In the absence of the Chairman, Commissioner Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Roll call was taken and it was determined a quorum was present.

Commissioner Hutchinson noted there are two items on the Agenda for today's meeting that need action before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Background material on both requests were sent to the Regents prior to the meeting.

The first matter to be considered, Item 70-601-R0291, Authorization to perform an Energy Retrofit to the Classroom Office Building; Western Montana College of the University of Montana would authorize WMCUM to perform an energy retrofit on the Classroom Office Building at the Dillon campus at an estimated cost of $60,000, of which less than $10,000 will be paid from Western's plant funds. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has awarded WMCUM an energy retrofit grant in the amount of $25,528. In
addition, Montana Power Company granted WMCUM $15,000 which requires a $15,000 match from the college in the form of in-kind services and plant funds. Estimates indicate the project will have a three-year payback and could reduce energy costs in the building by $12,000 per year. The item is brought to the Regents for approval as required by Regents' Policy 940.9.2.

Regent Topel moved approval of Item 70-601-R0291. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

The second agenda item requests approval of a $3.00 per credit surcharge on tuition for indistrict, out-of-district and out-of-state students Spring Quarter 1991 only at Flathead Valley Community College. The requested surcharge was approved by the Flathead Valley Community College Board of Trustees at its February 13, 1991 meeting. Regental approval of the one-time surcharge was recommended for approval. On motion of Regent Kaze, on a roll call vote the tuition surcharge was unanimously approved.

After brief discussion on the status of the MSU Presidential Search, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be held in Helena, Montana on March 21-22, 1991.