



UNITED TRIBES
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

United Tribes Technical College (UTTC)

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

August 2, 2024 @ 9:13 a.m.

UTTC Wellness Center Healing Room

ZOOM Teleconference Meeting

Bismarck, ND

Board Members Present:

1. Lonna Jackson-Street, Chair, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD
2. ReNa Little-Lohnes, Councilwoman, Spirit Lake Tribe (SLT), UTTC BOD *Secretary*
3. Janet Alkire, Chair, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST)
4. Charles Walker, Councilman, SRST *Treasurer*
5. J. Garret Renville, Chair, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe (SWST), UTTC BOD *Vice-Chair*
6. Joan White, Councilwomen, SWST, UTTC BOD
7. Mark Fox, Chair, Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT), UTTC BOD @9:40am via zoom
8. Mervin Packineau, Councilman, TAT, UTTC BOD @9:38am

Board Members Absent:

1. Jamie Azure, Chair, Turtle Mt. Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI), UTTC BOD *Chair*
2. Chad Counts, Councilman, TMBCI, UTTC BOD

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 via zoom
4. Katina DeCoteau, Chief Finance Officer (CFO), UTTC via zoom
5. Robert Lawrence, College Relations Director, UTTC
6. Amy Dewitt, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES), UTTC
7. Melvin Miner, Campus Planner, UTTC
8. Harvey VanSciver, Community Development Specialist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
9. William Mooney, Chief, United States Probation and Pretrial Services
10. Frankee Hall, Business Development – Tribal Design Division, Brunson Architects & Engineers

I. INVOCATION: President McDonald provided the invocation.

II. CALL TO ORDER: Director Garret Renville, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 3, 2024, UTTC Board Meeting minutes.

Motion #2 by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded by Director Joan White, to approve the July 3, 2024 UTTC Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

All directors and division reports were submitted for approval: Academic Affairs, Campus Services, College Relations, Theodore Jamerson Elementary School, and Safety & Security.

Motion #3 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, 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 July.

Motion #4 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director Joan White, to approve the President's Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

The September UTTC Board meeting has been moved from September 6, 2024 to September 3, 2024 @1:30pm in Building 7 - Boardroom.

FINANCE REPORT

Katina DeCoteau, CFO, presented the Finance and Human Resources reports for the month of July.

Motion #5 by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve the Finance and Human Resources reports as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

CAMPUS PLANNER REPORT

Melvin Miner, Campus Planner, presented the TCI Grant Certification Community Support document for approval.

Motion #6 by Director Janet Alkire, seconded by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, to approve the TCI Grant Certification Support as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Melvin Miner presented the USDA RD Tribal College Initiative Grant Resolution for approval.

Motion #7 by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded by Director Joan White, to approve the USDA RD Tribal College Initiative Grant Resolution #24-08-01 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

Melvin Miner presented the Campus Planner report for the month of July.

Motion #8 by Director ReNa Little-Lohnes, seconded by Director Joan White, to accept the Campus Planner report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support for the Snow Country Prison Memorial

President McDonald presented Letter of Support for the Snow Country Prison Memorial for approval.

Motion #9 by Director Lonna Jackson-Street, seconded Director Janet Alkire, to approve Letter of Support for the Snow Country Prison as presented. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held September 3, 2024, in the UTTC Building 7 Conference Room @ 1:30pm.

Motion #10 by Director Charles Walker, seconded by Director Joan White, there being no further business to come before the board today, August 2, 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 August 2, 2024, Board Minutes

Motion #2 by Director J. Garret Renville, seconded by Director Mervin Packineau, to approve minutes of August 2, 2024, UTTC Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous decision by all present September 3, 2024.