The New Mexico Junior College Board met on Thursday, May 26, 2005, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Moran Building Multi Purpose Room. The following members were present: Mr. Larry Hanna, Chairman; Ms. Patricia Chappelle, Secretary; Mr. Phillip Jones; Mr. Guy Kesner; Mrs. Yvonne Williams; Mr. Ron Black; and Mr. John Hice, Jr.

Mr. Hanna called the meeting to order and welcomed visitors and guests present: Vange Perryman, Hobbs News Sun.

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

Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board unanimously approved the minutes of April 14, 2005, as written.

Under **President’s Report**, Mary Jane Ward gave a Nursing Program update. Dr. McCleery read the proclamation for the Thunderbird baseball team. He shared with the board a letter of appreciation from the parents of a recent GED graduate. Maria Vick reported on the recent cosmetology competition.

Under **New Business**, Dan Hardin presented the April financial reports and with a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the expenditures for April 2005. Mr. Hardin presented the Fiscal Watch Reports for board consideration. Upon a motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board unanimously approved the reports.

Dr. McCleery presented the 2005/2010 Strategic Plan for board consideration. After some discussion, Mr. Hanna made a motion to eliminate the word “college” from the **Values statement**. The motion died for lack of a second. Upon a motion by Mr. Kesner, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously approved the Strategic Plan as presented at the earlier work session.

Dr. McCleery presented the resolution agreement authorizing issuance of the New Mexico Junior College System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, in an aggregate original amount of $4,703,451 for the student housing project. Upon a motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board adopted the resolution. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Mr. Hice – yes; Ms. Chappelle – yes; Mr. Hanna – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; and Mr. Kesner – yes. Upon a motion by Mr. Black,
seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board approved the Bond Purchase Agreement. The roll
call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Mr. Hice – yes; Ms. Chappelle – yes; Mr.
Hanna – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; and Mr. Kesner – yes.

Consideration of Bid #970 – NMJC Bookstore Casework & Fixtures was tabled.

Frank Collins presented Bid #971 – Railroad Crossing Entrance Project. The
administration recommended acceptance of the bid from Armstrong Construction, Inc.
for $43,741.25. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Kesner, the board
unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Mr. Collins presented Request for Proposals #87 – Research Study for the New Mexico
Junior College Nursing Program. The administration recommended acceptance of the
proposal from Robinson Muenster & Associates for $35,000. Upon a motion by Mr.
Hice, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously accepted the recommendation.

Dr. McCleery presented the 2005-2006 employee handbook for board consideration.
After some discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hice, the board
unanimously approved the handbook with changes.

Dr. McCleery presented a formal offer from Lea County Airport for 4.035 Acre Parcel
AIP 3-35-0022-13/Runway 03 Safety Area Improvements Project located in Section 11,
Township 19 South, Range 37 East for $1,211. After some discussion and upon a motion
by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the board unanimously accepted the offer.

Dr. McCleery presented a retirement resolution for Joe Pena, Jr. Mr. Pena has served the
college for 11 years and has elected to retire on June 1, 2005. Upon a motion by Ms.
Chappelle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, the board unanimously adopted the resolution.

Dr. McCleery recommended Dr. John Gratton for the Vice President for Instruction
position at an annual salary of $80,730. Upon motion by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr.
Hice, the board unanimously approved the employment of Dr. Gratton effective June 15,
2005.

Kelly Holladay recommended Mr. John Klepper for the Professor of Agriculture position
at a nine month salary of $37,500. Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms.
Chappelle, the board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Klepper effective
August 15, 2005.

Richard Morris recommended Mr. John “Keith” Blackwill for the Professor of Physical
Education/Head Women’s Cross Country/Indoor and Outdoor Track Coach position at a
nine month salary of $35,000. Upon motion by Mr. Hice, seconded by Mr. Jones, the
board unanimously approved the employment of Mr. Blackwill effective August 15,
2005.
Mr. Morris recommended moving Assistant Coach Rusty Laverentz to the position of Head Coach for the Women’s Basketball program, due to the recent resignation of former Head Coach Ara Baten. Upon a motion by Ms. Chappelle, seconded by Mr. Black, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

Ms. Chappelle 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 the New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978. Mr. Hice seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Jones – yes; Mr. Hice – yes; Ms. Chappelle – yes; Mr. Hanna – yes; Mr. Black – yes; Mrs. Williams – yes; and Mr. Kesner – 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 board meeting adjourned.