



UNITED TRIBES
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

May 3, 2024 @ 8:54 a.m.

UTTC Wellness Center Healing Room

ZOOM Teleconference Meeting

Bismarck, ND

Board Members Present:

1. Chad Counts, Councilman, Turtle Mt. Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI), UTTC BOD
2. Lonna Jackson-Street, Chair, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD
3. ReNa Little-Lohnes, Councilwoman, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD *Secretary*
4. Janet Alkire, Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) @9:06am
5. Charles Walker, Councilman, SRST *Treasurer*
6. Mark Fox, Chair, Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT), UTTC BOD *via zoom @9:15am*
7. Mervin Packineau, Councilman, TAT, UTTC BOD *via zoom*
8. J. Garret Renville, Chair, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SWST), UTTC BOD *Vice-Chair*
9. Joan White, Councilwomen, SWST, UTTC BOD

Board Members Absent:

1. Jamie Azure, Chair, TMBCI, UTTC BOD *Chair*

Others Present:

1. Dr. Leander R. McDonald, President, UTTC
2. Courtney Lawrence, Executive Assistant, UTTC
3. Garrett Ludwig, Kelsch, Ruff, Kranda, Nagle & Ludwig Law Firm
4. Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer (CFO), UTTC *via zoom*
5. Jolene DeCoteau, Vice President (VP) of Campus Services, UTTC
6. Lisa Azure, VP of Academic Affairs, UTTC *via zoom*
7. Mindy Piatz, Auditor, Brady Martz *via zoom*
8. Harvey VanSciver, Community Development Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
9. Collette Brown, Executive Director, Spirit Lake Casino & Resort

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

II. **CALL TO ORDER:** Director J. Garret Renville, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion #1 by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded by Director Chad Counts to approve the agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 5, 2024, UTTC Board Meeting minutes.

Motion #2 by Director Charles Walker seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the April 3, 2024, minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All directors and division reports were submitted for approval: President's, Academic Affairs, Campus Planner, College Relations, Finance, Safety & Security and Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES).

Motion #3 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VI. **AUDIT REPORT ACCEPTANCE**

Mandy Piatz, Auditor, presented the Audit Report.

Motion #4 by Director Mark Fox, seconded by Director J. Garret Renville, to accept the Audit Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

FY 25 ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Katina DeCoteau, CFO, presented the FY 25 Annual Budget Review for approval.

Motion #5 Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded by Director Charles Walker, to approve the FY 25 Annual Budget Review as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

CAMPUS SERVICES REPORT

Jolene DeCoteau, VP of Campus Services, presented the report for the month of April.

Motion #6 Director Chad Counts, seconded by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, to approve the Campus Services report. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business at this time.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Department Chair Compensation Policy

Lisa Azure, VP, presented the Department Chair Compensation Policy.

Motion #7 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director Joan White, to approve the Department Chair Compensation Policy. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held June 7, 2024, in the UTTC Wellness Center Healing Room.

Motion #8 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, there being no further business to come before the board today, May 3, 2024, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.



ReNa Little-Lohnes, Secretary
UTTC Board of Directors

Approval of May 3, 2024, Board Minutes

Motion #2 by Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director Janet Alkire, to approve minutes of May 3, 2024, UTTC Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present June 7, 2024.