



UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)**

**Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting**

August 17, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

Mystic Lake Hotel & Casino Little Crow Meeting Room and  
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting  
Prior Lake, MN

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. Lonna Jackson-Street, Chair, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD
4. ReNa Lohnes, Councilwoman, SLT, UTTC BOD *Secretary*
5. Janet Alkire, Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST)
6. Charles Walker, Councilman, SRST *Treasurer*
7. J. Garret Renville, Chair, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SWST), UTTC BOD *Vice-Chair*
8. Joan White, Councilwoman, SWST, UTTC BOD
9. Mark Fox, Chair, Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT), UTTC BOD
10. Mervin Packineau, Councilman, TAT, UTTC BOD

Others Present:

1. Dr. Leander R. McDonald, President, UTTC
2. Courtney Lawrence, Executive Assistant to the President, UTTC
3. Garrett Ludwig, Kelsch, Ruff, Kranda, Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm *via zoom*

I. **INVOCATION:** President McDonald provided the invocation.

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Jamie Azure, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Secretary/Treasurer, provided a welcome and introduction on behalf of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Tribal Council. Rebecca also presented a \$2,500 donation check to assist in sponsoring the UTTC Events Weeks. The Board of Directors presented Rebecca with a star quilt for past and present support of UTTC.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion #1 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director ReNa Lohnes, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.**

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 07, 2023, UTTC Board Meeting minutes.

Motion #2 by Director Chad Counts, seconded by Director Charles Walker, to approve the minutes of July 07, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

July 26, 2023, UTTC Special Meeting Board minutes.

Motion #3 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the minutes of July 26, 2023. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

All directors and division reports were submitted for approval: President's Office, Academic Affairs, College Relations, Campus Services, Finance, and Safety & Security.

Motion #4 by Director Janet Alkire seconded by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*No unfinished business at this time.*

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Resolution of Members or Stockholders  
President McDonald presented the USDA Resolution of Members or Stockholders as part of the USDA Tribal College Grant application process. UTTC has been using these funds to support street improvements.

Motion #5 by Director Joan White, seconded by Director Lonna Jackson-Street to approve the USDA Resolution of Members or Stockholders. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Japanese American Confinement Memorial (JACS) Project

President McDonald presented the JACS Project for \$509,750.00.

Motion #6 by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded by Joan White to approve the JACS Project for \$509,750.00. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

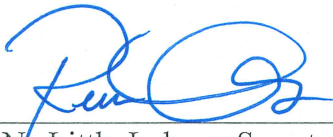
September Board of Directors Meeting will be held during the Summit if needed @ the Bismarck Events Center.

Pow Wow Grand Entry Welcome—President McDonald will speak with delegates and confirm dates of their welcomes and designated prayer people.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be October 06, 2023, in the Wellness Healing Room. September Board meeting will be held if needed during the Summit.

Motion #7 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, there being no further business to come before the board today, August 17, 2023, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.



---

ReNa Little-Lohnes, Secretary  
UTTC Board of Directors

Approval of August 17, 2023, Board Minutes

Motion #2 by Director ReNa Lohnes, seconded by Director J.Garret Renville, to approve minutes of August 17, 2023, UTTC Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present October 6, 2023.