



NATIVE EDUCATION COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Draft Minutes

Thursday November 30, 2023

5:30PM

Musqueam Elders Centre

DIRECTOR ATTENDEES:	STAFF ATTENDEES:
Ed John, Director	Tammy Harkey, President
Andy Phillips Senior, Director	Jeffrey Dan, Cultural Advisor
Mary Point, Director	DIRECTOR REGRETS:
Tony Robinson, Treasurer	Rose Guerin, Board Chair
Bruce Underwood, Director	Shawnaditta Cross, Director
Jen Thomas, Director (arrived at 6:00pm)	
Eden Fineday, Director (left at 6:30pm)	

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm

2. AGENDA

Motion: That the Native Education College (N.E.C.) Board of Directors (B.O.D.) ACCEPTS the agenda for November 30, 2023 with the current amendments that agenda item 4.A and 4.C will be moved to the top of the agenda.

**MOVED BY (BRUCE UNDERWOOD) AND SECONDED (ED JOHN)
CARRIED**

3.ACCEPTANCE OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Motion: That the N.E.C. B.O.D. ACCEPTS the one year term for newly appointed board members Andy Phillips, Eden Fineday, Shawnaditta Cross, Chas Desjarlais and moves that the Chief of Musqueam and the Chief Tsleilwaututh will hold Ex-officio seats on the N.E.C. Board.

**MOVED BY (MARY POINT) AND SECONDED (TONY ROBINSON)
CARRIED**

4.2023/2024 DECEMBER QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion:

In January the Province of BC gave N.E.C. a transition interim budget as N.E.C. transitions to a public institute. N.E.C. presented to the Province a financial estimate for this year and the Province accepted the numbers that were presented. The Province never provided the funding



that was required to staff up for N.E.C. to become a public institute and now N.E.C. is operating from a deficit as the Province has failed to deliver the funding required.

On December 08, 2023 a meeting will take place with the Deputy Ministers at the Native Education College.

Action:

- a. Request for all Board Members that are available on December 08, 2023 to meet with the Deputy Ministers to attend.
- b. Request for N.E.C. Ex-Officio's and Board Members to reach out to Premier Eby for a meeting before December 31, 2023.

Motion: That the N.E.C. B.O.D. ACCEPTS the December Quarterly Financial Report for 2023/2024.

**MOVED BY (TONY ROBINSON) AND SECONDED (ED JOHN)
CARRIED**

5. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 03, 2023 N.E.C. Board Meeting

Motion: That the N.E.C. B.O.D. accepts the minutes of the October 3, 2023 meeting.

**MOVED BY (Ed john) and SECONDED (Tony Robinson)
CARRIED**

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE BOARD

The President reviewed the report from October/November 2023 for information only.

7. N.E.C. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Motion: That the N.E.C. Board accepts the Vice President's Finance & Student Enrollment Report, Academics Report, the Vice President's Strategic Innovation Report and Public Designation Report as presented.

**MOVED BY (Jen Thomas) SECONDED BY (Andy Phillips)
CARRIED**

8. N.E.C. NAME CHANGE

The N.E.C. name change briefing note was circulated for information.

Discussion:

That the N.E.C. B.O.D. will have a strategy session in the new year with a branding agency that is familiar with working with Indigenous people.



It was noted that when the NEC Board spoke to the NEC Alumni in regards to the change in brand/name the alumni identified that they did not want to lose the logo/brand because of the history that is tied to the current logo/brand.

The question was then raised as to how move forward with the N.E.C. name change/rebranding forward without offending anyone? A Board Member shared traditional teachings and reminded the table that when First Nations people have their names removed culturally it usually represents that the person has done something wrong and that name would be removed from them in the long house as they have shamed their family.

A board member asked if there is anything from the local territory that could be used for a name? The name Similano was gifted with honours to the Native Education College by Similano's family and it was asked that the board keep this in mind when the upcoming session is hosted with the branding agency.

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OATH AND CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board of Directors Oath and Code of Conduct was circulated and signed by the board members in attendance.

Action: For all N.E.C. board members to sign the Directors Oath and Code of Conduct.

10. MINISTRY PSFS CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

The Ministry PSFS Confidentiality Agreement was circulated and signed by the Board.

Action: For all N.E.C. board members to sign Ministry PSFS Confidentiality Agreement.

11. PROPOSAL FROM KPMG

Motion: THAT THE N.E.C. BOARD ACCEPTS the proposal from KPMG as presented to conduct the audit for the N.E.C. for the 2023/2024 Fiscal period.

**MOVED BY (BRUCE UNDERWOOD) SECONDED BY (ED JOHN)
CARRIED**

12. Other

The 2023/2024 draft meeting schedule was circulated for information. It was noted that the N.E.C. Holiday staff and board holiday party will be held on December 15th, 2023 and that the board is invited to attend if available.

N.E.C. utilizes space in Musqueam for offices/meetings and to show appreciation for the use of this space N.E.C. has arranged an Musqueam elders luncheon and have invited the Squamish and Tsleilwaututh elders to attend as well.

It was noted that the previous N.E.C. Board had an orientation when they started their term and



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it was requested to have a 2-3 hour session with the current N.E.C. Board to review board etiquette.

Action: In January 2024 a new policy manual will be presented to the Board for their review. It was recommended that the board also review the N.E.C. Board Oath and Code of Conduct as part of the requested orientation.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: THAT THE N.E.C. ACCEPTS to adjourn the N.E.C. Board of Directors Meeting at 6:50pm.

**MOVED BY (ED JOHN) SECONDED BY (ANDY PHILLIPS)
CARRIED**