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Special Board of Regents Minutes - Approved August 25, 2026

Members Present

Interim Chair Thomas Kijiner Jr.

Regent Roanna Zackhras

Regent Dr. Yukiko Muller

Regent Timothy Owens

Student Regent Edison R.Aisea

Regent Julius Lucky

Regent Jelton Anjain

Member Absent/Excused

Regent Katt Chonggum

Regent Morean S. Watak

Regent Kino Kabua

CMI employees and others in attendance:

Dr. Elizabeth Switaj, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs & Acting President

Kelly Sebastian, Executive Officer/Executive Secretary for the CMI Board of Regents (ESBOR)

The meeting was called to order @ 10:16 AM

Agenda Items

1. Opening prayer & Roll call, and call to order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Review of the last BOR meeting minutes - Online Approval
4. Report and Recommendations/Approvals
 - 4.1. Revised BOR By-Laws - 2022 BOR By-Laws
 - 4.2. Interim President's Contract
 - 4.3. PSC Updates: New Candidate Visit Date Sept 9th-11th
 - 4.3.1. 1-day visit per candidates
 - 4.3.2. Theme for Candidate visit: Navigating Together: Fostering Financial Integrity, Cultural Identity, and Student Success
 - 4.3.3. BOR availability confirmation (All 3days)

Minutes

1. OPENING PRAYER, ROLL CALL, AND CALL TO ORDER

Interim Chair Kijiner commenced the BOR meeting and officially called the meeting to order at 10:16 AM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA



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Regent Owens made a motion to approve the Board's Agenda. Regent Muller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

- 3.1. Interim Chair Kijiner reported that Legal Counsel reviewed the BOR By-Laws and proposed several revisions. Because the proposed changes were provided to Regents only the day before, he recommended deferring discussion to allow sufficient time for review.
 - 3.1.1. Regent Lucky requested a summary of the proposed changes and clarification on the urgency of approval.
 - 3.1.2. Interim Chair Kijiner shared that a comparison of the current and proposed By-Laws would be provided, with the changes clearly identified for Regents' review.
 - 3.1.3. Regent Lucky suggested that, depending on the urgency, the Board could review the comparison and consider approval through online voting.
- 3.2. Interim President's Contract
 - 3.2.1. Interim Chair Kijiner reported that Legal Counsel advised that Board approval was not required because the contract contains a provision allowing it to be renewed.
- 3.3. PSC Updates: New Candidate Visit Date Sept 9th-11th - 1-day visit per candidates, Theme for Candidate visit: Navigating Together: Fostering Financial Integrity, Cultural Identity, and Student Success, & BOR availability confirmation (All 3days)
 - 3.3.1. Interim Chair Kijiner reported that the PSC recommended three presidential candidates and proposed a one-day visit per candidate to reduce time and costs.
 - 3.3.1.1. Theme: "Navigating Together: Fostering Financial Integrity, Cultural Identity, and Student Success," which the candidates will address during their presentations.
 - 3.3.2. Regent Lucky noted that one candidate participated in the previous presidential search, and Interim Chair Kijiner clarified that the candidate would still undergo the process due to changes in the Board, faculty, and students.

4. OTHER MATTERS

- 4.1. Interim Chair Kijiner raised whether the Executive Vice President position should be reopened or discontinued and suggested discussing it with the revised By-Laws.
 - 4.1.1. Regent Lucky recommended confirming previous Board actions and seeking management's recommendation on whether the position is needed.
- 4.2. Student Regent Aisea reported concerns regarding bus schedules and noted that a student survey had been distributed.
 - 4.2.1. Interim Chair Kijiner referred the matter to the Interim President for follow-up.
- 4.3. Regent Lucky suggested providing an update on the Arrak Project at the next regular meeting, noting a recent meeting with OTEC representatives.



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- 4.3.1. Interim Chair Kijiner agreed and recommended inviting the Arrak Director to brief the Board on the project.

Interim Chair Kijiner shared that another Board meeting may be scheduled for the following week.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM

Signed by:

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Kelly Luce Sebastian,
Recording Secretary

Signed by:

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Reviewed & Approved by

Thomas Kijiner Jr.,
Interim Chair, Board of Regents

September 11, 2026

Date Approved