The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, March 22, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; and Mr. Ron Black. Not present was Mr. John Hice, Jr.

Mr. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the revised agenda was unanimously adopted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the minutes of February 22, 2007, as written.

**Under President’s Report,** Dr. McCleery reported that the college was quite successful at the legislative session and that it was a banner year. Coach Keith Blackwill introduced the women’s indoor track and field team who recently placed fourth at the National Junior College Athletic Association’s National Indoor Track Championship and Senator Gay Kernan presented certificates from the New Mexico State Senate.

**Under New Business,** Dan Hardin presented the February financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for February, 2007.

Dr. McCleery presented a revised list of individuals to be appointed to the Western Heritage Museum Advisory Board. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the revised list to include Randy McCormick.
Dr. McCleery presented a recommendation to increase tuition rates, effective Summer I. In-district tuition will increase from $24 to $28 per credit hour; Out-of district from $41 to $46; and Out-of-state from $46 to $51. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Dr. McCleery presented a recommendation to adopt the original policy 400 of the New Mexico Junior College employee handbook. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously adopted the policy.

Dr. McCleery presented a recommendation that employees who are legally precluded from participating in the state ERB retirement plan be allowed to participate in both Social Security and the Institutional Supplemental Retirement Plan. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Mrs. Chappelle moved the board go into closed session for the discussion of limited personnel matters and the purchase of real property under the provisions of section 10-15-1-H (2) & (8) of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Ms. Chappelle – yes; Mr. Black –yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; Mr. Kesner – yes; and Mr. Hanna – yes.

Upon re-convening in open meeting, Mr. Hanna stated that the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure.

Mr. Hanna called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The budget work session will be April 16 at 9:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.