

NICOLA VALLEY INSTITUTE of TECHNOLOGY

Board of Governors

MINUTES

Meeting #2025/02– April 10, 2025 4:06 PM

Zoom Meeting

DATE: June 13, 2025

BOARD MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

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CHAIR:

Lennard Joe

BOARD OF GOVERNORS:

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet

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John Chenoweth, President & CEO

SENIOR MANAGERS:

Aruna Gore, AVP, Academic

Paul Grewal, CFO

ELDERS COUNCIL:

Lou Paul

Lorna Shuter

REGRETS:

Sharon Bond

Dale Calder

Shane Coutlee

Carla George

Tom Willms, Education Council Chair

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

Opening Prayer by John Chenoweth at 4:06pm.

1. Adoption of Agenda

B25/27 It was moved and seconded that

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

2. Board Information

B25/28 Announcements ~ Board members reviewed a request from Enbridge to host an open house at NVIT for the 5 local Bands. There were no objections from the Board or Elders, and all agreed that this is an opportunity for community members to find employment. It was suggested that in lieu of space rental Enbridge be asked to make a donation to the student bursaries and that NVIT consider developing policy and procedures for future potential controversial issues.

3. Consent Agenda

B25/29 It was moved and seconded that

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

B25/30 Board minutes of February 4, 2025.

B25/31 Correspondence.

- a) Congratulatory Letter for Completion of Program [Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers, CANDO]
- b) U-Pass BC Program Fee Update [Ministry of Transportation & Transit]

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. President's Report

B25/32 Highlights of John's report included Minister Anne Kang's visit to Merritt campus, June graduation, Elders protocol work with Dr. Airini, course dog and Colleges & Institutes Canada [CICAN] visit & meeting with the Deans. A demo on course dog will be scheduled at a future meeting.

5. Elders Council Report

B25/33 Elder Lorna Shuter reported that the Elders Council held their meeting and Goody Day on April 9th and raised \$451 with the proceeds going to Elders bursaries. Lorna also reported on a recent field trip to the Loon Lake resort she participated in with the ENRT class.

Elder Lou Paul, former Chief of the Upper Nicola Band, expressed that once you are a Chief you die with that title. When an Elder dies they take all their wisdom with them. Lou and the Board conveyed healing wishes to Harvey for his mom Elder Sarah McLeod who is in the hospital.

The meeting broke for dinner and resumed at 5:30pm.

6. Education Council Report

B25/34 Aruna provided an overview of the Education Council minutes of March 19, 2025. The minutes are lengthy, thorough and included 40 motions. The Board was asked if they wanted a condensed version, but their response was the minutes were fine as is.

7. Audit & Risk Management Committee

B25/35 Audit & Risk Management minutes of April 7, 2025.

B25/36 2025/26 Budget Presentation.

Paul reported that the budget highlights include that budget has increased 7%, or \$1.5M on both income and expenses when compared to last year (2024/25). No layoffs are needed to balance the budget, and no major changes in sections required. The budget remains in a deficit position of \$400k, but NVIT has permission to end up in a deficit of \$800k if needed.

B25/37 It was moved and seconded that

the Board approve the 2025/26 Annual Budget. ***Motion Carried.***

B25/38 2025/26 Interim Operating Funding Letter.

The 2025/26 Interim Operating funding letter was provided for information and confirms the base operating grant funding for the year and the 2025/26 FTE target.

B25/39 March 2025 FTE Report.

NVIT achieved 102.3% of the PSFS target of 647 FTE as of March 10, with 662 FTE.

B25/40 2025/26 One-Time Operating Grant.

This is confirmation of the \$1 million in year-end funding that NVIT received.

B25/41 2025/26 Carryover Funding.

Finance provided a list of projects and amounts on each project that have been approved to have funding carried forward from 2024/25 to 2025/26.

B25/42 Request for Deficit Approval in 2024/25.

The letter from the Ministry indicates NVIT is approved for up to an actual \$800k deficit in 2025/26. Finance has not budgeted for this large of a deficit to allow some latitude if NVIT faces a larger than expected deficit.

NVIT Registrar Amanda Street joined the meeting at 6:23pm to provide the following report.

8. Former Youth In Care Policy

B25/42 It was moved and seconded that

the revised Former Youth in Care Policy be approved as amended. ***Motion Carried.***

The amendment was to add the 2.33 GPA for the Bachelor of Social Work program. Additional changes include the expansion of the care categories, Continuing Studies courses, mandatory fees, more opportunities to bring up their GPA and an appeal process for Indigenous learners.

9. Adjournment

B25/43 It was moved and seconded that

the regular meeting be adjourned at 6:37pm. ***Motion Carried.***

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Monday May 12th, 2025, 4:00pm, Zoom

Please submit expense claims and meeting dates attended to Pat.