. <u>PERSONNEL MATTERS</u>

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regent Cecille Martinez moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss limited personnel matters related to the Presidential Search. **Regent Feliberto Martinez, Regent Theresa Martinez, Regent Alfred Herrera, Regent Cecille Martinez-Wechsler, and Regent Branch voted in the affirmative to adjourn into executive session at 9:09 a.m.** The open meeting reconvened at 11:48 a.m.

A. Select for employment negotiations the next President of NNMC.

In open session Regent Alfred Herrera moved to select Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barceló as the next President of Northern New Mexico College and at this present time the selection will be for employment negotiation purposes, Regent Feliberto Martinez seconded the motion. Under discussion, Regent Branch reported that the presidential search has been a fair and even process involving the entire community. He stated that the Board struggled with the decision—it was not an easy one to make. He stated that any of the four final candidates could have been the President of this institution and could have done a good job. The final decision was made as to who the Regents believed could best lead the College to the next level. Regent Feliberto Martinez, Regent Theresa Martinez, Regent Alfred Herrera, Regent Cecille Martinez-Wechsler, and Regent Branch voted unanimously to select Dr. Nancy Barceló as the next President of NNMC.

Regent Branch announced that Dr. Barceló has agreed and the Board will be negotiating a contract with her. He stated that this will be a performance-based contract and requested assistance from the college community in determining what the goals of the College will be. Dr. Barceló's current contract with the University of Minnesota runs through July, so the College will continue with David Trujillo as Interim President. The Regents thanked Mr. Trujillo for the great job he's done thus far as Interim President.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Theresa Martinez moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Josephine Aguilar, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: March 18, 2010

<u>/s/</u> Michael P. Branch, Board President

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<u>/s/</u> Cecille Martinez-Wechsler, Secretary/Treasurer