



**COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL
ISLANDS**

Board of Regents Special Meeting

Board Conference Room

9:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 3, 2016

DRAFT Minutes

The Board of Regents of the College of the Marshall Islands convened at 9:00 a.m. on May 3, 2016 in the CMI Board Conference Room.

Present: Chair, Chutaro, Regent Bigler, Regent Anjain, Regent Chen, Commissioner Konou, Regent Maddison, Regent Zachios, Regent Levi-Strauss and President Koroivulaono

Excused:

Call to Order

Chair Chutaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Regent Gerald Zachios opened the meeting with a prayer.

Remarks by Chairman

Chair Chutaro asked President Koroivulaono to explain the events leading up to and including the issuance of Warning to CMI by ACCJC on April 20, 2016. The Board was concerned and alarmed over plagiarism involving ACCJC accreditation. Furthermore, the Board wanted to know whether this was a systematic problem since the issuance of Warning came only 10 months of accreditation had been reaffirmed without sanctions in June 2015.

Remarks from the President

The President provided the Board with information on the events that transpired following the submission of the CMI Follow-Up Report on February 29, 2016 to ACCJC. This included the email and telephone communication between Dr. Beno, Mr. Jack Pond, Dr. Wellsfry and President Koroivulaono. CMI was asked to answer the issues raised about evidence submitted in the Follow-Up Report on proper referencing, citation and acknowledgement of materials used from other sources. The Warning was based on CMI's non-compliance with Eligibility Requirement 21: Integrity in relations with the accrediting commission.

Regent Zachios motion: to move for an Executive Session of the Board of Regents following all remarks convened to discuss accreditation and demotion to "warning" status. Regent Bigler seconded the motion.

Executive Session started at 9:45 a.m. and ended at 1 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

[FIRST NAME LAST NAME RECORDING
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Approved by:

BENJAMIN CHUTARO
Chairman