RED RIVER COLLEGE POLYTECHNIC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES
B 26/09

Date	Monday, May 25, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.
Location:	Notre Dame Campus
Members present:	Lloyd Schreyer, Chair Phyllis Reid-Jarvis, Vice-Chair Jacob Ahiaegbe, David Alao (Virtual), Lea Clarke, Jeff Doneza (Virtual), Stephen Ducharme, Jean-Eric Ghia, Kevin Gill, Jenna Hnatishin, Marilyn Kenny, Gbolahan Oduntan (Virtual), Mohammad Butt (Virtual), Ginger Arnold Fred Meier, President and CEO
Regrets:	Kristen Hudym, Michelle Scebenski
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) Shelly Smith-Hines, Director, Development 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

Lloyd Schreyer, Chair of the Board of Governors, welcomed those present.

Lloyd welcomed Mohammed Butt, Student Representative Board Member, to their first meeting.

Lloyd opened 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 5:04 p.m.

1.3 Declaration of conflict of interest

Lloyd Schreyer invited declarations of conflict of interest.

No conflicts were declared.

1.4 Agenda dated May 25, 2026

Motion B 26/09/01

Moved by Jean-Eric Ghia, **Seconded** by Marilyn Kenny,
THAT the regular meeting agenda dated May 25, 2026, be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

5:05 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.

5:09 p.m.
Emily Doer is no longer in attendance.
Shelly Smith-Hines is now in attendance.

2.2 Comprehensive Campaign Report, Q4

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

The Board expressed support for the team's efforts and progress. Board members confirmed that reporting is based on realized funding, which was affirmed as appropriate.

5:18 p.m.
Shelly Smith-Hines is no longer in attendance.
Jacob Ahiaegbe and Nancy Carroll are now in attendance.

3.0 New Business

3.1 MITT Transition update

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

Discussion addressed student supports, credential recognition, student pathways to RRC Polytech, and measures to ensure ongoing verification and record stewardship.

Board members also acknowledged the complexity of the transition and expressed appreciation for the sensitivity shown to staff and students throughout the process. The operational impact of the transition on staff capacity and institutional priorities was noted.

5:54 p.m.
Nancy Carroll is no longer in attendance.
Jenna Hnatishin is now in attendance.

The Board recessed from 5:53 – 5:57 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 5:57 p.m.

3.2 2026/27 RRC Polytech Annual Budget: Process review

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

Discussion ensued regarding efforts to track MITT transition-related costs, as well as ongoing advocacy.

The Board expressed appreciation for the additional context provided.

6:22 p.m.

3.3 RRC Polytech Students' Association Capital Fund Fee

Lloyd Schreyer and Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided an update which was received by the Board.

Members expressed support for student initiative while raising concerns regarding governance, due diligence, financial risk, and alignment with the SA's core mandate. Consideration was given to shared risks for RRC Polytech.

It was noted that further discussions with the Students' Association will occur, with a recommendation to be brought forward to the Board regarding collection of the new Capital Fee proposed by the Students' Association.

6:48 p.m.
Mohammad Butt is no longer in attendance.

3.4 2027 Strategic Plan Development: Status Update

Fred Meier, President & CEO, shared opening remarks.

The information was provided by Tiffany Jones, Senior Strategic and Governance Advisor, and was received by the Board.

6:53 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

<u>4.0 Open Session Reports</u>

4.1 Board of Governors meeting minutes dated April 27, 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 26/09/02

Moved by Kevin Gill, **Seconded** by Jenna Hnatishin,
THAT the meeting minutes dated April 27, 2026, be approved as recorded.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

6:54 p.m.

4.2 President & CEO's Report

Fred Meier, President & CEO, provided an update on internal engagement activities highlighting the annual Graduation Pow Wow, Excellence Awards, and Executive Coffee Breaks providing opportunities for connection with the RRC Polytech Community.

Fred Meier also provided an update on external engagement activities sharing comments on The Polytechnics Canada Showcase, as well as meetings and tours that occurred with municipal, provincial, and federal representatives, as well as members of the business community.

The President & CEO also provided several high-level institutional updates.

Discussion ensued regarding the integration of AI across programs and the AI training and resources widely available for faculty, staff, and students.

7:04 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 institutional changes affecting faculty work environments, teaching delivery, and operational practices.

The update was received by the Board.

Discussion ensued on available efforts to optimize space utilization and discussion occurred regarding reported engagement data and staff experience.

7:10 p.m.

4.4 Student Representative Board Member's Report

The report was not presented as the Student Representative Board Member was unable to attend due to travel commitments.

5.0 Other Business

5.1 Next Meeting, June 22, 2026 (In-person)

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

No further business was tabled.

7:12 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 where the following motions were presented:

Motion B 26/09/03

Moved by Kevin Gill, **Seconded** by Phyllis Reid-Jarvis,
THAT the Board of Governors approve the implementation of a Consent Agenda section for Board meetings, where appropriate for board meetings with heavy agendas.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

Motion B 26/09/04

Moved by Kevin Gill, **Seconded** by Ginger Arnold,
THAT the Board of Governors approve the regular Board meeting schedule for 2026/27.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

7:36 p.m.

The Board entered into a Closed In Camera session without the President & CEO in attendance where the following motion was presented:

Motion B 26/09/05

Moved by Lea Clarke, **Seconded** by Jacob Ahiaegbe,
THAT the President’s Annual Performance Evaluation Report on President & CEO Fred Meier’s 2025/26 performance, and the recommendations contained within, be approved.

The motion was **CARRIED.**

7:37 p.m.

7.0 Closing

7.1 Adjournment

Lloyd Schreyer thanked the Board members for their participation.

Motion B 26/09/06

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

The motion was **CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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 Marilyn Kenny,
THAT the Board of Governors approves the May 25, 2026, meeting minutes as recorded.

SIGNED	**SIGNED**
Lloyd Schreyer, Chair, Board of Governors	**Tiffany Jones, Board Secretary**
Approval Date: June 22, 2026	