

# University College of the North Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, November 23, 2022  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132  
Zoom: 699.627.8649  
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594  
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
M. Bignell - Opaskwayak G. Guiboche - Learning Council M. Head-Steppan - Flin Flon J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House M. Jonasson - Wabowden A. McLauchlan - Governing Council S. Neff - Grand Rapids T. Weenusk - Oxford House	F. Albert - Norway House N. Halcrow - Cross Lake N. Leahy - Thompson B. Schaffer - Swan River M. Spence - Split Lake		T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer J. Mayer - Administrative Assistant D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor E. Jebb - Chancellor B. Cianflone - GC Chair E. Samatte - UCN The Pas Campus Elder J. Donovan - Thompson T. Mendel - Swan River

**1.0 Opening Prayer**  
Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Mabel Bignell.

**2.0 Presentation**  
**2.1** Nil

**3.0 Call to Order**  
Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 9:19 a.m.

**4.0 Adoption of Agenda**  
It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / M. Head-Steppan  
**THAT** the agenda for November 23, 2022, be adopted with the following addition:  
- Item 6.8 COE Representative to the Governing Council  
- Item 6.9 Committee of the Whole-In Camera, 6.9.1 COE Member Update  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-11/23/22-4.0  
Adoption of Agenda

**5.0 Acceptance of Minutes**  
**5.1 September 28, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**  
It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / S. Neff  
**THAT** the COE accept the Minutes of September 28, 2022, as presented.  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-11/23/22-5.1  
September 28 Meeting  
Minutes

**6.0 Committee Business**  
**6.1 Introduction of Guests**  
A roundtable of introductions was provided, which included John Donovan from Thompson and Tim Mendel from Swan River, potential members. Geraldine Castel from Pukatawagan was unable to attend due to her flight being canceled.

**6.2 President's Update**  
Verbal report received for information

**6.3 Department Name Change**  
Received for information.

**6.4 COE Representative on UCN Learning Council**

The submission form was reviewed and discussed.

COE-11/23/22-6.4

COE Representative on  
UCN Learning Council

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Head-Steppan / J. Hunter-Spence

**THAT** the Council of Elders appoint Elder Tommy Weenusk as the Council of Elders representative to the Learning Council, for a term of 3 years, to end on June 30, 2025.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

**6.5 Representation on Learning Council Standing Committees****6.5.1 LC Awards Committee**

Tabled.

**6.5.2 LC Library Committee**

Tabled.

**6.5.3 UCN Tenure & Promotion Committee**

Elder Stella Neff will serve on this committee until December 31, 2022.

With the resignation of Elder Freda Albert, Elder Margaret Head-Steppan will serve on the Special T&P Committee.

**6.6 COE Chair and Vice Chair**

The floor was opened for nominations of COE Chair.

A. McLauchlan nominated M. Bignell for Chair. M. Bignell accepted.

There were no further nominations.

COE-11/23/22-6.6

COE Chair and Vice  
Chair

The floor was opened for nominations of COE Vice Chair.

M. Bignell nominated M. Jonasson for Vice Chair. M. Jonasson accepted.

There were no further nominations.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / M. Head-Steppan

**THAT** Elder Mabel Bignell be appointed COE Chair and Elder Martha Jonasson be appointed COE Vice-Chair effective January 1, 2023 for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

**6.7 COE Executive Committee**

The floor was opened for two nominations to the COE Executive Committee.

A. McLauchlan nominated M. Head-Steppan. M. Head-Steppan accepted.

There were no further nominations.

COE-11/23/22-6.7

COE Executive  
Committee

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / J. Hunter-Spence

**THAT** Elder Margaret Head-Steppan be appointed to the COE Executive Committee January 1, 2023 for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

**6.8 COE Representative on UCN Governing Council**

The floor was opened for nominations to the COE Representative on UCN Governing Council.

M. Head-Steppan nominated M. Jonasson. M. Jonasson accepted.  
There were no further nominations.

COE-11/23/22-6.8  
COE Representative on  
UCN Governing Council

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Head-Steppan / M. Bignell

**THAT** the Council of Elders appoint Elder Martha Jonasson as the Council of Elders representative to the Governing Council, for a term of 3 years, to end on June 30, 2025.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

**6.9 Committee of the Whole – In-Camera**

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / M. Head-Steppan

**THAT** the Council of Elders adjourn to Committee of the Whole at 11:08 am.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-11/23/22-6.9.  
Committee of the Whole  
– In-Camera

Doug Lauvstad, Edwin Jebb, John Donavon, Tim Mendel, Ernest Samatte, Jolene Mayer, departed the meeting at 11:08 am.

**6.9.1 COE Member Update**

Discussion ensued regarding membership including the resignations of Elder Freda Albert and Elder Bill Schaffer.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / J. Hunter-Spence

**THAT** the Council of Elders reconvene from the Committee of the Whole at 11:22 am.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

Doug Lauvstad, Edwin Jebb, John Donavon, Tim Mendel, Ernest Samatte returned to the meeting at 11:22 am.

Elder Mabel Bignell nominated Elder Norma Leahy as an Honorary Member of the Council of Elders.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / G. Guiboche

**THAT** the Council of Elders appoint Elder Norma Leahy as an Honorary Member of the Council of Elders.

**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-11/23/22-6.9.1  
COE Representative on  
UCN Governing Council

**7.0****COE Activity Reports****7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council**

No report.

Governing Council met on September 29/22. The next meeting is on November 24/22.



**7.2 Vacancy – Learning Council**

No report.

Learning Council met on October 25/22. The next meeting is on December 6/22.

- 8.0 **COE Standing Items**
  - 8.1 **Address Issues/Concerns**
    - Ensure that meetings are scheduled for a full day.
    - Discuss with the Tri-Council Executive the date of the next Tri-Council Retreat. The Tri-Council Executive Committee will set a date to meet.
  
- 9.0 **Self-Monitoring**
  - 9.1 **2022/2023 Attendance**  
Received for information.
  
  - 9.2 **COE Record of Motions 2022-2023**  
Received for information.
  
- 10.0 **Roundtable**
  - Would like to work on the history of COE membership from the beginning.
  - Would like to see portraits of Elders on UCN The Pas Campus.
  - Is there information on David Lathlin, of what he did for Kenanow?
  - Would like to see Cree Words on Campus.
  - Provide a plaque to Elder Bill Schaffer.
  
- 11.0 **Adjournment/Closing Prayer**  
Closing Prayer was offered by Elder M. Head-Steppan.  
The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m. by Elder M. Jonasson.  
Next meeting: February 22/23 at 9:00 a.m. in The Pas.

COE-11/23/22-11.0  
Adjournment/Closing  
Prayer

 _____ T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer	 _____ Elder M. Jonasson, Chair
February 22, 2023	February 22, 2023
Dated	Dated