

Board Members: Ms. Bridget Hennigar, Chair
Mr. Roy Bjorklund
Mr. Brent Cage
Mr. Kevin Szakacs
Ms. Michelle Wallace
Dr. Connie Korpan
Ms. Amber Cardinal

Dr. Glenn Feltham, Interim President and CEO
Ms. Shawna Miller
Ms. Heather Kerschbaumer
Ms. Amy Speedtsberg
Mr. Lydell Torgerson
Mr. Ron Wiebe

Guests: Ms. Cherene Griffiths
Mr. Jarem Gurney
Ms. Jasmin Marshall
Ms. Angela Logan

Ms. Vanessa Sheane
Ms. Sivagowry Lewis
Mr. John Tiede

INTRODUCTION AND BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, welcoming all Board members.

The Board respectfully acknowledges the homeland of the many diverse First Nations and Métis people whose ancestors have walked this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to work, live, and learn on the traditional territory of Treaty 8.

2. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND / OR COMMITMENT

The Chair invited members to declare real, potential or perceived conflicts of interest related to the Board meeting agenda.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR MAY 19, 2021

MOVED by Roy Bjorklund and **SECONDED** by Kevin Szakacs, that the Board of Governors approves the May 19, 2021 Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

4. ADOPTION OF BOARD MINUTES

MOVED by Ron Wiebe and **SECONDED** by Connie Korpan, that the Board of Governors approves the Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting with amendments to items 6.1. and 8.6.

5. INSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

5.1. GPRC Executive Report

5.1....1. Office of the President and CEO

May 11th was a historical day as GPRC was named a Polytechnic Institute. The announcement was received positively from internal and external stakeholders.

The Search for GPRC's next President has begun and Dr. Feltham is confident GPRC will find a qualified candidate.

MOVED by Lydell Torgerson **SECONDED** by Kevin Szakacs, that the Board of Governors move in-camera.

5.1....2. **President's Activities**

5.1....3. **CEO Enterprise Risk Report**

MOVED by Brent Cage **SECONDED** by Amy Speedtsberg, that the Board of Governors move out of camera.

5.2.VP Administration and Finance

Work in the Finance and Administration division centres around the strategic priorities identified in the divisional operating plan supporting 5GPRC. Spring and summer are busy times for all administrative departments as systems, technology, facility and infrastructure are upgraded, while completing year-end and audits.

5.3.VP External Relations

With the Polytechnic announcement, External Relations is very busy working on awareness, transition and brand building. There will need to be extensive engagement and consultation with internal audience and the broader community.

5.4.VP Academic and Research

Overall, the 2020-2021 year was a successful year for the division. For GPRC to fully achieve its polytechnic potential the transformation depends greatly on the successful revamp of all things within Academic and Research.

The work required by the division in the next four to five months will cement the transition for polytechnic status through new program development and alignment of current programming. Broad consultations, Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs, the regional labour market needs assessment, polytechnic best practices, and strategic projects currently underway are guiding this work.

5.5.Board Committee Reports

5.5....1. **Board Chair Report**

The Polytechnic announcement will help GPRC build bonds with the community through engagement and consultation. The Presidential Search is ongoing, and next steps will include shortlisting candidates and making recommendations to the Board as a whole.

MOVED by Roy Bjorklund **SECONDED** by Ron Wiebe, be it resolved that the Board of Governors appoint Brent Cage to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for a one-year term effective July 14, 2021.

CARRIED
5975/2021

5.5....2. **Compliance and Continuity Committee Report**

The Board Chair provided an update from the CCC committee. There are a couple items coming forth from the minutes which will be discussed later.

Two new student representatives will be appointed. Amber Cardinal and Amy Speedtsberg will be leaving the Board of Governors.

6. REQUEST APPROVAL AGENDA

6.1. GPRC Budget 2021/2022

As required by the Post-Secondary Learning Act, the GPRC Board of Governors is required to annually prepare and approve a business plan that includes a budget in which consolidated operating expense does not exceed consolidated revenue.

MOVED by Brent Cage, **SECONDED** by Lydell Torgerson, be it resolved that the GPRC Board of Governors approve the 2021-2024 three-year operating budget plan for submission to Alberta Advanced Education.

CARRIED
5976/2021

6.2. Investment Management Agreement

As per Section 78 of the Post-secondary Learning Act, to enter into an Investment Management Agreement with the Minister of Advanced Education must include: the mandate of the institution, a performance metric(s) for the institution, and any other information requested by the Minister must be presented and approved by the Board.

MOVED by Lydell Torgerson, **SECONDED** by Michelle Wallace, that the Board of Governors approve the Investment Management Agreement as presented.

CARRIED
5977/2021

6.3. Academic Council Appointment

Background: As required by the Post-Secondary Learning Act, the GPRC Academic Council composition includes 9 members appointed by the Board of Governors. Of these:

- 4 are senior officials,
- 2 are public members
- 2 represent the Employees' Association (EA)
- 1 represents the AUPE.

MOVED by Roy Bjorklund, **SECONDED** by Connie Korpan, that the Board of Governors appoint the following members to Academic Council:

- 1) Dr. Vanessa Sheane, Dr. Brian Redmond, Mr. Mark Heart, and Aman Litt are senior official representatives elected for a one-year term effective May 25th, 2021.
- 2) Ms. Dianne McWatt and Sasha Dorscheid are public members representatives for a two-year term effective May 25th, 2021.
- 3) Ms. Lisa Hollis is representing the Employee's Association for a two-year term and Tanya Kinderwater as the alternate Employee's Association representative for a two-year term effective May 25th, 2021.
- 4) Ms. Lenora Roy is representing AUPE for a two-year term and Ms. Stacey Basnett as the alternate AUPE representative to Academic Council for a two-year term effective May 25th, 2021.

CARRIED
5978/2021

7. GOVERNANCE PROCESS ITEMS FOR DECISION (content)

7.1. GP-1 Board Commitment

MOVED by Lydell Torgerson, **SECONDED** by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors has verbally assessed the content for GP-1 Governance Commitment, and agrees that the content reflects the reasonable interpretation of the policy and except it requires the following changes:

- 1) **Item 2:** “We view our responsibility as a steward of our community interests, including all students and stakeholders. We advocate on behalf of our community and endeavour to understand and address the needs of our students and stakeholders.”
- 2) **Item 3:** “We are a diverse yet cohesive group of individuals able to collaborate. After hearing all points of view, even if decisions are not unanimous, we communicate as one unified voice.”
- 3) **Item 4:** Remove “we have fun”

CARRIED
5979/2021

8. MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE (Compliance)

8.1. GP-17 Handling of Apparent Policy Violation

MOVED by Lydell Torgerson, **SECONDED** by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors has verbally assessed its compliance with GP-17 Handling of Apparent Policy Violations Review for Compliance and agrees that the Board of Governors acts consistently and demonstrates compliance with a reasonable interpretation of the policy.

CARRIED
5980/2021

9. POLYTECHNIC: MOVING FORWARD

9.1. What’s next for GPRC

Dr. Feltham shared a presentation on GPRC’s Journey to Polytechnic Status. There will be an intensive marketing plan for community engagement. The Market Research Firm will bring forward a range of options and ideas, but the ultimate decision making will be up to the Board of Governors.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:51pm.