The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, May 10, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Zia Room of Pannell Library. The following members were present: Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mrs. Mary Lou Vinson; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; and Mr. Ron Black. Not present was Mr. Larry Hanna.

Ms. Chappelle called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present: Marie Wadsworth, Hobbs News Sun.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the agenda was unanimously adopted, as presented.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Vinson, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the minutes of April 20 and April 30, 2007.

Under President’s Report, Dr. McCleery reminded the board that the reception before commencement will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. The Thunderbird baseball team will begin Region V play Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Lubbock Christian University Hays Field.

Under New Business, Dan Hardin presented the April financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for April, 2007. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the Fiscal Watch Reports.

Josh Morgan presented Bid #996 – Student Housing Project Phase II. The administration recommended acceptance of the bid submitted by Global Structure, Inc. for $4,253,000, exclusive of gross receipts tax. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.
Dr. McCleery presented the Western Heritage Museum Resolution for board consideration. He informed the board that Mr. Hanna was involved in drafting the resolution and was in total support. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the board unanimously adopted the resolution.

Dr. McCleery presented a request to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to commission a writer/researcher to research and write a book on the history and development of New Mexico Junior College. Upon completion of the RFP process, the administration will request funds from reserves to cover the cost of the project. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the request.

Lisa Hardison presented a request for an additional CDL Instructor and leasing a truck. After some discussion, and upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously approved the request.

Ms. Hardison presented degree plans for the Certificate of Completion in Commercial Transportation and the Certificate of Completion in Transportation and Petroleum Safety for board consideration. Each degree plan has been approved by the Curriculum Committee and will be submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department upon board approval. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the new certificate programs.

John Gratton presented a request to offer a Medical Transcription Certificate Program – Online. Students may choose to complete their course work on campus in one of the computer labs or entirely off-campus, as no classroom attendance is required. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the board unanimously approved the request.

Regina Organ recommended Mr. Chris Polson for the Associate Dean of Students position at an annual salary of $48,954. Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Vinson, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Polson, effective May 16, 2007.

Renee Wharton recommended Mr. Agustin Dorado for the Associate Director of Institutional Effectiveness position at an annual salary of $57,873. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board
unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Dorado, effective July 1, 2007.

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

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

Ms. Chappelle called for comments from the public. There being none, the next regular board meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2007, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.