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CMI Welcomes New and Returning Board of Regents

March 19, 2025 – The College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) proudly announces the appointment of its Board of Regents, reaffirming its commitment to its academic excellence and student success in support of the college’s Mission and Values.

The College welcomes both returning and newly appointed members. Re-appointed to serve are Regent Julius Lucky, Regent Jelton Anjain, Regent Kino Kabua, and CMI Student Government Association (SGA) President Wilmer Joel. Newly appointed members include: Regents Katt Chonggum, Meitaka Kendall-Lekka, Thomas Kijiner Jr., Dr. Yukiko Kisino Muller, Timothy Owens, Morean S. Watak, and Roanna Zackhras. During yesterday’s special session, Regent Kendall-Lekka was elected Board Chair, and Regent Kijiner elected as Vice.

CMI President Dr. David Newnham expressed his gratitude to the appointees, emphasizing the importance of their roles and responsibilities as Regents. “The Board of Regents plays a pivotal role in guiding CMI’s Mission, ensuring sound governance, and fostering a supportive academic environment,” he said.

As part of their onboarding, the new Regents will undergo an orientation and training program to familiarize themselves with the college Mission and Values, along with governance responsibilities and strategic planning. CMI remains committed to providing training and resources for its leadership with the knowledge and tools necessary to support them in their new roles as Regents of CMI’s Board.

The college extends its deepest appreciation to the former Board of Regents for their dedication and service, while warmly welcoming the newly appointed Board members. CMI looks forward to a collaborative effort in advancing student success, the college mission, and education in the Marshall Islands.

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