



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES B 26/06

Date	Monday, February 23, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Virtual/Microsoft Teams
Members present:	Lloyd Schreyer, Chair Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair Jacob Ahiaegbe, David Alao, Lea Clarke, Jeff Doneza, Kevin Gill, Jenna Hnatishin, Kristen Hudym, Marilyn Kenny, Gbolahan Oduntan, Michelle Scebenski, Jasmine Lucero, Ginger Arnold Fred Meier, President and CEO
Regrets:	Stephen Ducharme, Jean-Eric Ghia
Staff:	Melanie Gudmundson, Chief Human Resource Officer Giselle Martel, Vice-President, Finance & Administration Jamie Wilson, Vice-President, Emily Doer, Director, College & Public Relations (Acting) Shelly Smith-Hines, Director, Development Kyla Gibson, Comptroller
Guests:	None
Recording Secretary:	Tiffany Jones, Governance Advisor, Sr. Strategic Advisor

1.0 Convene the Meeting

1.1 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Lloyd Schreyer, Chair of the Board of Governors, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Lloyd began the meeting with a land acknowledgment.

1.2 Call to order, recognition of quorum

With attendance constituting a quorum, Lloyd Schreyer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.3 Declaration of conflict of interest

Lloyd Schreyer asked if any members wish to declare conflicts to any of the agenda items at today's meeting.

No conflicts were declared.

1.4 Agenda dated February 23, 2026

Motion B 26/06/01

Moved by Michelle Scebenski, **Seconded** by Jacob Ahiaegbe,
THAT the regular meeting agenda dated February 23, 2026, be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4:03 p.m.

Emily Doer is now in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

2.0 Closed Session Reports

2.1 Monthly Communications and Government Relations Report

The information report was presented by Emily Doer, Director of College and Public Relations (Acting), and was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued.

The Board acknowledged the importance of ensuring inclusive recognition of important cultural observances.

4:09 p.m.

Emily Doer is no longer in attendance.

Shelly Smith-Hines is now in attendance.

2.2 Comprehensive Campaign Report & Counting

The information report was presented by Shelly Smith-Hines, Director of Development, and was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Motion B 26/06/02

Moved by Marillyn Kenny, **Seconded** by Gbolahan Oduntan,
THAT the Board of Governors approve halting the official counting period for the RRC Polytech Comprehensive Campaign effective March 31, 2026, and all gifts and commitments received between April 1, 2026, and November 30, 2026, be allocated as early, quiet-phase commitments toward the next comprehensive campaign anticipated for public launch in 2028.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

4:18 p.m.

Shelly Smith-Hines is no longer in attendance.

2.3 Strategic Plan KPI's: 2025 Fall Term Report

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided introductory remarks.

The information report was presented by Tiffany Jones, Sr. Strategic Advisor, and was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued.

The Board expressed support for the progress reflected in the KPI results and noted the impact of Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT) transition into future reporting.

4:33 p.m.

2.4 2027 Strategic Plan Development Update

The information report was presented by Tiffany Jones, Sr. Strategic Advisor, and was received by the Board.

4:48 p.m.

3.0 New Business

3.1 DRAFT Finance & Audit Committee meeting minutes, February

Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Chair of the Finance & Audit Committee, provided a brief summary of the Finance & Audit Committee meeting that occurred in February.

4:51 p.m.

Kyla Gibson is now in attendance.

3.2 Financial Report, Q3, 2025-26 FY

The information was provided by Giselle Martel, Vice-President of Finance & Administration, and was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued.

The Board received an update on recent government positions affecting the institution related to funding.

4:59 p.m.

3.3 Contracts over 500k

The information was provided by Giselle Martel, Vice-President of Finance & Administration, and was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued.

The Board reviewed planned investments and the institution's anticipated use for the foreseeable future.

Motion B 26/06/03

Moved by Jeff Doneza, **Seconded** by Kristen Hudym,
THAT the Board of Governors authorize the signing of contracts with values over \$500,000 and anticipated start dates in February 2026.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5:04 p.m.

Kyla Gibson is no longer in attendance.

3.4 MITT Transition

The information was provided by Fred Meier, President & CEO, and was received by the Board.

Giselle Martel, Vice-President of Finance & Administration, also shared comments.

Discussion ensued.

The Board reviewed the update provided and acknowledged ongoing planning efforts prioritizing student interests.

5:22 p.m.

3.5 Institutional Resources and Planning

The information was provided by Fred Meier, President & CEO, and was received by the Board. Giselle Martel, Vice-President of Finance & Administration, also shared comments.

5:24 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

4.0 Open Session Reports

4.1 Board of Governors meeting minutes dated January 26, 2026

The Board of Governors meeting minutes were presented by Lloyd Schreyer, Chair of the Board of Governors, and received by the Board.

Motion B 26/06/04

Moved by Kristen Hudym, **Seconded** by Jasmine Lucero,
THAT the meeting minutes dated January 26, 2026, and the meeting minutes dated February 9, 2026, be approved as recorded.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5:25 p.m.

4.2 President & CEO's Report

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided an update on internal and external engagement activities. Internal engagement included communications to the RRC Polytech community regarding the MITT wind-down, as well as participation in student award ceremonies and institutional events. External engagement activities included meetings with provincial government officials, participation in the Post-Secondary Presidents Council, and ongoing engagement with industry partners to support institutional priorities and Manitoba's labour market needs.

Fred also commented on organizational planning following the MITT wind-down announcement, including early program mapping informed by labour market needs. Fred highlighted first-quarter student recruitment activities, including the launch of the Indigenous Free Application Fee initiative and the annual Open Doors event.

Additional institutional updates highlighted inclusive academic calendar changes and progress in advancing Truth and Reconciliation through a collaborative approach to collective bargaining. Updates further included workforce-aligned program initiatives such as the Health Care Aide program, student success outcomes on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, EDIA observances, the integration of AI skills into academic programs, Indigenous entrepreneurship and partnership initiatives with Mittohnee Pogo-ohtah, the

Canadian Culinary Federation Competition, a diagnostic math rest pilot for Business Administration students, an update Inservice Day Camps, regional Eastman needs assessment activities and outreach efforts, and recognition of excellence through the 2026 Excellence Awards.

5:29 p.m.

4.3 Student Representative Board Member's Report

Jasmine Lucero, Student Representative Board Member and President of the Students' Association provided an update on the Students' Association's activities, including progress toward finalizing the Students' Association's 2027–2030 Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on clear, measurable outcomes and advancing Truth and Reconciliation. Updates also included preparations for upcoming student referenda, proposed initiatives to expand student spaces and services, advocacy efforts at the provincial level, enhancements to student support services, office renovation planning, and student engagement activities aimed at supporting student well-being and campus life.

5:36 p.m.

4.4 Employee Representative Board Member's Report

Ginger Arnold, Employee Representative Board Member, provided an overview of recent RRC Polytech Council discussion topics, including the institutions AI strategy, and updated the Board on initiatives to enhance communication and information sharing among Council members.

5:37 p.m.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Next Meeting, March 23, 2026 (Virtual)

Lloyd Schreyer reminded the Board about the next meeting date and format. It was noted that, in the absence of Board Chair Lloyd Schreyer, Vice-Chair Phyllis Reid-Jarvis will chair the meeting.

No further business was tabled.

The Board noted the MB Government's open budget consultation process, which provides opportunity for the public to offer input.

IN CAMERA SESSION

6.0 In Camera

The Board did not enter into an in-camera session.

7.0 Closing

7.1 Adjournment

Lloyd Schreyer thanked the Board members for their participation.

Motion B 26/06/05

Moved by Kristen Hudym, **Seconded** by Ginger Arnold,

THAT the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

This section is completed after the Board of Governors approves the recorded meeting minutes at the next Board meeting.

Recommendation to approve the meeting minutes.

Moved by David Alao, Seconded by Jeff Doneza,

THAT the Board of Governors approves the February 23, 2026, meeting minutes as recorded.

SIGNED

Lloyd Schreyer, Chair, Board of Governors
Approval Date: March 23, 2026

SIGNED

Tiffany Jones, Board Secretary