

**Board of Regents (BOR) Special Meeting
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)
May 24, 2021
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM (MDT)
ZOOM**

Minutes

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Chair Muniz called the meeting to order at 4:11pm

B. Welcome and Invocation

Chair Muniz welcome Board members and new Board member, Dr. Sherry Allison, whose membership was officially approved at the last meeting and became effective upon her retirement.

Francis Tafoya provided invocation.

C. Roll Call

Ms. Haeyalyn Muniz, Chair, Jicarilla Apache Nation
Mr. Adam J. Begay, Vice Chair, Navajo Nation-New Mexico
Ms. Esther Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer, Navajo Nation-Arizona
Dr. Damon Clarke, Member, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-North
Mr. Darrell Flyingman, Member, Oklahoma Tribes
Mr. Anthony Mendez, Mescalero Apache Tribe
Mr. Francis Tafoya, Eight Northern Pueblos
Dr. Sherry Allison, President Emeritus, SIPI
Mr. Monte Monteith, Ex-Officio member, Interim President, SIPI

Absent:

Dr. John Bush, Member, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-South
Dr. Curtis Chavez, Southern Pueblos Council
Ms. Jamie Killsfirst, President, Student Government Association, SIPI (or designee)

Quorum President.

D. Approval of the Agenda

The following changes were recommended for the roll call. Change Darrell Flyingman from Vice Chair to Member, Vice Chair is Adam Begay, and add Interim before President for Monte Monteith; add Action Item: SIPI/SIPI BOR Memorandum of Understanding; and Dr. Allison requested to move action items to be beginning of the meeting due to a family emergency.

Francis Tafoya motioned to approve the agenda with noted changes and additions. Seconded by Dr. Allison Call for questions. Motion unanimously approved

F. New Business

1. Action: 2021 Capital Outlay projects

Renee Allen presented the Waterline Replacement projects for SIPI buildings 105 (Business Education, 106 (Occupational Technology), 100 (Science 7 Technology) and 1069 (Culinary Arts). SIPI will request \$2,165,000.99, to complete the four projects, during the New Mexico Higher Education Department Capital Outlay hearing in August 2021. If the project is funded it will be awarded 2023

Dr. Allison motioned to approve the four projects items as listed. Seconded by Dr. Clarke Second. Call for question. Motion unanimously APPROVED.

2. ACTION – SIPI and SIPI BOR MOU

Dr. Allison and Chait Muniz worked on the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPI and the SIPI Board of Regents. The Board reviewed the MOU and approved for it to be sent to Director Dearman for approval. Director Dearman sent to the Office of the Solicitor for review. The Solicitor returned the MOU to Dr. Allison with slight recommended changes. Dr. Allison incorporated the Solicitor's changes to the MOU. Overall the MOU has undergone several reviews and changes. Francis Tafoya reported he review the MOU and feels it is good.

Francis Tafoya motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between SIPI and the SIPI Board of Regents. Seconded by Dr.Allison. Call for question. Motion approved.

Dr. Allison asked Alena Chalan to work with Bill Lohr to finalize the MOU.

3. Two-Year Calendar

Monte Monteith relayed the need to set meeting dates for next two years. SIPI will have a site visit from the Higher Learning Commission in the next two years and it is important to set the Board meeting dates as they will help drive the decision making process for the visit. When the meetings are set SIPI committees can set their meeting to work around the Board meeting date to ensure actions items are acted upon.

Dr. Allison volunteered to work with Bill Lohr and Chair Muniz to identify meetings dates for the 4 quarters. Francis Tafoya noted that Fridays are not good due to Council meetings.

The date recommended for the 3rd quarter Board meeting is September 17. SIPI's 50th Anniversary is September 16 and a committee will be working on events for the 50th Anniversary to include a campus blessing.

F. Old Business

1. Update: Background Investigation for Board Members

Monte Monteith informed Board member that he is meeting weekly with Human Resource and should anyone has any issues with their background check they should cc: him on correspondence so he can help resolve. Chair Muniz thanked Monte for offering his assistance.

Monte will also check to see if Board members are eligible for reimbursement for background checks. He will also have Dawn Ami follow-up with Dr. Clarke regarding finger print clearance in Arizona,

H. Public Comments

Chair Muniz asked for Public Comments. There was none.

I. Adjournment

Francis Tafoya motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Clark. Call for question. Motion unanimously APPROVED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm

Meeting recorder: Alena Chalan

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