RED RIVER COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
B 26/07

Date	Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.
Location:	Virtual/Microsoft Teams
Members present:	Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair David Alao, Lea Clarke, Jeff Doneza, Jean-Eric Ghia, Jenna Hnatishin, Kristen Hudym, Marilyn Kenny, Gbolahan Oduntan, Michelle Scebenski, Jasmine Lucero, Ginger Arnold Fred Meier, President and CEO
Regrets:	Lloyd Schreyer (Chair), Jacob Ahiaegbe, Stephen Ducharme, Kevin Gill
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) Adam Gerhard, Chief Information Officer Neil Fogg, Manager, ITS Protection and Compliance Nancy Carroll, MITT Transition Lead
Guests:	None
Recording Secretary:	Tiffany Jones, Governance Advisor, Sr. Strategic Advisor

1.0 Convene the Meeting

1.1 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Phyllis began the meeting with a land acknowledgment.

1.2 Call to order, recognition of quorum

With attendance constituting a quorum, Phyllis Reid-Jarvis called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.3 Declaration of conflict of interest

Phyllis Reid-Jarvis 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 March 23, 2026

Motion B 26/07/01

Moved by Kristen Hudym, **Seconded** by Gbolahan Oduntan,
THAT the regular meeting agenda dated March 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.

The Board asked about staff reception of weekly MITT transition communications, including impacts on staff well-being. Fred Meier, President & CEO responded.

4:11 p.m.
Emily Doer is no longer in attendance.
Jenna Hnatishin, Adam Gerhard and Neil Fogg are now in attendance.

2.2 Quarterly Cybersecurity Report

The information report was presented by Adam Gerhard, Chief Information Officer, and was received by the Board.

The Board clarified the interpretation of the results shared.

4:17 p.m.
Nancy Caroll is now in attendance.
Adam Gerhard and Neil Fogg are no longer in attendance.

3.0 New Business

3.1 MITT Transition update

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided introductory remarks and introduced Nancy Carroll.

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

The Board asked questions regarding:

- The tracking of transition-related expenditures and resource use;
- Considerations related to workforce capacity; and
- Risk management.

The Board received responses from Fred Meier and Nancy Carroll.

4:52 p.m.
Nancy Carroll is no longer in attendance.

3.2 Institutional Resources & Planning

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

4:55 p.m.

3.3 Annual Honorary Degree/Diploma Recipient Nomination

Christine Watson, Vice-President, Academic, presented information regarding the Annual Honorary Degree/Diploma Recipient nominations, which was received by the Board.

Christine advised that four nominees were brought forward this year, which is an atypical number, reflecting both the quality of applications received and an increase in nominations over time. An overview of the nominees was provided.

Board members asked questions regarding the nomination and decision-making process, to which leadership responded.

Board members expressed support for the nominations.

Motion B 26/07/02

Moved by Ginger Arnold, **Seconded** by David Alao,
THAT the Board of Governors approve the Tributes Steering Committee recommendation to award:

- Tina Keeper an Honorary Diploma in Creative Communications (June Convocation)
- Joyce and Ron Sobering an Honorary Diploma in Automotive Technician (June Convocation)
- Ron Brown an Honorary Diploma in Child and Youth Care (November Convocation)
- Dr. Gerry Price an Honorary Degree in Bachelor of Technology in Advanced Manufacturing (November Convocation)

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:11 p.m.

3.4 Investment Committee meeting minutes, December 2025

Jeff Doneza, Chair of the Investment Committee, provided a brief summary of the Investment Committee meeting that occurred in December.

5:12 p.m.

3.5 Investment Committee member candidate

The information was provided by Jeff Doneza, Chair of the Investment Committee, and was received by the Board.

The Board examined the suitability of the candidate and expressed no concerns.

Motion B 26/07/03

Moved by Jasmine Lucero, **Seconded** by Ginger Arnold,

THAT the Board of Governors appoint Tyler Smith to the Investment Committee as a community member effective April 1, 2026, for a term ending March 31, 2029.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:16 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

4.0 Open Session Reports

4.1 Board of Governors meeting minutes dated February 23, 2026

The Board of Governors meeting minutes were presented by Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors, and received by the Board.

Motion B 26/07/04

Moved by David Alao, **Seconded** by Jeff Doneza,
THAT the meeting minutes dated February 23, 2026, be approved as recorded.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:17 p.m.

4.2 President & CEO's Report

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided an update on internal and external engagement activities including leadership development and engagement activities with staff and faculty, and meetings with federal and provincial representatives and local leaders.

The President & CEO also provided a high-level institutional update highlighting recent academic achievements, student success, partnerships, and strategic initiatives.

The update was received by the Board.

5:22 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 the 2026 Executive Elections, recent student referendum results, and ongoing work related to student governance, advocacy, and transition planning.

The update was received by the Board.

5:26 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 MITT transition related matters, campus and access considerations, sustainability initiatives, governance topics, and internal communications.

The update was received by the Board.

5:32 p.m.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Next Meeting, April 27, 2026 (In-person)

Phyllis Reid-Jarvis reminded the Board about the next meeting date and format.

No further business was tabled.

5:32 p.m.
Melanie Gudmundson, Giselle Martel, Christine Watson, and Jamie Wilson are no longer in attendance.

IN CAMERA SESSION

6.0 In Camera (Staff present: Fred Meier, Tiffany Jones)

The Board entered into an in-camera session.

7.0 Closing

7.1 Adjournment

Phyllis Reid-Jarvis thanked the Board members for their participation.

Motion B 26/07/05

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 5:39 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 Lea Clarke, Seconded by Jeff Doneza,
THAT the Board of Governors approves the March 23, 2026, meeting minutes as recorded.

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Lloyd Schreyer, Chair, Board of Governors
Approval Date: April 27, 2026

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Tiffany Jones, Board Secretary