

Minutes: Board of Governors Meeting

February 16, 2022 / 9 am - 12:30 pm

Dawson Creek Campus, Boardroom / Distance Participation via Teams

Enriching lives, communities and industry in Northern BC and the world through accessible, applied, and academic learning.

PRESENT:

T. Holte, Board Chair

A. Graff, Vice President Finance and Corporate Services

D. Fajemisin, Board Member

F. Rashid, Faculty Board Member & Ed. Council Chair

J. Drew, Vice President People & Inst. Strategy

J. Kaur, Student Board Member

K. Mason-Bennett, Board Member

REGRETS:

A. Florita, Student Board Member

J. Fox-McGuire, Board Member

L. Archibald, Board Vice-Chair

L. Lovegreen, Senior Vice President Academic and Research

K. Rabel, Support Board Member

M. Gilbert, Board Member

S. McLeod, Board Member

S. Goudie, Board Member

T. Bondaroff, Acting President and CEO

H. Larden, Executive Assistant to the President & Board (Recorder)

GUEST(S):

C. Ewart, President of BC Colleges

J. Bond, Observer (NLC Copyright Assistant)

A. Houle, Observer (Public – UNBC)

B. McKinnon, Observer (NLC Business Management Instructor)

1. Call to Order, Territorial Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Oath of Office – 9:07 am

J. Kaur was welcomed to the Board of Governors. J. Kaur is an international student from India, attending the Dawson Creek campus. J. Kaur performed her Oath of Office.

2. Presentation: BC Colleges – Colin Ewart, President of BC Colleges

C. Ewart presented information regarding the role of BC Colleges. Information regarding government priorities, Minister Kang's mandate, and the funding review taking place was provided. Assumptions regarding government funding, NLC stakeholder training needs, NLC competition, and NLC programing were discussed. A copy of the presentation is available on D2L. C. Ewart was thanked for his presentation and exited the meeting (10:03 am.)

3. Appointment of a Board Evaluator

D. Fajemisin was appointed as Board evaluator.

J. Bond exited the meeting (10:04 am.)

4. Approval of Agenda

2022/006 Rabel/Goudie

THAT the Northern Lights College Board approves the February 16, 2022, agenda with the prerogative of the Chair to adjust the agenda as needed. CARRIED

F. Rashid joined the meeting (10:07 am.)

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1 Minutes from December 8, 2021, Open Session Meeting
- 5.2 Quarterly Board Expenses Report
- 5.3 Quarterly Review of President's Expenses
- 5.4 Monitoring Report: EL-4 Financial Condition
- 5.5 Monitoring Report: EL-10 Land Use
- 5.6 Reasonable Interpretations: EL-3; EL-5.6, 5.7, and 5.7.1; EL-6

2022/007 Fajemisin/McLeod

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

- Minutes from the December 8, 2021, Open Session meeting;
- The Quarterly Board Expenses Report;
- Quarterly Review of President's Expenses report;
- The monitoring report for EL-4 Financial Condition and EL-10 Land Use as demonstrating compliance with reasonable interpretations of the policies; and
- The Reasonable Interpretations for EL-3 Financial Planning, EL-5.6, 5.7, and 5.7.1 Asset Protection, and EL-6 Compensation and Benefits, as reasonable interpretations of the policies. CARRIED



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6. Planned Linkage with Owners

6.1 GP-3 & 4, Ownership Linkage Committee Report – Mason-Bennett

An update will be provided at the next meeting. The committee will be connected with C. Steeves, our new Director of Marketing, Communications, and Perspective Student Engagement.

M. Gilbert joined the meeting (10:11 am.)

7. Board Education and Communication

7.1 *EL-7*, President's Report to the Board – Bondaroff

Acting President Bondaroff provided an update on his strategic activities, initiatives, and meetings (written report available onD2L). Some of these activities included:

- An update on B. Kulmatycki;
- Communication with the NLC Community, stakeholders, and officials regarding the President's leave, appointment of an Acting President, and B. Kulmatycki's retirement;
- COVID-19 update (committee meetings, letter from PHO, conclusion of additional security, and test kits);
- Strategic planning update (meetings with Prime Strategies, next steps),
 - An update document is available on D2L;
- NLC funding review,
 - o A committee has been struck and the process has commenced;
- Ceremonies for convocation and students awards in 2022,
 - The decision regarding hosting an in-person or virtual event had to be made in January. Out of an abundance of caution, the decision has been made to have virtual events this year;
- CIIE initiative update (second leadership roundtable meeting, next steps); and,
- Dawson Creek Hospital update (status of subdivision approval and transfer, fall 2023 construction start date, NLC supports for laydown space, etc.).

The written report includes additional information regarding:

- NLC operations and leadership update;
- NLC athletics update (including NLC rodeo team, recreation);
- Sexual violence prevention (perceptions survey, winter 2022 prevention campaign);
- Budget planning; and
- o Canada Learning Bond initiative update.

M. Gilbert exited the meeting (10: 50 am.)

7.2 Board Chair Report — Holte

A copy of a letter from Minister Kang is available on D2L. Chair Holte has met with AEST and CABRO. An update on the CIIE leadership roundtable meeting held on February 1 was provided. The next meeting will focus on governance structure.

7.3 Education Council Chair Report — Rashid

An update on recent Education Council activities, including committees, was provided. The next meeting will take place on February 23, 2022. Involvement of Education Council in the CIIE initiative is desired.

7.4 Governance Committee Report – None

8. Decision Items

8.1 2022-2023 Board Budget— McLeod, Mason-Bennett

The briefing note and workbook for the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 budget year is available on D2L.

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THAT the NLC Board of Governors accepts the proposed 2022/2023Board Budget Version 3 as presented. CARRIED



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8.2 Acquisition of Property— *Graff*

The briefing note and supporting materials are available on D2L. An overview of the purpose of the purchase as well as the standard process for purchasing a lot, construction of the home, sale of the home, and use of the proceeds of the sale was provided.

2022/009 Rabel/Mason-Bennett

THAT the Board of Governors consent to the acquisition of said lot known as 1318 – 106 Avenue, Dawson Creek, BC for the purpose of constructing a residential house through our Enhanced Foundation Carpentry Program. CARRIED

9. Board Activities

9.1 GP-11, Review Board Calendar

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2022 (held in Fort St. John with distance participation via Teams). No regular Board meeting is scheduled in April. A special email vote may be required in late February or early March.

10. Roundtable and Information Items

Information regarding the 2022 CICan conference was provided. Including the funding review as an agenda item for meetings throughout 2022 was recommended.

S. McLeod exited the meeting (11:15 am.)

11. Board Self-Evaluation Report of Meeting

D. Fajemisin reported on his observations of today's Board meeting, which included encouragement of diversity of viewpoints, the Chair's request for questions throughout the meeting, and appreciation for the informative presentation included to today's meeting.

A. Houle and B. MacKinnon exited the meeting (11:17 am.)

12. In-Camera Session

2022/010 Rabel/Rashid
TO move the meeting in-camera. CARRIED

13. Adjournment - 12:05 pm

2022/014 Fajemisin TO adjourn the meeting.