## NORTHWESTERN POLYTECHNIC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## **Board Meeting**

Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 4:00 – 7 PM | Fairview Campus



In Attendance: Shawna Miller Brent Cage Justin Kohlman

Tegan Martin-Drysdale Lorne Radbourne Johan Bolton

Angela Birnie-Browne Lydell Torgerson Heather Kerschbaumer

Dominique Fjeld Andrew Pietsch Cody Beairsto

Guests: Georgia Greenwood-Duncan Karl Germann Sivagowry Lewis

Darlene Horseman Melanie Pack

#### 1. Call to Order

**Territory Acknowledgement:** We acknowledge 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.

### **1.1.** Approval of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Agenda

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the agenda be approved.

## **1.2.** Approval of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Minutes

Moved by Andrew Pietsch that the minutes of the March  $2^{nd}$ , 2023 meeting be accepted.

### **1.3** Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Andrew Pietsch declared that some on the programs being voted on are associated with his current role.

### 2. NWP Executive Report

### **2.1** President and Executive Report

Justin Kohlman announced that Karl Germann was awarded the permanent role of Vice President Corporate Services; in addition, Sivagowry Lewis has resigned her position as NWP's Board Liaison to move into a new role as Associate Dean, Research.

#### 2.2 Risk Assessment

### **2.3** Centre for Entrepreneurial Excellence (CEE)

Through an artificial intelligence-generated visual aid a presentation on the potential landscape/building space for the CEE project was provided. The project is expected to be funded by the provincial, municipal government, and federal government (PrairiesCan). NWP has currently moved to the final approval phase for PrairiesCan funding.

### 3. Committee Reports

### 3.1. Chair Report

The Chair shared her Chair's Report

*March* - NWP hosted its first-year celebrations in both Fairview and Grande Prairie which w as well attended by students, faculty, and community stakeholders. The Fairview campus convocation also occurred in March which was also well attended. *April* – CICAN Conference in Montreal was also attended by Justin Kohlman, Brent Cage, and Sivagowry Lewis. The conference was extremely beneficial and provided networking opportunities and future collaborations. Darlene Horseman also presented at the conference at what was a very well-attended portion of the session. The next conference will be held in Calgary which will provide an opportunity for more board members to attend.

*June* – The Grande Prairie campus convocation will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>; all board members are encouraged to attend at least one of the ceremonies.

#### **3.2.** Executive Committee

## **3.2.1.** Chair Summary of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting

### **3.2.1.1** Board Committee Appointments

Moved by Shawna Miller, that the Board of Governors appoint the following public Board members to the Committee below:

Tegan Martin-Drysdale to the Finance and Audit Committee Cody Beairsto to the Governance and Development Committee

## Carried 6061 / 2023

### 3.2.1.2 Board Committee Reappointments

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors recommend Shawna Miller be reappointed for a second term to the Board of Governors and continue as chair.

## Carried 6062 / 2023

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors recommend Kevin Szakacs be reappointed for a second term to the Board of Governors

# Carried 6063 / 2023

### **3.2.2** Board Budget and Remuneration

Moved by Shawna Miller that the Board of Governors' approve its operating budget in the amount of \$151, 784 in 2023/2024, and sets its remuneration as follows: Board Chair: \$4,500/year Vice Chair: \$3,500/year Board Members: \$1,750/year Sub Committee Members (flat rate): \$500/year

Carried 6064 / 2023

### 3.3. Academic Council

## 3.3.1 Academic Council Bylaws

Moved by Justin Kohlman that the Board of Governors approve the updated Academic Council Bylaws.

# Carried 6065 / 2023

## 3.3.2 Academic Council Appointments

Moved by Justin Kohlman that the Board of Governors approve the appointments of the following members to Academic Council:

Name	Title	Term
Dr. Andrew Dunlop	Dean, School of Applied	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025
	Science and Technology	
Ms. Marcia Aldred	Employee's Association	May 25, 2023-May 24, 2025
	representative	
Ms. Robin Smith-Wilson	Employee's Association	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025
	alternate representative	
Ms. Penny Rose	Public Community Member	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025
Nancy Gorgichuk	Public Community Member	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025
Lenora Roy	AUPE representative	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025
Jori Grimm	AUPE alternate representative	May 25, 2023- May 24, 2025

Carried 6066 / 2023

#### 3.4. Human Resource Committee

- **3.4.1.** Chair Summary of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting
- **3.4.2.** Increase to exclude base wage (Ministerial Order 24/2023)

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors approve the following increase to the President and CEO's salary in alignment with Ministerial Order 23/2023:

- 1)1.25% base salary increase April 1, 2023 (retroactive)
- 2) 1.5% base salary increase December 1, 2023

# Carried 6067 / 2023

### 3.5. Governance and Development Committee

- **3.5.1.** Chair Summary of the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting
- **3.5.2.** Board Governance Process Policy

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors approve GP 1-15.

## Carried 6068 / 2023

#### **3.5.3.** Academic Policies

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors approve the following Academic Policies as presented.

- 1. Academic Freedom Policy
- 2. Scholarly Activity Policy
- 3. Academic Standing and Progression Policy
- 4. Course Outline Policy
- 5. Continuing Education Policy
- 6. Grading Policy
- 7. Adjunct Faculty Policy
- 8. Library Loans and Fines Policy
- 9. Animal Care and Animal Usage Policy

**Carried 6069 / 2023** 

### 3.6. External Relations

- 3.6.1 Chair Summary of May 8th, 2023 Meeting
- **3.6.2** Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Shawna Miller that the External Relations Committee be dissolved and replaced by the Ad Hoc Committee.

## Carried 6070 / 2023

Moved by Shawna Miller that the Board of Governors approve the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Committee.

## Carried 6071 / 2023

#### 3.7. Finance Committee

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors receive NWP Foundation's audited financial statement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

## Carried 6072 / 2023

#### **3.7.2** NWP Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve the transfer of \$4,900,000 from the Unrestricted Surplus to the Capital Renewal & Upgrades Reserve.

# Carried 6073 / 2023

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve NWP's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

Carried 6074 / 2023

### **3.7.3** NWP Investment Management Agreement

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve NWP's 2023-2026 Investment Management Agreement (IMA) as proposed to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

## Carried 6075 / 2023

### **3.7.4** NWP Hidden Valley Land Lease

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors supports the expression of interest to the possible lease of land identified as NE 21-7-6-6, and only parcel 1 (1.24ha), parcel 2(1.54ha) and parcel 21 (0.76 ha), subject to approval of the Ministry and final approval of the Board of Governors of NWP in fall 2023.

## Carried 6076 / 2023

### **3.7.5** NWP Property Trust

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve and submit to the Ministry of Advanced Education, NWP's application to form the NWP Properties Trust.

## **Carried 6077 / 2023**

### 3.7.6 NWP Campus Master Plan & Capital Plan

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors receive as information NWP's 2023 Campus Master Plan.

**Carried 6078 / 2023** 

### 3.7.7 NWP Campus Master Plan & Capital Plan

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve NWP's Three-Year Capital Plan and Ten-Year Facilities Plan, accessing up to \$9.25 million of the Capital Renewal & Upgrades Reserve to renew and right size capital infrastructure over a three-year period.

**Carried 6079 / 2023** 

Moved by Lydell Torgerson, that the Board allocate \$500,000 from internally restricted net assets for the sole purpose of purchasing IT backup servers and related equipment.

## Carried 6080 / 2023

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors approve the use of up to \$3 million of internally restricted net assets to invest in capital infrastructure to design and build the Centre of Entrepreneurial Excellence.

## Carried 6081/ 2023

### 4. Audit Committee

- **4.1** Chair Summary of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting
- **4.2** IT Policy

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors adopt the new policy on Information Technology Management Policy.

Carried 6082 / 2023

#### 5 Alumni Foundation Board of Directors

- **5.1** Chair Summary of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting
- **5.2** Board of Governors Distinguished Innovation Leadership

Moved by Lorne Radbourne that the Board of Governors approves Eunice Friesen as the recipient for the 2023 Board of Governors Distinguished Innovation Leadership Award as presented.

**Carried 6083 / 2023** 

### 1. In-Camera Session

Moved by Lydell Torgerson that the Board of Governors move to an in-camera session at 7:13pm.

### 2. Next Board Meeting

The next NWP Board of Governors meeting will take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.