



BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes of the First Special Meeting of the Board of Regents

February 14, 2025
CHED-HEDC Building, Diliman, Quezon City

The **First Special Meeting of the USM Board of Regents for 2025** was convened on February 14, 2025, commencing at 1:30 PM. The session was held through a hybrid arrangement, with the primary physical venue located at the CHED-HEDC Building in Diliman, Quezon City, while other members participated simultaneously via Zoom Teleconference. The meeting was called to address critical transitional matters for the university, primarily the leadership handover following the conclusion of the outgoing president's term, and the election of the new University President.

The following members were recorded as present:

- **Hon. Ronald L. Adamat, PhD** – Chairperson (Commissioner, CHED)
- **Hon. Francisco Gil N. Garcia, PhD** – Vice-Chairperson (Outgoing President, USM)
- **Hon. Jeffrey A. Esparagoza** – Representing Hon. Alan Peter S. Cayetano
- **Hon. Ma. Alana Samantha T. Santos** – Representing Hon. Marquez O. Go
- **Hon. Phlorita A. Ridao** – Member (Regional Director, NEDA XII)
- **Hon. Sammy P. Malawan** – Member (Regional Director, DOST XII)
- **Hon. Willie Jones B. Saliling** – Member (President, USM Faculty Association)
- **Hon. Kenny Floyd T. Montelija** – Member (President, USM Student Government)
- **Hon. Paul John B. Ongcoy** – Member (President, USM Alumni Association)
- **Hon. Rene P. Villarico** – Member (Private Sector)
- **Hon. Jerry John M. Taray** – Member (Private Sector)

III. Agenda Items & Orders of Business

The meeting focused on the transition of the University Presidency, following the conclusion of Dr. Francisco Gil N. Garcia's term. The Board deliberated on the procedures for the selection of the new University President.

List of All Board Resolutions

- **Resolution No. 015-A, Series of 2025** – Appointment of Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents
- **Resolution No. 015-B, Series of 2025** - Appointment of Alumni Representative to the Board of Regents
- **Resolution No. 016, Series of 2025** – Acceptance of the Report of the Search Committee for President
- **Resolution No. 017, Series of 2025** – Formalizing the Guidelines for Quorum, Non-Affinity Declaration, Voting Procedures, and Tie-Breaking Mechanisms in Presidential Elections by the Board of Regents
- **Resolution No. 018, Series of 2025** – Appointment of **Jonald L. Pimentel, PhD** as the **New University President**

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Future Action Steps / Decisions

- **Leadership Handover:** A formal investiture ceremony for Dr. Jonald L. Pimentel is to be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at **4:30 PM**. Chairperson Adamat thanked the outgoing President for his service and welcomed the new leadership, emphasizing a commitment to consultative governance.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ABBREVIATED MINUTES IS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 160th REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS.


JENNIFER E. SINCO
Board Secretary V

Attested by:


JONALD L. PIMENTEL
SUC President, USM
Vice-Chairperson, USM Board of Regents