

**MINUTES OF NEC – NATIVE EDUCATION COLLEGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
May 26, 2021
Via Zoom (online)**

PRESENT:

Rose Guerin, Acting Chair
K. Louise Point, Secretary
Jessica LaRochelle, Treasurer
Leon Miller, Director
John Jardine, Director
Jamie Dixel, Director
Marie Nightbird, Director
Laura Baird, Director

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Tammy Harkey, President
Nancy Xue, Director of Finance
Elaine Kinequon, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Rose Guerin, Acting Chair, called to order the Board of Directors meeting at 6:03 pm.

2. ACCEPT AGENDA for May 26, 2021

It was MOVED (Jessica LaRochelle) and SECONDED (K. Louise Point)

IN ACCORDANCE with the Bylaws of the Society, the Board of Directors met on May 26, 2021 and **PASSED** the following resolution.

RESOLVED THAT the NEC Native Education College Board of Directors approve the May 26, 2021, agenda as presented.

CARRIED



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3. **ACCEPT MINUTES** for March 25, 2021

It was MOVED (Jamie Dexel) and SECONDED (K. Louise Point)

IN ACCORDANCE with the Bylaws of the Society, the Board of Directors met on May 26, 2021 and **PASSED** the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the NEC Native Education College Board of Directors approve the March 25, 2021 board meeting minutes, with some minor edits.

CARRIED

4) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) Tammy gave an update on the Board Retreat, it is on hold for October 1 – 3, 2021 at the Hotel Grande Pacific in Victoria. An agenda will be sent in a couple weeks.
- b) The goal for the strategic plan is to have consultation with the staff and faculty and the board then present the components to the board. This will also go out to the public. This is timely and we will keep the board informed.
- c) The bridge funding from the province was rec'd and we hired some good people ie. Dr. Heather Commodore for outreach and in the process of hiring a Director of Operations and an Indigenous person for the consultant role.

5) BOARD BUSINESS

- a) Management Report (Tammy)
 - Indigenous Day is June 18th for NEC and Graduation is July 23rd.
 - We are constantly reviewing the health plan and anticipating the students will be back in class in September.
 - We have an Admissions Improvement Plan and collaborating with the Dean of Student Services and the Dean of Academics and looking at the barriers that the students are having. We hope to make positive change for them.
 - We have been supporting the launch of the HCA program in Smithers, it started May 10th. We will be helping them through that process, it is an exciting launch to watch.



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- b) President's Report (Tammy)
- We have made some new hires and most are Indigenous. The consultant doing the feasibility study is Indigenous also.
 - We made a huge list of deficiencies on the two buildings and had some assessments done. There was structural damage and rot on the cedar. There was problems with leakage and mould but now the buildings are complete and they are beautiful. We are now concentrating on the interior and we have to take small steps and hope to be ready by Fall when the students come back.
 - We have two new programs starting Fall 2022, Associate Degree of Arts Diploma and Digital Leadership Certificate program. We will start marketing these programs January 2022.
- c) New Budget Presentation (Nancy)
- NEC has a balanced budget.
 - The Executive committee will meet with Nancy and auditors and present a summary report of the audit to the board at the July meeting.
 - Nancy confirmed that she will take questions and concerns via email.

ACCEPT MOTION for May 26, 2021

It was MOVED (Laura Baird) and SECONDED (John Jardine)

IN ACCORDANCE with the Bylaws of the Society, the Board of Directors met on May 26, 2021 and **PASSED** the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT the Board of the NEC Native Education College approves the Management Report and the Updated Budget as presented.

CARRIED

It was noted that Leonard Laboucan, Chair of NEC Board of Directors, submitted his resignation from the NEC Board.

6) **CONCLUSION**

Jamie led with a closing prayer.

The meeting concluded at 8:08 pm.