

NORTHERN MARIANAS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Board of Trustees Special Meeting
NMTI, Lower Base
Saturday, March 20, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order.
- II. Adoption of agenda. Motion made to adopt by Trustee Attao and properly seconded by Trustee Holl. Secretary Holl conduct roll call:

Present:

- Chairman Mario Valentino
- Vice Chair Ray Pangelinan
- Treasure Carmelita Faisao
- Trustee Rick Kautz
- Trustee Catherine Attao
- Secretary Irene Holl

Chairman Valentino shares that “for the record, we are missing our Rota Rep Mr. Deron Mendiola who had to step down because there is a conflict. He is now the Resident Director of DPW in Rota. Currently, we are in the process of nominating a new person who is going to be sworn in this next week. However, we have established quorum and we are able to move forward, should that be a concern.”

III. Public Comments

- Education Chairwoman Rep. Leila Staffler. On behalf of the Education Committee, here to support the NMTI board and in moving forward to new heights. She along with Senator Justo Quitugua, are working on a Joint Resolution to get CW funding released to NMTI as soon as possible.
- Mr. Rip Stephenson, NMTI Instructor. On behalf of some of his colleagues, he is reading a statement of his experience and also, experiences from his colleagues.
- Ms. Maisie Tenorio to provide support to Ms. Jodina Attao, for the next CEO of NMTI.
- Ms. Tracey Norita to provide support to Ms. Jodina Attao.
- Ms. Maureen Sang, Instructor of NMTI Adult Education classes, shared that since NMTI has been in “transition,” she has asked for clarification to the status of the school, employee, employment and students. She also shared that she has not experienced the things that Mr. Rip had shared.
- Ms. Sheila Jack Babauta, private citizen, is to show support for Ms. Jodina Attao’s CEO nomination. She also pointed out that in PL 20-92, there is no requirement to appoint an “Interim CEO” so she is questioning “Why an Interim?” Ms. Babauta also a praised and gave thanks to Ms. Agnes McPhetres for her time and service at NMTI.
- Mr. Ross Manglona keeps hearing the word “application.” He has a masters degree and never knew this was open to “competition.” So, he would like to announce and apply for this position. He has the background and qualification. Since hearing “application,” he would like to be considered.
- Mr. Subroto Banerji, Chief Operations Officer for CHCC and reading his letter for support of Ms. Jodina Attao.
- Honorable Governor Ralph Torres came this afternoon to listen; however, with all the great support being voiced out, he too, would like to support Ms. Jodina Attao’s nomination for CEO. He has been a huge supporter of NMTI since Day 1 and shared that it doesn’t matter the amount of money be given, if there is not great leadership in place.

He will continue to support NMTI, Board of Trustees and hopes that Jodina will be voted as the new CEO of NMTI.

- Ms. Halina Palacios to show her support for Ms. Jodina Attao as NMTI CEO.
- Ms. Sheila Babauta would like to clarify that per PL 20-92, that this the responsibility of this board is to appoint a CEO. It is not an application process. She thanked Mr. Ross Manglona for pointing that out.
- Secretary Irene Holl wanted to read a letter received from Ms. Charlene Masiwemai, a letter in support for Ms. Jodina Attao.

Chairman Valentino has requested a copy of all letters and statements to be submitted via email to cnmtechnicalinstitute@gmail.com.

- Ms. Jodina Attao shared that she is truly honored to be nominated and receive the support from all family and friends for the Interim CEO position. It is her hope that the Board of Trustees will have the confidence to give her a chance to carry out the responsibility of NMI and carry out the vision that Mr. Anthony Pellegrino had for NMTI.

IV. Executive Session

- Motion made to by Vice Chair Pangelinan to go into Executive Session and 2nd by Trustee Faisao. Motion passed with all in favor at 2:37 pm.

V. New Business

- Meeting called back to order at 3:03 pm. Chairman Valentino thanks everybody for their time in allowing the Board to step away for a few moments.

1. Chairman's Report

- Met with Department of Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente. She has been gracious to meet and share timelines, so thankful for her time.
- Chairman also received a copy of the NMTI audits from Guam's NCCER and the accreditation. A few things to highlight:
 - Audit conducted by Mr. Herbert Johnston, Master Training for NCCER accreditation.
 - Chairman will not go into all details; however, there are some deficiencies that need to be corrected.
 - NMTI must immediately cease registration of any classes into the NCCER registry.
 - There is a list of things from 2019 that needs to be complete.
 - No later than COB March 29, 2019, NMTI management must provide a statement that all certifies that necessary training equipment, materials and supplies to conduct the NCCER classes are readily available to instructors who are conducting the classes, and textbooks for the students.
 - Retain the current Training Unit Representative in his capacity- Mr. Wendel Posada.
 - Copies of this audit will be made available to the Board members.
- EDA Grant- Chairman Valentino was able to get the document signed and submitted with the help of Mr. Ross Manglona. Thankful for his time and assistance.

2. 2022 Budget Appropriation

- Motion has been made from Vice Chairman Pangelinan to table this topic as the Board is still in transition. Properly seconded by Trustee Holl. All in favor and motion carried.

VI. Unfinished Business

1. Transition Transfer

- Vice Chairman Pangelinan would like to make sure it is clear that everybody knows that whether it is Trades or Technical, we are still in transition. It is our best intent to ensure that classes still go on.

a. Appointment of Interim CEO

- Secretary Holl passed out the ballots for Trustees. Chairman Valentino instructed all to fold their ballot in half to ensure that there is not 2 stuck together. If one ballot has another stuck together, it will void the vote casted. Once voted, ballots will be placed in the envelope.
- All Votes casted and counted by Secretary Holl, with Chairman to announce the final counts.
- Tallies were passed over to Chairman Valentino, sharing 6 votes. Findings of 5 votes for Ms. Jodina Attao and 1 vote for Ms. Agnes McPhetres. Board of Trustee votes to nominate our new Interim CEO, Ms. Jodina Attao.

b. OPA Audit

- Vice Chairman Pangelinan has made a motion to table this topic and properly seconded by Trustee Faisao, motion carried.

c. Technical Institute Banking accounts

- Vice Chairman Pangelinan requested to be able to get the minutes adopted to support this action.
- Trustee Kautz pointed out that the “adoption of minutes” was not part of the agenda. Therefore, would need the minutes to get the checking account established, along with the application.
- Secretary Holl makes a motion for minutes of last meeting on March 8, 2021 be included? Trustee Kautz seconded the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

d. Set up Trust Fund

- Motion to table Trust Fund is made by Vice Chair Pangelinan and seconded by Trustee Attao. All in favor and motion carried.

e. Da’ok Academy facility use and contract

- Secretary Holl reminded Chair that in our last meeting, and it’s in the minutes and that we agreed to support for 3 months (as per previous contract) and review later.
- Chairman Valentino validated her comments and shared that he also reached out to Da’ok Principal Ms. Christine Tudela, and he, along with Trustee Kautz and Trustee Attao met with the instructors on the need to continue to support the Da’ok Academy classes. The fact that Da’ok has a contract and did pay, we would like to honor that agreement.

f. Employees and contracts

- With new CEO coming in, Board of Trustees do not hire any employees. Hiring will be done through CEO. Trustee Attao motioned to table it, with a second from Vice Chair Pangelinan. All in favor and motion carried.

g. EDA NMTI Facility Award

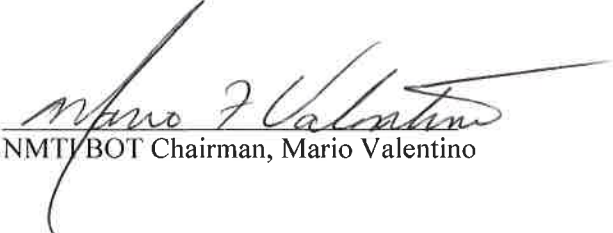
- As mentioned earlier, Chairman did sign some documents to fulfill the current requirement; however, there still is a lot of work to be done. Chairman will get with CEO Attao and work with Trades Administration for further items to be followed up.

VII. Final Comments:

- Vice Chair Pangelinan would like to recommend an official notification is sent over to the Trades in regards to the status of our Interim, so we can get the transition stuff started. Chairman Valentino asked for Secretary Holl's assistance in this task.
- Chairman Valentino thanked all who attended this meeting. The community support is greatly appreciated.
- Motion has been made to "Adjourn in recess" by Vice Chair Pangelinan and seconded by Secretary Holl. All in favor and motion carried. Meeting is in recess, while the Board is polled on availability for next meeting. Meeting is adjourned in recess.

Reviewed by:


NMT/BOT Secretary, Irene Holl


NMT/BOT Chairman, Mario Valentino

Adopted by Board of Trustees: 7/15/2021
Date