



AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members of Renison University College

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 6:00 p.m. | Microsoft Teams

MINUTES- Open Session- FINAL

The minutes were approved at the October 25, 2023 Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: Jason Blokhuis, Ryan Connell, Wendy Fletcher (President), Brian Hendley, Keith Hipel, Yaacov Iland, Jane Karanassiou, Thomas Littlewood, Edwin Ng, Joseph Olubobokun (Secretary), Ashton Romany, Karen Spencer (Chair), Liz Vitek (Vice-Chair), Shumiao Wang (Treasurer), Marita Williams

REGRETS: Manfred Conrad (Chancellor), Asnake Dabala, Sarah Malik, Frances Tse

GUESTS: Cort Egan, Kim Haley, Melanie McKellar, Tanya Missere Mihas, Kristiina Montero, Jill Pauls

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: With gratitude, we acknowledge that Renison University College is located on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (also known as Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples, which is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on each side of the Grand River. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, community building and outreach, and is centralized within the work of our Truth and Reconciliation Working Group and the University of Waterloo's [Indigenous Initiatives Office](#).

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Karen Spencer provided the land acknowledgement.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**- Karen Spencer

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOVED by Jason Blokhuis to approve the agenda; **SECONDED** by Brian Hendley.

CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – October 27, 2021

MOVED by Yaacov Iland to approve the AGM minutes from October 27, 2021; **SECONDED** by Thomas Littlewood.

CARRIED.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

6. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**– Karen Spencer

Members were encouraged to read the Renison Annual Report. Appreciation to Board members for their work in carrying forward initiatives related to infrastructure, the theme of this year's report.

Renison, in signing on to the Scarborough Charter, and through the commitment to truth and reconciliation, has demonstrated ongoing thoughtful work around equity issues.

Chancellor Search Committee- Thomas Littlewood agreed to serve as the Chair of the Chancellor Search Committee. He is joined by Board members Ashton Romany and Edwin Ng. Other committee members include Brenda Maciel (Staff), Tracy Peressini (Faculty), Cort Egan, and Wendy Fletcher. There is an opening for another member of the Board on the committee and volunteers for the position can contact Lisa Kessig directly.

7. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**- Wendy Fletcher

To members of the Board, and Board Chair Karen Spencer, deep gratitude for not giving up on Renison through the complex and difficult days of the pandemic and the days recovering from the pandemic.

Ex-officio Board Members

The appointee of the University of Waterloo's President Vivek Goel as of January 1, 2023 was announced as Jean Becker, AVP of Indigenous Relations.

Jane Karanassiou, current CAPE staff appointee has been re-elected by CAPE staff to an additional 3 year term starting January 1, 2023.

8. REPORT OF THE TREASURER- Shumiao Wang

Appreciation to Jill Pauls, Brenda Doyle, and Wendy Fletcher, for their hard work this past year, and to the Finance & Audit Committee, and the Board for their guidance and leadership as Renison continues to navigate the financial challenges presented by the pandemic.

a) Financial Statements

Fiscal year 2022 concluded in better financial standing than FY 2021. Revenues increased by \$3M and the net deficit decreased by \$2.2M year over year which was largely driven by the return to campus in January, and the increase in residence and food service revenue. The year ended with a small cash deficit due to non-cash items. Renison continues as a going concern and has met the debt covenants with the assistance of the University of Waterloo.

MOVED by Shumiao Wang to ratify the audited financial statements for fiscal year end April 30, 2022; **SECONDED by Keith Hipel.** **CARRIED.**

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2022-2023

MOVED by Shumiao Wang to reappoint KPMG as the auditors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; **SECONDED by Ryan Connell.** **CARRIED.**

10. ELECTION OF A NEW BOARD MEMBER- Thomas Littlewood

Ratification of bylaw revisions

A few revisions were made to definitions contained in the bylaws which had not been included last year when substantial updates to the bylaws were made. These revisions were approved at the Board meeting in September.

MOVED by Thomas Littlewood that the bylaw changes approved by the Board on September 21, 2022 be ratified; **SECONDED by Marita Williams.** **CARRIED.**

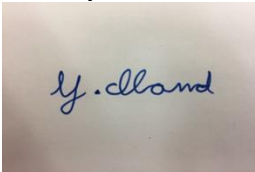
New Board member election

Neha Chugh, a lawyer and Renison grad was recommended to the members for a 3 year term on the Board beginning January 1, 2023.

MOVED by Thomas Littlewood to elect Neha Chugh as a Board member for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2023; **SECONDED by Jason Blokhuis.** **CARRIED.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Jason Blokhuis to adjourn the AGM; **SECONDED by Keith Hipel.** **CARRIED.**



Yaacov Iland
Secretary, Board of Governors