

Minutes



Special Teleconference Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Date: April 15, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Via Zoom

Attendees:

- Dineen Mike
- Patti Dixon
- Sandy Kewanhaptewa
- Jeff Grubbe
- Theresa Mike

Absent:

- Gerald Clarke (met at 10:30a)
- Heather Torres (met at 5:00p)
- Darrell Mike
- Robert Paul

Invocation:

By Theresa Mike

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Quorum has been reached. Trustee and Secretary Dineen Mike calls the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. It was unanimously agreed that this Closed Session would not be recorded by video; only written notes would be recorded. clarify

II. SPECIAL MEETING, CLOSED SESSION

The College President has called for a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Article VI, Section III of the Bylaws.

III. OPERATIONS:

a. Options presented by President/CEO:

- i. Option 1: Continue full operation requires over \$3M to get through accreditation (July 2024) - \$105K is needed for each month:
 1. The College MUST receive \$1M by May 30 to remain open.
 - a. Must receive another \$1M by September 30.
 - b. Must receive another \$1m by December 31.
 2. Trustees, especially those with leadership roles on their Tribal Councils, to seek \$50-\$100K financial contribution each year for two years from local tribes to gain the other \$2M needed to reach accreditation. Trustee Dixon requests Narrative on the College for the outreach to the tribes.
 3. Trustee T. Mike suggests collecting letters of commitment from the tribes for the Board to consider seeking a loan from the bank.
- ii. Option 2: Full closure – inform staff on May 5th, 2021 – process and phases shared with the Trustees.

- iii. Option 3: Become a program of COD, no longer a tribal college no longer seeking accreditation.
- iv. Option 4: Partner with Northwest Indian College – Become a site of NWIC in Bellingham, WA.
 - 1. CINC would aim for accreditation through Northwest Commission on Colleges and Junior Colleges (NCCJC)
 - 2. Approximately 18 months; need \$1.5M to operate towards accreditation

b. CINC Outreach:

- i. \$5.5 Grant submission to San Manuel – revised to \$4.9
 - 1. Response pending – Chairman/Trustee Grubbe will call Chairman Ramirez
- ii. American Relief Funds Tribal \$20B – Tribal Support for emerging Tribal Colleges
 - 1. Outreach to Tribes, Legislatures, and Tribal Colleges in California:
 - a. Kumeyaay Community College (San Diego):
 - b. California Tribal College (Sacramento)
- iii. FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education) Application sent April 14 (Congressman Raul Ruiz) – FY 2022 \$2M – Chairman/Trustee Grubbe will call Rep Ruiz
 - 1. Letters of Support gathered from:
 - o Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians
 - o Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
 - o Cahuilla Band of Cahuilla Indians
 - o Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians
 - o San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
 - o Assm Eduardo Garcia, Dist 56 (Coachella)
 - o Assm Jose Medina, Dist 61 (Riverside)
 - o Assm James Ramos, Dist 40 (San Bernardino, Inland Empire)
 - o Supervisor Manuel Perez, County of Riverside
 - o Chancellor Kim Wilcox, UCR
 - o Vice President Annebelle Nery, College of the Desert

IV. ACTION ITEM

Trustee/Chairman Grubbe motions for Trustee Dixon to assume the Acting Vice President role should Trustee Clarke remain the Acting President until, at the very least, end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2021). Motion seconded by Trustee Theresa Mike; and is unanimously approved.

In accordance with Article VII, Section 5 of the Bylaws, *Acting* President, Dineen Mike appoints the Nominating Committee: Theresa Mike, Sandy Kewanhaptewa, and Patti Dixon. Unanimous agreement of those present to move forward.

V. Next Quarterly Meeting:
Thursday, April 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURN:
Motion by Patti Dixon to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.; motion seconded by Sandy Kewanhaptewa. Motion is unanimously approved.

Approved By: 
Dineen Mike, Board of Trustees Secretary, California Indian Nations College