

Board of Governors Public Meeting Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Via Teams Meeting Minutes

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on Treaty No. 8 Territory, the traditional meeting grounds and gathering places of Canada's First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

### **Board of Governors:**

Shelley Powell, Chair **Regrets:** Tyrone Brass, 1st Vice Chair **Regrets:** Christian Matte, 2nd Vice Chair Joe MacNeil, Public Member Margaret Ziolecki, Public Member Kim Farwell, Public Member **Regrets:** Staci Millard, Public Member Adele Thomson, Public Member **Regrets:** Nadine Rimmer, Academic Staff Leon Bevans, CUPE Representative **Regrets:** Chioma Igbokei, Student Representative Naika Dunkley, Student Representative Dale Mountain, Interim President & CEO

#### Administration:

Rob LeSage, Vice President Corporate Services & CFO Tracy Boyde, Vice President Infrastructure & CIO Fred Russell, Vice President Academic Suzie Johnson, Executive Director – Human Resources Teena Francis, Senior Executive Assistant (RS)

### 1. Call to Order

S. Powell, Board Chair called the Public Board of Governors meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### 2. Declarations

- 2.1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: There was no declaration of conflict of interest.
- 2.2. Declaration of Fraud & Irregularities: There was no declaration of fraud or irregularities.

### 3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

**Moved by L. Bevans** and seconded by K. Farwell **that**, the Consent Agenda for the June 30, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as presented.

### **Carried Unanimously**

#### 4. Adoption of Regular Agenda

**Moved by L. Bevans** and seconded by A. Thomson **that**, the Regular Agenda for the June 30, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as amended.

**Carried Unanimously** 

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# 5. Governance & HR Update

J. MacNeil, Chair of the Governance & HR Committee provided an overview of the Governance & HR agenda items, including:

**Public Bodies Compensation Disclosure:** The College is required to comply with the Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act. Act. The names and amount of compensation paid to the Keyano College Board of Governors will be included in the published disclosure. Where no remuneration is paid, the names of Board of Governors will be published with a zero value. Since the Keyano College Board of Governors Bylaws stipulate that only Student Board Members be remunerated, their names will include a compensation value.

**Board Evaluation Survey:** The survey has received 10 responses. In September, when the Governance & HR Committee reconvenes, the Board Evaluation Survey will be reviewed, and a summary presented to the Board of Governors.

President Recruitment: The recruitment process is still underway.

## 6. Finance & Audit Committee Update

K. Farwell, Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee provided an overview of the Finance & Audit Committee agenda items, including:

**KC Land Trust Corporation Loan Repayment Schedule**: College Administration has entered into discussion with the Land Trust Board of Directors and presented four (4) options. College Administration agreed to continue dialogue and establish a path forward, and report to the Finance & Audit Committee in January 2022.

Finance 2020 – 2021 Audit Preparation Schedule: College Administration summarized the Audit Schedule.

**Monthly Financials/Dashboard for April**: Also included in the monthly financial review was deferred revenue. College Administration reported that following a conversation with Alberta Infrastructure and Advanced Education, the Expired Deferred Capital Grant certificate was retracted/rescinded, and the College will resume spending on this capital grant for complete the roofing project.

**Internally Restricted Funds:** College Administration will present a revised Net Asset Guidance proposal to the Finance and Audit Committee in Fall 2021 for consideration.

College Administration also shared the Compliance Deadline Schedule and Finance & Audit Reporting Schedule for 2021 -2022.

# 7. Briefing Note: Tri-Agency Approval

College Administration is pleased to announce the Tri-Agency Research approval. The Tri-Agency (formerly known as the Tri-Council) is made up of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities research Council of Canada (SSHRC). These agencies are a major source of post-secondary research grant funding in Canada. In 2019, Keyano College submitted a joint application to all three councils seeking eligibility to hold research grants and awards. Applied research and scholarly activities have been a desired area of growth for Keyano College for several years.

Keyano College was approved to hold research grants and awards by CIHR on January 26, 2021, and by SSHRC and NSERC on May 21, 2021. This gives Keyano access to apply for millions of dollars in research grant and award opportunities annually.

#### 8. Briefing Note: Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation & Tourism Partnership

College Administration is pleased to announce a recent partnership with the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation & Tourism (FMWBEDT).

The College received \$231,000 from Fort McMurray FMWBEDT to recruit and retain more international students to the region. The contract is for three years (2021 – 2024) and includes several new initiatives to grow the number of international students at the College by over 70%. The anticipated growth in international students is expected to have an annual economic impact of over \$3 million on our region. As of April 30, 2021, Keyano currently has 126 international students from 26 countries.

# 9. Briefing Note: Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN) Expression of Interest, Fort Chipewyan Campus

College Administration advised that further to the letter dated June 8, 2021, another letter dated June 29, 2021 was received directing the Board of Governors to work singularly with MCFN Chief and Council.

Through discussion, the Board expressed that it would be in the best interest of the College to ensure formal notification is issued to Métis Local 125, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) advising that the College will be engaging solely with MCFN Chief and Council. The College will also want to ensure that all key donors, third party contributors of the Fort Chipewyan Campus are advised of the negotiation.

College Administration will develop a path forward for consultation and engagement and share with the Board prior to moving forward. Additionally, College Administration will consult with Métis Local 125, and ACFN.

Board Chair, S. Powell commented that all parties should be thoroughly informed before the College get too far into negotiations. If there is opposition, the College will need to pull back and regroup.

## 10. Briefing Note: Keyano College Foundation Update

College Administration reported that at the Sole Director meeting for the Keyano College Foundation on June 15, 2021, new members were appointed to the Foundation Board. Following the appointment of new members, a special resolution to wind-up and dissolve the Foundation was tabled and passed. As of June 16, 2021, all functions of the Foundation were ceased and a liquidator was appointed.

#### 11. In-Camera

D. Mountain, R. LeSage, T. Boyde and F. Russell left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Moved by J. MacNeil and seconded by M. Ziolecki that, the Board of Governors move in-camera at 6:06 p.m.

#### **Carried Unanimously**

# 11.1. President Search/Recruitment Update

J. MacNeil, Chair of the Governance & HR Committee/President Search Committee provided an update.

#### 11.2. Bargaining Update

L. Bevans and left the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

S. Johnson, Executive Director – Human Resources provided an update.

**Moved by A. Thomson** and seconded by J. MacNeil **that**, the Board of Governors conclude the in-camera discussion at 6:17 p.m.

#### **Carried Unanimously**

#### 12. Adjournment

There being no further business, **moved by M. Ziolecki** and seconded by J. MacNeil **that**, the meeting of the Board of Governors be adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

#### **Carried Unanimously**