



AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members of Renison University College

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. | TEAMS

MINUTES- Open Session- The minutes were approved at the October 26, 2022 AGM.

PRESENT: Jason Blokhuis, Shelby Bolitsky, Ryan Connell, Manfred Conrad, Wendy Fletcher (President), Matthew Griffin, Brian Hendley (Chair), Yaacov Iland, Jane Karanassiou, Matthew Kieswetter, Edwin Ng, Joseph Olubobokun, Peter Ringrose, Ashton Romany (Treasurer), Karen Spencer, Frances Tse, Liz Vitek

REGRETS: Asnake Dabala, Keith Hipel (Secretary)

GUESTS: Kayla Blake, Willow Carmount, Cort Egan, Kim Haley, Thomas Littlewood, Jill Pauls, Iliana Tacuri, Todd Townshend, Shumiao Wang

RECORDER: Lisa Kessig

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**

2. **OPENING PRAYER**- Todd Townshend

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was accepted by consensus.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – October 21, 2020

MOVED by Manfred Conrad to approve the minutes from the AGM on October 21, 2020; **SECONDED by Matthew Kieswetter.** **CARRIED.**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

6. **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**– Brian Hendley

Vice-Chair Karen Spencer provided the land acknowledgement.

- a) Student Presentations- Cort Egan introduced student speakers Shelby Bolitsky (current Board member), Willow Carmount, and Iliana (Ceci) Tacuri to share their reflections of being a student at Renison. With their unique experiences, the students shared a common experience of Renison as a supportive community, a comfortable place with opportunity to make connections, a place to care and share with the ability to find resources and support as needed. The good care and support from Renison Dons was noted.

- b) Report of the President Search Committee- Karen Spencer, Chair of the President Search Committee reported that at the first meeting, the search was tabled following the recommendation of a committee member to ask President Wendy Fletcher if she would extend her term in order to provide stability during the pandemic. The Chair met with the President, who agreed to extend her term for an additional two years. Deep appreciation to President Wendy Fletcher.

7. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT- Wendy Fletcher

The President acknowledged the student presenters with gratitude. A reminder that the focus of our work should always be our students.

Appreciation to Board Chair Karen Spencer, the Search Committee, Board members and all members of the Renison daily team. Renison is heading into a couple of challenging years, and it may be two years or more before there is reliable stability in the system once again. The President will be there with Renison through this period and Renison will survive. There will be change and challenge, but Renison will rise.

8. REPORT OF THE TREASURER- Ashton Romany

Appreciation to Jill, Brenda, Wendy and auditors Kim and Kaya for their efforts in preparing the financial statements. The audited statements were presented to the Board September 27. There was a revenue loss of \$2.8M compared to the loss the previous year of \$1.4M due to the residence closure related to the pandemic.

As the debt covenant could not be reached this year, a waiver from the bank was received.

Swift action was urged to avoid another breach of the debt covenant.

MOVED by Ashton Romany to adopt the audited financial statements for fiscal year end April 30, 2021;
SECONDED by Manfred Conrad. **CARRIED.**

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2021-2022

MOVED by Ashton Romany to reappoint KPMG as the auditors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; **SECONDED by Liz Vitek.** **CARRIED.**

Kim Haley and Kayla Blake of KPMG exited the meeting.

10. ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Governance Committee review applications for the two vacancies for elected members and provided a recommendation to the Board at the meeting in September.

MOVED by Peter Ringrose to elect Shumiao Wang, and Thomas Littlewood to 3 year terms on the Board beginning January 1, 2022; **SECONDED by Matthew Griffin.** **CARRIED.**

The by-laws require that a new Chair of the Board be elected every 2 years. The term for current Chair Brian Hendley ends December 31, 2021, Many thanks for his great service and leadership.

A new Chair is needed for January 1, 2022

MOVED by Peter Ringrose to elect current Vice-Chair Karen Spencer to the position of Chair of the Board for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2022; **SECONDED by Matthew Kieswetter.** **CARRIED.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Ryan Connell to adjourn the AGM; **SECONDED by Jason Blokhuis.** **CARRIED.**



Joseph Olubobokun
Secretary, Board of Governors