RED RIVER COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC — BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
B 26/08

Date	Monday, April 27, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.
Location:	Notre Dame Campus
Members present:	Lloyd Schreyer, Chair Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair Jacob Ahiaegbe, David Alao, Lea Clarke, Jeff Doneza, Stephen Ducharme, Jean-Eric Ghia, Kevin Gill, Jenna Hnatishin, Kristen Hudym, Marilyn Kenny, Michelle Scebenski, Jasmine Lucero, Ginger Arnold Fred Meier, President and CEO
Regrets:	Gbolahan Oduntan
Staff:	Melanie Gudmundson, Chief Human Resource Officer Giselle Martel, Vice-President, Finance & Administration Christine Watson, Vice-President, Academic Jamie Wilson, Vice-President, Indigenous Strategy, Research, & Business Development Emily Doer, Director, College & Public Relations (Acting) Jade Karsin, Director, Procurement & Logistics Nancy Carroll, MITT Transition Lead Kyla Gibson, Comptroller
Guests:	Member of the Public in attendance (Open Session)
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 those present, and opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgment.

The Chair acknowledged this being the final Board meeting of Jasmine Lucero's term as Student Representative Board Member and expressed appreciation for their contributions to the Board.

1.2 Call to order, recognition of quorum

With attendance constituting a quorum, Lloyd Schreyer called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

1.3 Declaration of conflict of interest

Lloyd Schreyer invited declarations of conflict of interest.

One declaration was made:
- Item 3.4 – Ginger Arnold

No further conflicts were declared.

1.4 Agenda dated April 27, 2026

Motion B 26/08/01

Moved by Jean-Eric Ghia, **Seconded** by Stephen Ducharme,
THAT the regular meeting agenda dated April 27, 2026, be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:07 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.

5:13 p.m.
Emily Doer is no longer in attendance.
Jade Karsin and Kyla Gibson are now in attendance.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chain

The information report was presented by Jade Karsin, Director of Procurement & Logistics, and was received by the Board.

The Board noted this being the third year of reporting.

Motion B 26/08/02

Moved by Jacob Ahiaegbe, **Seconded** by David Alao,
THAT the Board of Governors approve the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act report and provide a signed attestation by one or more members of the Board, for submission to the Government of Canada and posting on RRC Polytech's website by May 31, 2026.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:26 p.m.
Jade Karsin is no longer in attendance.
Nancy Carroll is now in attendance.

3.2 MITT Transition update

Nancy Carroll, MITT Transition Lead, presented an update on the MITT transition. The information was received by the Board.

The Board examined the transition overall, including financial, operational, and legal considerations.

The Board reviewed key elements of the integration, including assets, programs, and workforce planning, with attention to risk management and sustainability. They acknowledged the significant scale and complexity of the transition and expressed appreciation for the work undertaken to date.

6:03 p.m.
Nancy Carroll and Ginger Arnold are no longer in attendance.

3.3 Institutional Resources & Planning

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

6:30 p.m.
Ginger Arnold and Kyla Gibson are now in attendance.
Jean-Eric Ghia is no longer in attendance.

3.4 Contracts over 500k

Giselle Martel, Vice-President Finance & Administration, presented information outlining proposed contracts, which was received by the Board.

The Board examined alignment of procurement practices with strategic priorities, including equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) commitments.

The Board discussed current vendor evaluation processes, reviewing procurement controls and due diligence measures.

Motion B 26/08/03

Moved by Marilyn Kenny, **Seconded** by Jacob Ahiaegbe,
THAT the Board of Governors authorize the signing of contracts with value over $500,000 an anticipated start date in April 2026 through August 2026.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

6:41 p.m.

3.5 2026/27 Tuition and Fees Proposal

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

The Board examined recruitment practices for international agents.

The Board discussed tuition amounts, including alignment with comparable institutions, affordability considerations and cost mitigation measures for students.

Motion B 26/08/04

Moved by Kevin Gill, **Seconded** by Kristen Hudym,
THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed 2026/27 Tuition and Fees as outlined as submitted.
THAT the Board of Governors note the RRC Polytech Students' Association's (RRCSA) planned fee increases, as well as a planned new RRCSA fee to support capital project

development, and will consider the collection of these fees on behalf of the RRCSA at a later date.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

6:56 p.m.

3.6 RRC Polytech 2026/27 Fiscal Year Budget

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

The Board reviewed the proposed operating and capital budget. The Board noted the constraints and timelines associated with the budget approval process each year and supported scheduling additional Board discussion, as needed, to ensure clarity and oversight.

Motion B 26/08/05

Moved by Jacob Ahiaegbe, **Seconded** by Stephen Ducharme,
THAT the Board of Governors approve RRC Polytech's 2026/27 Budget.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

7:18 p.m.
Kyla Gibson is no longer in attendance.
Member of the public is now in attendance.

The Board recessed from 7:18 p.m. - 7:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

4.0 Open Session Reports

4.1 Board of Governors meeting minutes dated March 23, 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 26/08/06

Moved by Lea Clarke, **Seconded** by Jeff Doneza,
THAT the meeting minutes dated March 23, 2026, be approved as recorded.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

7:34 p.m.

4.2 President & CEO's Report

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided an update on internal engagement activities highlighting the annual Skills Manitoba competition and Skills Manitoba Luncheon at Jane's, Administrative Professionals Day celebrations for staff, and students at the Manufacturing, Transportation & Aviation Awards. He shared that Senior Leaders at RRC Polytech met with the outgoing Students' Association Executive Team to thank them for their work over the last year and provide them with certificates of recognition.

Fred Meier also provided an update on external engagement activities sharing comments on meetings with industry partners, including a Business Council of Manitoba 'Breakfast and Learn' at RRC Polytech's Centre for Automation and Manufacturing Technology Transfer. In addition, he shared that time this period was spent meeting with the Education, Training and Workforce Development Subcommittee for the Premier's Business & Jobs Council, as well as the Post-Secondary Presidents Council, which brings together the Presidents of Post-Secondary Institutions in the province to discuss shared priorities and concerns.

The President & CEO also provided several high-level institutional updates regarding international education work permit amendments, international partnerships, the Indigenous Career Fair event, Truth and Reconciliation related initiatives, the SheLeads Manitoba International Women's Day event, summer youth camps, Mittohnee Pago'ohtah, and highlighted Mayor Scott Gillingham's visit to a Creative Communication Class.

The update was received by the Board.

7:42 p.m.

4.3 Employee Representative Board Member's Report

Ginger Arnold, Employee Representative Board Member, provided an overview of recent RRC Polytech Council discussion topics including the upcoming Red Forum event for staff, their strategic planning survey involvement, artificial intelligence, and academic integrity items.

The update was received by the Board.

7:45 p.m.

4.4 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 the new Master Operating Agreement between RRC Polytech and the Students' Association, the Students' Association Strategic Plan for 2027-2030, a Turban Celebration Day event, and updates on annual SA Executive transition, and a capital project update.

The update was received by the Board.

The Board asked questions related to the Students' Association's capital project including its purpose, scope, and long-term objectives, expressing governance and oversight considerations, given the proposed project's scale and duration. The Board indicated it would be seeking additional information from the SA regarding their proposed capital project to support further review and due diligence.

7:55 p.m.

<u>5.0 Other Business</u>

5.1 Next Meeting, May 25, 2026 (In-person)

Lloyd Schreyer reminded the Board about the next meeting date and format.

No further business was tabled.

7:55 p.m.

Member of the public is no longer in attendance.
Melanie Gudmundson, Giselle Martel, Christine Watson, and Jamie Wilson are no longer in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

6.0 In Camera

The Board entered into an in-camera session. Staff present: Fred Meier, Tiffany Jones

8:09 p.m.

The Board entered into a closed In Camera session without the President & CEO.

8:11 p.m.

7.0 Closing

7.1 Adjournment

Lloyd Schreyer thanked the Board members for their participation.

Motion B 26/08/07

Moved by Jacob Ahiaegbe, **Seconded** by David Alao,
THAT the Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 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 Kevin Gill, Seconded by Jenna Hnatishin,
THAT the Board of Governors approves the April 27, 2026, meeting minutes as recorded.

SIGNED **SIGNED**

Lloyd Schreyer, Chair, Board of Governors
Approval Date: May 25, 2026

Tiffany Jones, Board Secretary