



**Board of Regents (BOR) Quarterly Meeting
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI)
October 16, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (MDT)
Hybrid (In person/ Zoom)**

Minutes

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Chair Begaye welcomed meeting attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:17am.

B. Welcome and Invocation

Francis Tafoya provided an invocation.

C. Roll Call

Esther Peterson called roll the following were in attendance.

Mr. Adam J. Begaye, Chair, Navajo Nation-New Mexico
Ms. Tanya Lewis, Vice Chair, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-North
Ms. Esther Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer, Navajo Nation-Arizona
Dr. John Bush, Member, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-South
Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, President, SIPI (Ex-Officio, non-voting member)
Mr. Francis Tafoya, Eight Northern Pueblos

Absent:

Mr. Darrell Flyingman, Vice-Chair, Oklahoma Tribes
Mr. Owen Little, Mescalero Apache Tribe
Ms. Samantha Sanchez, SGA President (or designee)
Pending, Jicarilla Apache Nation
Vacant, President Emeritus, SIPI
Vacant, Southern Pueblos Council

Quorum established.

D. Confirm Donna Montoya, Jicarilla Apache Nation

Chair Begaye noted the Jicarilla Apache Nation appointed Donna Montoya to serve as a SIPI Board member. Ms. Montoya provided introductions.

Francis Tafoya motioned to confirm Donna Montoya as a SIPI Board Member representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation. Seconded by Dr. John Bush. Call for questions. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Dr. Bush was excused from the meeting at 9:23am.

E. Approval of the Agenda

Chair Begaye asked Board member to review the agenda.

Francis Tafoya motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Esther Peterson. Call for questions. Motion Approved (5-0).

F. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

1. July 24, 2023 (Q3)

Esther Peterson reviewed the minutes and highlighted action items. One typo was noted for correction on page 3.

Francis Tafoya motioned to approve with noted correction to typo. Seconded by Vice Chair Lewis. Call for questions. All in favor. Motion approved.

2. July 31, 2023 (Special Meeting)

Chair Begaye reviewed the meeting minutes and highlighted actions items.

Francis Tafoya motioned to approve. Seconded by Vice Chair Lewis. Call for questions. All in favor. Motion approved.

G. Introduction of New Employees

There were no new employees for Introductions.

H. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Inclement Weather Policy

Dr. Pfeiffer informed the Board that SIPI is continuing to review policies and procedures. The Inclement Weather Policy was reviewed by leadership and the President's Cabinet and has been updated to include telework capability on a situational basis such as inclement weather.

Francis Tafoya motioned to concur the Inclement Weather Policy. Seconded by Vice Chair Lewis. Call for questions. All in favor. Motion approved.

2. Organization Chart (Update)

Dr. Pfeiffer noted the Board approved the organization chart at their July 2023 meeting. However, after reviewing, it was noted that it needed to be amended to update the Supervisory Education Specialist (Grants and Sponsored Programs/ Title III) to a full-time permanent position due the importance of the position; and add a Student Recruitment Specialist (under Admissions) to assist in enrollment efforts.

Francis Tafoya motioned for concurrence of the updated Organization Chart. Seconded by Esther Peterson. Call for questions. All in favor. Motion approved.

I. New Business

1. BOR Position description; becoming a Board of action

Joe Rives was placed on contract to work with the Board to develop a Board of action. With Dr. Rives assistance the Board will work on lobbying, hosting tribes, tribal and constituent outreach, tribal and community engagement, and advocacy for SIPI. Discussion on a resolution of agreement for Board members occurred. Also discussed was the Board's presence on campus and possible classroom visit after board meeting.

2. SIPI Hiring Plan

Dr. Pfeiffer presented the SIPI Hiring Plan to Board members and requested feedback.

J. Reports

1. SIPI Quarterly Report

a. Overview Dr. Pfeiffer

Dr. Pfeiffer reviewed the written SIPI Quarterly Report. Senior leadership in attendance reviewed their division updated provided in the written report.

The decrease in enrollment was discussed.

b. Appropriated Funds Bella Lujan

Bella Lujan reviewed the Appropriated Funds report with Board members.

c. Grants

Written Report only- submitted in board book.

2. Board of Regents Development Office Bill Lohr

Bill Lohr provided updates on the American Indian College fund grants. He reported the Board will host a financial literacy class on October 28, 2023 for the SIPI community and public. He also noted that he will be resigning from his position as the Director of the Board Development Office.

3. Student Government Association

No report was provided.

K. Old Business

1. SIPI Alumni to be considered for BOR position.

Chair Begaye reported the Alumni position was advertised and sent to the Alumni list serve. The position closes at 5pm today (October 16) The Board Executive Committee will review and interview potential candidates.

2. Southern Pueblos Council Request (Ray Gachupin)

The Southern Pueblos Council has not made any action regarding the vacant Board position.

3. Accreditation Reflection & Update

Dr. Pfeiffer reported SIPI received the accreditation report at the end of September for fact checking and editing. SIPI can only edit for facts. The report was sent back and is now awaiting action by Institutional Action Council. They are scheduled to meet on October 9 and November 13. She is not sure when which date SIPI will be on the agenda. After they meet it will be about two weeks to get the final report.

L. Public Comments

There were not any public comments.

M. Announcements

Chair Begaye informed Board members he would be attending the National Indian Education Association meeting at the Albuquerque Convention Center. SIPI will host a listening session on the SIPI Name Change and Trimester to Semester Formats. Wednesday, October 18, 2pm-4pm.

N. Future Meeting(s) Schedule/Calendar

The Board selected the following 2024 Quarterly meeting dates:

- Q1: February 5, 2024
- Q2: April 18, 2024 (*Commencement April 19, 2024*)
- Q3: July 29, 2024
- Q4: October 28, 2024

O. Adjournment

Francis Tafoya motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Donna Montoya. Call for questions. All in favor. Motioned approved. Meeting adjourned at 12L10am.

A work Board session with Dr. Joes Rives will held from 1pm

Meeting recorder: Alena Chalan

