



**United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)
Annual Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
Bismarck, ND 58504**

February 4, 2022 @ 8:53 a.m.
United Tribes Technical College Healing Room and
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting

Board Members Present:

1. Jamie Azure, Chair, Turtle Mt. Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI), UTTC BOD *Chair*
2. Chad Counts, Councilman, TMBCI, UTTC BOD
3. Mark Fox, Chair, Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT), UTTC BOD @9:16 a.m.
4. Mervin Packineau, Councilman, TAT, UTTC BOD *Treasurer*
5. Douglas P. Yankton, Chair, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD *Secretary*
6. ReNa Lohnes, Councilwoman, SLT, UTTC BOD
7. Janet Alkire, Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) @9:55 a.m.
8. Charles Walker, Councilman, SRST @9:02 a.m.
9. Delbert Hopkins, Chair, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SWST), UTTC BOD *Vice-Chair* @ 8:58 am
10. Louie Johnson, Councilman, SWST, UTTC BOD

Others Present:

1. Dr. Leander R. McDonald, President
2. Courtney Lawrence, Executive Assistant to the President
3. Garrett Ludwig, Kelsch, Ruff, Kranda, Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm
4. Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer *via zoom*
5. Melissa Plenty Chief, Housing Director *via zoom*
6. Edwin Kitzes, Land Grant Director, *via zoom*
7. Jessie Talley, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES), *via zoom*

- I. **INVOCATION:** President McDonald provided the invocation.
- II. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jamie Azure called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion #1 by Director Chad Counts seconded by Director Doug Yankton to approve the agenda with the addition of the USDA-UTTC Land Grant plan as an amendment to the Master plan before the policies. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
January 7, 2022 UTTC Board Meeting minutes.

Motion #2 by Director Doug Yankton, seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2022. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All directors and division reports submitted: Academic Affairs, Campus Services, Facilities, Safety & Security and College Relations.

Motion #3 by Director Delbert Hopkins, seconded by Director Doug Yankton, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McDonald presented his report and highlighted the main events for the month of January.

Motion #4 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director Louie Johnson to approve the President's Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

FINANCE REPORT

Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer, presented the FY2022 Charts, Budget Expenditure Report, and Status of Contract-Grants.

Motion #5 by Director Doug Yankton, seconded by Director Louie Johnson to approve the Finance Report. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

President McDonald presented the Human Resources report and highlighted department events for the month.

Motion #6 by Director Douglas Yankton seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the Human Resources Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UTTC Housing Policy-Medical Marijuana

Garrett Ludwig provided a legal opinion at the State and Federal law regarding medical marijuana on campus. Although State law is ambiguous, the law appears to state that medical marijuana is not allowed on any school property. Marijuana, medical or otherwise, is still illegal under Federal law. Because UTTC receives federal funding and is expected to comply with the Drug Free Schools & Campuses Act, allowing marijuana on campus may subject UTTC to the loss of federal funds. **Motion # 7 by Director Mark Fox, Seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the changes to the UTTC Housing Policy regarding Medical Marijuana until such time the Federal and/or State law changes resulting in the need to revisit this policy. 9 in favor,1 opposed, motion carries.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

USDA-UTTC Land Grant Plan

President McDonald presented the USDA-UTTC Land Grant Plan for approval as an amendment to the Master Plan.

Motion #8 by Director Delbert Hopkins, seconded by Director ReNa Lohnes, to approve the USDA-UTTC Land Grant Plan as an amendment to the Master Plan. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Participant Support Costs Policy

Katina DeCoteau presented the Participant Support Costs Policy as submitted for approval.

Motion #9 by Director Delbert Hopkins, seconded by Director Chad Counts, to approve the Participant Support Costs Policy. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Travel Policy

Katina DeCoteau presented the Travel Policy as submitted for approval.

Motion #10 by Director Delbert Hopkins, seconded by Louie Johnson, to approve the Travel Policy. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Salary Scale

President McDonald presented the Salary Scale as submitted for approval.

Motion #11 by Director Chad Counts, seconded by ReNa Lohnes, to approve the Salary Scale. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Organizational Chart

President McDonald presented the Organizational Chart as submitted for approval.

Motion #12 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Delbert Hopkins, to approve the Organizational Chart. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Elections for UTTC Board of Directors

Chairman Azure opened the floor for nominations for the officers and subcommittee positions.

Director Delbert Hopkins was nominated and accepted the nomination as Chairman of the Board.

Motion #13 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director Janet Alkire, to close nominations for Chairman of the Board. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director Delbert Hopkins is the new Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

Director Doug Yankton was nominated and accepted the nomination as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Motion #14 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director Doug Yankton is the new Vice-Chairman of the Board by acclamation.

Director ReNa Lohnes was nominated and accepted the nomination as Secretary.

Motion #15 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director Delbert Hopkins, to close nominations for Secretary of the Board. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director ReNa Lohnes is the new Secretary of the Board by acclamation.

Director Charles Walker was nominated and accepted the nomination as Treasurer.

Motion #16 by Director Doug Yankton, seconded by Director Delbert Hopkins, to close nominations for Treasure of the Board, Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director Charles Walker is the new Treasurer of the Board.

Audit & Finance Committee:

Director Janet Alkire and Director Chad Counts were nominated and accepted the nomination for the Audit and Finance Committee.

Motion#17 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director Doug Yankton, to close nominations for the Audit & Finance Committee. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director Janet Alkire and Director Chad Counts to the Audit & Finance Committee.

Endowment & Investment Committee:

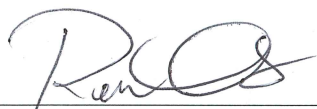
Director Mark Fox and Director Louie Johnson were nominated and accepted the nomination for the Endowment & Investment Committee.

Motion #18 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director Chad Counts, to close nomination for the Endowment & Investment Committee. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present. Director Mark Fox and Director Louie Johnson to the Endowment & Investment Committee.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting –March 4, 2022

Motion # 19 by Director Charles Walker seconded by Director Louie Johnson, there being no further business to come before the board today, February 4, 2022, the meeting adjourned at 10:21a.m. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.



ReNa Little-Lohnes, Secretary
UTTC Board of Directors

Approval of February 4, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion#2 by Director Janet Alkire seconded by Director Louie Johnson, to approve minutes of February 4, 2022 UTTC Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present March 4, 2022.