CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM  
The meeting was called to order 4:00 p.m. by Board Chair Rolly Williams. A quorum was verified with only Trustee Meyer absent. The following motion was then made:

EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MOTION: 10-31-07: 31 Motion was made and seconded to adjourn to executive session under Idaho Code Sections 67-2345(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; (c) To conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency; and (f) To consider and advise its legal representatives in pending litigation or where there is a general public awareness of probable litigation;

Unanimous roll call vote was as follows:
Mic Armon    yes
Ron Vieselmeyer  yes
Rolly Williams    yes
Christie Wood   yes

Discussion took place regarding complaints or charges brought against an employee and acquisition of real property not owned by a public agency, and pending litigation as noted in the motion above.

At 5:45 p.m. executive session was ended, and the Trustees reconvened as follows:

RECALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM  
Board Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and verified that a quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
Motion was made by Trustee Wood and seconded by Trustee Armon to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT  
None.
CELEBRATING SUCCESS
Chairman Williams called upon Rolly Jurgens to present the annual audit. Jurgens introduced Toni Hackwith, with the firm Magnuson-McHugh, CPAs. She reported a clean audit, with no findings. Hackwith did note there is room for improvement in some areas of student financial aid, and that with a new director in place at NIC, it is a good opportunity to make the needed improvements. She said that the fund balance stands at $4.7 million, which is 12% of the budget; their firm recommends a fund balance of 10-12%. Hackwith praised the good work and cooperation from Jurgens, Sarah Garcia and the rest of the staff. Armon also thanked and praised Jurgens and his staff for performing at a high level, leading to a clean audit. Chair Williams also thanked the staff. Motion was then made as follows:

MOTION: 10-31-07: 32 Motion was made by Trustee Armon, seconded by Trustee Vieselmeyer and unanimously approved to accept the 2006 audit as presented.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATE
Kent Propst provided an update on legislative activities. The nine-member NIC Legislative Committee, comprised of faculty, students and staff, is working on the 2008 agenda. He explained the process the committee goes through to develop the agenda, and indicated the committee will present the draft agenda at the November Board meeting. He further noted the NIC “legislative reception” to present the agenda to North Idaho legislators is scheduled for Monday, December 10. The legislature’s “Education Days” with the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee will be held the week of January 14; and the NIC-College of Southern Idaho legislative luncheon will be held on January 21, 2008.

REPORTS
COLLEGE PRESIDENT
President Bell thanked the NIC Legislative Committee for its work. She discussed the recent suicide on campus of an NIC student, expressed her admiration and appreciation for the Crisis Management Team and Crisis Response Unit, and the work they did in the aftermath of the event. She reported that the history book project is proceeding; Chair Williams requested a copy of the marketing strategy to promote sales of the book. President Bell noted plans for the college’s 75th anniversary “Diamond Jubilee” are being made, with leadership provided by Christie Wood, Lori Isenberg and Kent Propst. She reported on the positive results of the recent trip by 14 faculty and staff to the College of Southern Idaho. Bell also spoke of the success of the late October festivities culminating in the Rolly Williams Court dedication in Christensen Gymnasium. She told of recent successes in athletics, including men’s and women’s soccer team regional championships and early successes by the wrestling team. According to Bell, the recent celebration of the remodeling and technology upgrade at the NIC Center in Bonners Ferry, drew a large and appreciative crowd. The Vice President for Instruction search is proceeding, though not at the pace originally anticipated; the goal is to begin to meet with finalists in March. President Bell thanked Kathy Christie and Karen Ruppel for their work on a recent federal grant application completed in conjunction with Community Colleges of Spokane. She highlighted a press conference held earlier that day on campus, in conjunction with the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, to announce the awarding of an over $1.5 million federal job training grant; a portion of that training will be provided by NIC, and Bell thanked Sherry Wallis of the NIC Workforce Training Center for her leadership on the project.
SENATE
Senate Chair Fran Bahr said the Senate is working on policy revisions with Eric Murray and good progress is being made.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY
Faculty Assembly Vice Chair Kathleen Czurda-Page noted various activities involving the faculty.

STAFF ASSEMBLY
Patrice Wheeler reported for Shelley Cobetto, Chair of Staff Assembly, and said that staff are continuing with committee work and other activities.

ASNIC
President Ryan Robinson reported that students’ recent meeting with City Link regarding expanding the number of “bus stops” on campus had a positive result; additional stops will be added. He said that the ASNIC Open House earlier that day was very successful. NIC recently hosted a conference of the Association of College Unions International that was also successful. Robinson also saluted Fran Bahr for her recent appointment to the Idaho Humanities Council Board.

BOARD CHAIR
Rolly Williams, Board Chair, thanked the Athletic Department and Al Williams, in particular, for the recent gym court dedication in Williams' honor. He also thanked Fran Bahr for her work on the NIC history book.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Armon, seconded by Trustee Wood, and unanimously approved at 6:39 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Chair    Board of Trustees Secretary