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**PRESENT:**

T. Holte, Board Chair  
T. Bondaroff, Associate Vice President Student Services & Community Relations  
J. Drew, Associate Vice President, People & Inst. Strategy  
D. Fajemisin, Board Member  
M. Gilbert, Board Member  
S. Goudie, Board Member  
A. Graff, Vice President Finance and Corporate Services  
H. Kaur, Student Board Member  
B. Kulmatycki, President & CEO  
L. Lovegreen, Vice President Academic and Research  
K. MacDonald, Support Board Member  
K. Mason-Bennett, Board Member  
S. McLeod, Board Member  
M. Pickartz, Director of Marketing and Communication  
H. Larden, EA to President & Board (Recorder)

**REGRETS:**

L. Archibald, Board Vice-Chair  
J. Fox-McGuire, Board Member  
F. Rashid, Faculty Board Member & Ed. Council Chair  
M. Tesico, Student Board member

**GUEST(S):**

C. Ewart, BC Colleges President  
L. Manning, Observer (NLC Acting Dean, Trades & Apprenticeships)

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**1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement** – 9:02 am**2. Appointment of a Board Evaluator**

D. Fajemisin was appointed.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*2021/014 Fajemisin/MacDonald*

*THAT the Northern Lights College Board approves the March 17, 2021, agenda with the prerogative of the Chair to adjust the agenda as needed. CARRIED*

**4. Consent Agenda****4.1 Minutes from February 17, 2021, Open Session Meeting****4.2 Monitoring Report: EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board**

*2021/015 Mason-Bennett/Goudie*

*THAT the Northern Lights College Board approves the following items on the consent agenda:*

- *Minutes from the February 17, 2021 Open Session meeting; and*
- *The monitoring report for EL-7 Communication and Support to the Board as demonstrating compliance with reasonable interpretations of the policy. CARRIED*

**5. Planned Linkage with Owners****5.1 GP-3 & 4, Ownership Linkage Committee Report** – None

C. Ewart joined the meeting (9:13 am.)

**6. Presentation: BC Colleges** – *Colin Ewart, President of BC Colleges*

C. Ewart, President of BC Colleges, provided an overview of the role of BC Colleges (advocacy at both the provincial and federal level); priorities of the Provincial Government, the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training, and of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary; the role of colleges in meeting the Ministry's mandate; anticipated funding levels; and opportunities for NLC.

C. Ewart was thanked for his presentation and exited the meeting (10:01 am.)

## 7. Board Education and Communication

### 7.1 EL-7, President's Report to the Board – Kulmatycki

President Kulmatycki provided an update on his strategic activities, meetings, and initiatives including the following:

- Student mental health supports (report available on D2L)
- Ministry meeting with post-secondary Presidents
  - Planning for Fall 2021
- Preliminary sectorial bargaining preparation meeting with PSEA
- Update on the Centre of Innovation for Indigenous Education
- Employee Engagement Activities
  - Results and next steps regarding the staff engagement survey
  - One-on-one meetings with staff
  - Town hall style meetings with staff
- Northern Post-Secondary Council initiatives update
- Student enrolment update (report to be distributed to Board members following today's meeting)
- NLC's *Intercultural Encounters* webinar series initiative
- Strategic planning
  - Engagement with community leadership
  - Preparations for the consultation process for the 2022-2027 strategic plan development
- Meetings with school district superintendents, mayors, Northern Lights College Foundation Board, and Northern Health
- Planning for Fall 2021 instructional delivery (anticipated gradual return to campus over the summer; guidance from Public Health Officer and Northern Health; consultation with Union, staff, and faculty; etc.)

A brief break took place from 10:35 – 10:48 am.

### 7.2 Board Chair Report – Holte

Chair Holte provided an update regarding the meeting that took place with the Tahltan Central Government executive regarding updating an MOU and participation in the CIIE advisory Board, the meeting of BC Colleges Board Chairs, and possible upcoming Board training.

### 7.3 Education Council Chair Report – None

### 7.4 Governance Committee Report – None

## 8. Decision Items

### 8.1 2021-2022 Budget – Graff

A. Graff presented the 2021-2022 budget that included information regarding the assumptions that the budget was built upon (increased tuition rates for domestic [2% ] and international [8%] students; enrolment; travel restrictions; etc.), budget pressures and mitigation strategies, and the alignment of the budget with strategic priorities. A slight deficit is predicted and the process for Ministry approval of a deficit budget was reviewed.

*2021/016 Mason-Bennett/Gilbert*

*THAT the Northern Lights College Board accepts and approves the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. CARRIED*

## 9. Board Activities

### 9.1 GP-11, Review Board Calendar

The next Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2021, as no Board meeting is scheduled in April. The 2021-2022 mandate letter is expected to be received after April 20<sup>th</sup>. If submission of a signed copy of the mandate letter is due prior to the May Board meeting, an email vote may be required.

In April, the Registrar's office will be sending out a notice of elections for Board Chair and Vice-Chair (elections are scheduled to take place at the May Board meeting). Board members are asked to please watch for this communication in their email.

This will be the last Board meeting that utilizes BlueJeans. The next meeting will utilize a different platform, likely Teams or Zoom. More information will be shared as details are confirmed.

Board members interested in attending the virtual CIG conference are asked to advise H. Larden by the end of the week.

#### **10. Roundtable and Information Items**

The possible role of the College in anti racism initiatives was discussed. A copy of the recently released Northern Rockies Regional Municipality [labour market study](#) will be included in the May Board meeting information package.

#### **11. Board Self-Evaluation Report of Meeting**

D. Fajemisin provided feedback regarding his observations during today's meeting that included active participation by Board members and forward thinking.

#### **12. In-Camera Session**

*2021/017 McLeod/Kaur*

*TO move the meeting in-camera. CARRIED*

L. Manning and M. Pickartz exited the meeting (11:18 am.)

#### **13. Adjournment – 12:02 pm**

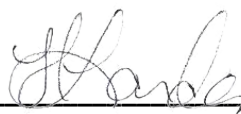
*2021/021 McLeod*

*TO adjourn the meeting. CARRIED*

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**Tyler Holte**  
Board Chair

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**Holly Larden**  
Executive Assistant to the President & Board