



United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)
Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
October 6th, 2023 @ 9:08 a.m.
Wellness Healing Room and
ZOOM Teleconference Meeting
Bismarck, ND

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. ReNa Lohnes, Councilwoman, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD *Secretary*
4. Janet Alkire, Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST)
5. Charles Walker, Councilman, SRST *Treasurer*
6. J. Garret Renville, Chair, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SWST), UTTC BOD *Vice-Chair*
7. Joan White, Councilwoman, SWST, UTTC BOD
8. Mark Fox, Chair, Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT), UTTC BOD @9:20 a.m
9. Mervin Packineau, Councilman, TAT, UTTC BOD

Board Members not present:

1. Lonna Jackson-Street, Chair, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD

Others Present:

1. Dr. Leander R. McDonald, President, UTTC
2. Amber White Bear, Administrative Assistant, UTTC
3. Garrett Ludwig, Kelsch, Ruff, Kranda, Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm
4. Brent Kleinjan, Campus Relations, UTTC
5. Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer, UTTC *via-zoom*
6. Dr. Lisa Azure, Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA), UTTC
7. Mark Wagner, Assistant State Director, North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education.
8. Holiday Van Sciver, Native American Outreach Coordinator, USDA/Rural Development
9. Collette Brown, Executive Director, Spirit Lake Casino and Resort
10. Francine McDonald, Human Resources Director, UTTC

- I. **INVOCATION:** President McDonald provided the invocation.
- II. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director Jamie Azure, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion #1 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 17, 2023, UTTC Board Meeting minutes.

Motion #2 by Director ReNa Lohnes, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the minutes of August 17, 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 #3 by Director ReNa Lohnes seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VI. PRESIDENTS REPORT

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

Motion #4 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the President's Report. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Mark Wagner, Assistant State Director, North Dakota Department of Career and Technical Education (CTE) presented the CTE Vision Visit Audit Report with no significant deficiencies noted and minimal recommendations for improvement.

Motion #5 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director Janet Alkire, to have the President prepare a letter of concern to Reginal Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Director Timonthy LaPointe for Director Azure's signature regarding the ongoing delayed funding issues experienced by United Tribes Technical College (UTTC). Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

FINANCE REPORT

Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer, presented the Human Resources and Finance reports for the month September,

Motion #6 Director Chad Counts, seconded by Director Janet Alkire, to approve the Finance report. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Brent Kleinjan, Campus Relation, presented the Campus Relations report for the month of September.

Motion #7 Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director Chad Counts, to approve the Campus Relations report. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

UTTC Resolution approving 2023 USDA RD Tribal College Initiative Grant
President McDonald presented the UTTC Resolution approving USDA RD Tribal College Initiative Grant.

Motion #8 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director Rena Lohnes, to approve the USDA RD Tribal College Initiative Grant. Motion passed unanimous decision by all present.

UTTC Resolution approving USDA Resolution of Member or Stockholders.
President McDonald presented the USDA Resolution of Members or Stockholder grant in the amount of \$352,000.00

Motion #9 by Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the Resolution of Members or Stockholder, Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Updated Organizational Chart

Lisa Azure presented the updated Organizational Chart.

Motion #10 by Director Chad Counts, seconded by Director Joan White, to approve the updated Organizational Chart. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Updated Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace

Francine McDonald presented the updated Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace

Motion #11 by Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director ReNa Lohnes, to approve the updated Alcohol and Drug Free Workplace. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Updated Dorm Agreement

Melissa Plenty Chief presented the updated Dorm Agreement

Motion #12 by Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director Rena Lohnes, to approve the updated Dorm Agreement. Motion passed unanimous decision by all present.

Updated Service Animal Policy

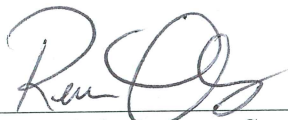
Melissa Plenty Chief presented the updated Service Animal Policy

Motion #13 by Director Joan White, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to approve the updated Service Animal Policy. Motion passed unanimous decision by all present.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held at 1 pm on Friday November 3, 2023, at Four Bears Casino, New Town ND, hosted by TAT with lodging provided on the night of November 3, 2023, to coincide with the MonDak tournament. The December meeting will be held on November 29, 2023 at Sky Dancer Casino, hosted by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, and include a tour of the newly opened waterpark.

Motion #7 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, there being no further business to come before the board today, October 6, 2023, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.



ReNa Little-Lohnes, Secretary
UTTC Board of Directors

Approval of October 6, 2023, Board Minutes

Motion #2 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director Mark Fox, to approve minutes of October 6, 2023, UTTC Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present November 3, 2023.