

NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGY

Board of Governors

MINUTES

Meeting #2024/05 – June 11, 2024

~~Lower Nicola Indian Band Boardroom~~
~~[181 Nawishaskin Lane, Highway 8 West]~~
NVIT Boardroom
4155 Belshaw Avenue, Merritt, BC

DATE: _____

BOARD MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

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CHAIR:

Lennard Joe

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet
Shane Coutlee
Harvey McLeod [zoom]
Kathleen Smith [zoom]

Sharon Bond
Carla George [zoom]
Melanie Nelson [zoom]
Denise Williams [zoom]

Lara-Lisa Condello
Darwin Hanna [zoom]
Jonathon Nolie [zoom]

EX-OFFICIO:

Chloe Price, Education Council Chair
John Chenoweth, Acting President

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM:

Aruna Gore, AVP, Academic

Paul Grewal, CFO

ELDERS COUNCIL:

Lou Paul

Sandra Tiessen

REGRETS:

Dale Calder

Kayla Pretti

RECORDER: Pat Brown, Executive Assistant, President & Board and Elders Coordinator

Opening Prayer: John Chenoweth.

Board Chair Lennard Joe extended a welcome to the three new Board members Verna Billy-Minnabarriet, Denise Williams and Harvey McLeod.

1. Adoption of Agenda

B24/53 It was moved and seconded that

the regular meeting agenda be adopted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

2. Board Information

B24/54 Announcements.

- a) Certificates of Appreciation – This was Jonathon & Kayla’s last Board meeting. They each received a framed certificate of appreciation and a letter of appreciation.

3. Consent Agenda

B24/55 It was moved and seconded that

the Board approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

B24/56 Board minutes of April 11th & May 13th, 2024.

B24/57 Final FTE Report.

B24/58 Correspondence.

- a) Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum Support Funding. [Post Secondary Education & Future Skills, PSFS]
- b) Letter of Appreciation re: Construction & Trades Month. [PSFS]
- c) Joe Bevan Letter of Appreciation from the Ministry. [PSFS].
- d) StrongerBC Future Ready Action Plan Funding. [PSFS]
- e) NVIT Responses to QAPA Recommendations.
- f) Letter of Support for NVIT to the Ministry. [Jackie Tegart, MLA, Fraser-Nicola]
- g) Minister Beare Response Letter to MLA Jackie Tegart.
- h) ENRT Certificate of Accreditation. [Technology Accreditation Canada]
- i) 2023/24 Indigenous/Non-Indigenous and Status/Non-Status Data.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Presentation – Understanding the Role of Education Council

B24/59 Chloe, Amanda and Rita reviewed a power point that explained the role of Education Council and the Policy and Curriculum subcommittees. These are all open committees and Board members are welcome to attend.

5. President’s Report

B24/60 Acting President’s John Chenoweth reviewed the highlights of the report.

B24/61 John reviewed the highlights of the Key Performance Indicators [KPI] Report.

6. Elders Council Report

B24/62 Elder Sandra Tiessen reported that Elders Amelia Washington, Lorna Shuter and herself and Pat Brown smudged the Merritt campus in preparation for grad.

7. Education Council Report

B24/63 Chloe reviewed the May 9th Education Council minutes.

It was suggested NVIT may want to consider a partnership with the founding bands to provide a “youth in trades” for the band elementary school students.

B24/64 It was moved and seconded that

the Board approve the Nadut'en Community Leadership Program as a closed program with the end date of June 14, 2024 as recommended by Education Council. **Motion Carried.**

8. Audit & Risk Management Committee

B24/64 Paul reviewed the Audit & Risk Management minutes of May 13, 2024.

B24/65 It was moved and seconded that

the Appointee Remuneration Committee [ARC] Board Remuneration be approved as presented. **Motion Carried.**

The draft ARC report was presented to the Board on May 13th for review and to report any errors. No feedback was received, and the ARC will be submitted to the Ministry.

9. Policy Approvals – Institutional Policy Review Framework

B24/66 It was moved and seconded that

the Institutional Policy Review Framework be approved in principle as presented. **Motion Carried.**

B24/67 The Public Interest Disclosure Act [PIDA] policy was tabled. The Board required additional time to do an in-depth review of the policy and Indigenize the policy. A committee was established that includes Lennard Joe, Melanie Nelson, Darwin Hanna, Denise Williams and Chloe Price. Paul Grewal will provide policy details to the Indigenization Committee. The Ministry will be notified of the delay in approving this policy.

The Board meeting broke for dinner at 7:25pm and resumed at 7:56pm.

10. NVIT Five-Year Capital Plan

B24/68 It was moved and seconded that

the Five-Year Capital Plan be approved. ***Motion Carried.***

Paul reviewed the Five-Year Capital Plan that the Ministry requires annually. The plan consists of proposed future projects and those currently underway.

11. Information Technology Report

B24/69 Paul reviewed the summary of the Information Technology Report.

The Board expressed appreciation for a report that was easy to read.

12. Adjournment

B24/70 It was unanimously agreed that

the regular meeting be adjourned at 8:27pm. ***Motion Carried.***

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

**Board Meeting ~ Tuesday October 1st, 2024, 5:00pm
Vancouver, Location TBD**

Please submit expense claims and meeting dates attended to Pat.