

In Attendance:	Joseph Handley, Chairperson, Board of Governors Richard Boudreault, Vice Chairperson, Board of Governors Tom Colosimo, Chairperson, Planning & Accountability Committee Grant Hood, Acting Chairperson, Audit & Finance Committee Dave Hurley, Chairperson, Governance Committee Ellice Schneider, Board Member Kevin Antoniak, Board Member Mieke Cameron, Board Member Wanda Roberts, Staff Representative Jack Rowe, Board Member (In Part – Virtually) Angela James, President, Aurora College Heather Meacock, Executive Assistant (Virtually)
Guests:	Déneze Nakehk'o, Chairperson, Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council Hilary LeRoy-Gauthier, North Star Leadership
Regrets:	Lorraine Tordiff, Board Member Rebecca Plotner, Board Member Xiaoyi Yan, Staff Representative Naomi Peterson, Student Representative

- 1. Land Acknowledgement & Welcome (President)**
- 2. Call to Order & Attendance**
The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm on September 24, 2024 by the Chairperson.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
No declarations.
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
Motion#BG01-Sept-2024: To adopt the agenda as presented.
Moved by: Richard Boudreault
Seconded by: Kevin Antoniak
Unanimous/Carried (September 24, 2024)
- 5. IN CAMERA**
Motion#BG02-Sept-2024: To go IN CAMERA at 1:12pm on September 24, 2024.
Moved by: Grant Hood
Seconded by: Wanda Roberts
Unanimous/Carried (September 24, 2024)
Motion#BG03-Sept-2024: To come out of IN CAMERA at 2:56pm on September 24, 2024.
Move by: Grant Hood
Seconded by: Richard Boudreault
Unanimous/Carried (September 24, 2024)

6. Aurora College Mandate Agreement – Final

Motion#BG04-Sept-2024: To approve the Aurora College Mandate Agreement, noting a few minor formatting corrections.

Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Mieke Cameron

Unanimous/Carried (September 24, 2024)

7. President's Report

The President's report provided to the Board, included the specific presentations below and the following items:

- Beginnings as a New President
- Legislative Directions
- Board Directions
 - Legislation
 - Aurora College Mandate & Board Priority Setting
 - Aurora College Corporate Plan
 - Annual Report
 - Meetings with the Minister, Education Culture & Employment (ECE)
 - Legislative Assembly Standing Committee Meetings (Economic Development and Social Development)
- President's Directions (BOG)
 - Leadership Management Plan
 - Work Objectives
 - Process and Protocol Guidelines – Aurora College & ECE
 - Post-Secondary Education Accountability Framework
 - Campus Visits
- College Operations, Processes and Programs
 - Strategic Planning – Strategic Directions Committee
 - Academic Plan
 - Academic Council
 - Strategic Enrollment Management and Marketing Plan 2
 - College Programming
 - General Studies Diploma
 - Bachelor of Education Degree
 - Bachelor of Social Work Degree
 - Remediation micro-credential development
 - Funding – Bachelor of Education programming
 - Centre for Learning, Teaching and Innovation, Aurora College
 - Community Learning Centres – Upgrading
 - Funding – Adult Learning Basic Education (ALBE)
- Aurora Research Institute (Research Division)
 - Implement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU)
 - Human Resource and financial practices and improvements
 - Supports for Applies Research and align with academic programming
 - Technology Access Centres (TACs)



- Research Portfolio
- Facilities Planning – Research Centres and Western Arctic Research Centre Warehouse
- Financial Processes
 - GNWT Financial Sustainability Plan
 - 2024-2025 Aurora College Budget Process
 - Office of the Auditor General (OAG) of Canada
 - Request for Proposals (RFP)/Expression of Interest (EOI) – Student Housing
 - Student Housing – challenges of needs vs. what we have
 - Leased space for Yellowknife North Slave Campus at Northern Untied Place (NUP)
 - Leased space – Precambrian (Yellowknife)
 - Rental Rate and Fee Increases
- Leadership Meetings – Internal & External
- Relationship and Partnership Building
- Transformation
- Communications – Internal and External
 - Recruitment
 - Research
 - Marketing
- a. **Financial Presentation**
 - i. **Variance Reporting (Q4) – Preliminary**

The Director of Finance/CFO presented the preliminary results of the variance report.
 - ii. **College Positions – Analysis**

The Board has requested further information regarding positions and a specific head count, with the Research Division broken out individually as a very distinct and unique section of positions. The information will be brought back to the Audit & Finance Committee.

The Board has also requested information specific to campus costs – not Division, what is the cost to run Aurora Campus, Thebacha Campus and Yellowknife North Slave Campus, plus the Community Learning Centres, as costs including all employees, facility and other associated costs.
- b. **Student Enrollment**

The Vice President, Student Affairs presented the student enrollment to the Board. The Board has requested a comparison of student enrollment data form past years to this current year.

The Board has confirmed to move forward with an Expression of Interest (EOI) for student housing, current needs and future need. The Vice President, Student Affairs will connect with the Department of Infrastructure for additional advice on process and options. The information gathered and the results of the EOI will be brought back to the Audit & Finance Committee for review and further direction.

Motion#BG05-Sept-2024: To approve the College to move forward with an Expression of Interest (EOI) for student housing, based on consultation with the Department of Infrastructure on options.

Moved by: Grant Hood

Seconded by: Richard Boudreault

Unanimous/Carried (September 24, 2024)

The Board has requested data related to Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Program with the Government of the Northwest Territories showing the number of students receiving funding for programming offered at Aurora College and attending other post-secondary institutions. The Board would also like information on the rules and if the Board can request funding not be granted for programming offered by the College, if the student is not attending the College.

c. Research Presentation

The Vice President, Research presented to the Board.

- Overview of the Research Division
 - Projects
 - Western Arctic Research Centre (WARC) and Warehouse (Inuvik)
 - North Slave Research Centre (Yellowknife)
 - South Slave Research Centre (Fort Smith)
 - Future Direction
 - Recommending to the Board to conclude the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) upon expiration and not renew.
 - Research Services Office – requires further investigation and planning to determine where funding options are to support and propose a plan for ongoing funding.
- Update on the Research Advisory Council vacancies.

The meeting recessed at 5:07pm on September 24, 2024.

The meeting readjourned and was called to order at 9:12am on September 25, 2024 by the Chairperson.

The external delegation presentation to the Board by the Thebacha Leadership Council (TLC) included the following guests:

- Allan Heron, President, Fort Smith Metis Council
- Mayor Fred Daniels, Town of Fort Smith, Chairperson
- Elizabeth Westwell, Salt River First Nation (SRFN)
- Thaidene Paulette, Chief, Smith's Landing First Nation (SLFN)
- Blaine Walterhouse, Vice President, Fort Smith Metis Council

- Mike Couvrette, Thebacha Leadership Council Coordinator

The Board agreed the Board Chairperson, President and the two Board Members residing in Fort Smith will work to schedule an in person meeting, as follow up, with the Thebacha Leadership Council in November 2024. The Board will also look to include a representative from the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council (IKHC) – member located in Fort Smith.

8. Board of Governors Committee Reports & Minutes

a. Executive Committee (Joseph Handley)

i. Minutes – September 6, 2024 – For Approval

a. Transformation

The Board has agreed to not support the Tin Can Hill site for future facilities of the College at this time and would like to see the other options for consideration. The Board would ideally like to see the College and all required facility space together on one site.

The Board Chairperson and President will be meeting with the Mayor of Yellowknife on October 1, 2024.

Motion#BG06-Sept-2024: To approve the Executive Committee minutes from September 6, 2024 as presented.

Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Mieke Cameron

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

b. Audit and Finance Committee (Grant Hood)

i. Minutes – September 11, 2024 – For Approval

Motion#BG07-Sept-2024: To approve the Audit and Finance Committee minutes from September 11, 2024, including the revised rent and fee increases, as recommended by the Committee.

Moved by: Tom Colosimo

Seconded by: Kevin Antoniak

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

c. Planning and Accountability (Tom Colosimo)

i. Minutes – September 12, 2024 – For Approval

a. New Programming – Process for Approvals – For Approval

The College Administration will follow up on programming requests/possible ideas, previously received on Forest Fire Training/Sciences and Arts Programming. The information regarding the proposal for Aircraft Maintenance (AME) programming will be reshared with the Committee.

Information will be presented through this committee with recommendations from the College and Academic Council.

b. College Reporting – Mandatory/Legislated

The Board would like to see the College working backwards on deadlines to ensure ample time is set aside for review/revisions of annually required publications and submissions.

Motion#BG08-Sept-2024: To approve the Planning and Accountability minutes from September 12, 2024 as presented.

Moved by: Richard Boudreault

Seconded by: Kevin Antoniak

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

d. Governance Committee (David Hurley)

The Committee Chairperson reviewed the recommended motions and minutes including a review of the action tracker and ongoing items.

The proposal for the Governance Framework and Manual review was shared and agreed to by the Board.

i. Minutes – September 10, 2024 – For Approval

Motion#BG09-Sept-2024: To approve the Governance Committee minutes from September 10, 2024 as presented.

Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Wanda Roberts

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

a. B.13 Program Creation Policy – Revised – For Approval

Motion#BG10-Sept-2024: To approve Policy B.13 Program Creation as revised and presented.

Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Kevin Antoniak

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

Motion#BG11-Sept-2024: To appoint Mieke Cameron to serve as a member on the Governance Committee.

Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Kevin Antoniak

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

9. Other Business

a. Academic Council – Membership Recommendations – For Approval

Motion#BG12-Sept-2024: To approve the recommended membership appointments to the Academic Council as presented.

Moved by: Grant Hood

Seconded by: Wanda Roberts

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

The meeting recessed at 12:07pm on September 25, 2024.

The meeting readjourned at 1:20pm on September 25, 2024.

b. Minister, Education, Culture & Employment (ECE) – Meeting with the Board

Motion#BG13-Sept-2024: To go IN CAMERA at 1:25pm on September 25, 2024.



Moved by: Dave Hurley

Seconded by: Grant Hood

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

Motion#BG14-Sept-2024: To come out of IN CAMERA at 4:02pm on September 25, 2024.

Moved by: Tom Colosimo

Seconded by: Wanda Roberts

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)

10. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Motion#BG15-Sept-2024: To adjourn the meeting at 4:05pm on September 25, 2024.

Moved by: Grant Hood

Seconded by: Dave Hurley

Unanimous/Carried (September 25, 2024)