



# FIRST NATIONS FINANCE AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2024  
ORIGINATING IN RED DEER, AB

Minutes of AGM on July 18, 2024	A meeting of the Members of the First Nations Finance Authority (FNFA) was held at Red Deer Resort & Casino, Red Deer, Alberta, on Thursday, July 18, 2024 starting at 9:39am MDT.
Directors Present:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Chair Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing ON</li><li>2. Councillor Veronica McGinnis - Osoyoos Indian Band, BC</li><li>3. Councillor Dawn Styran - Leq'a:mel First Nation, BC</li><li>4. Councillor Michael Paul - Acadia First Nation, NS</li><li>5. Councillor Steven Johnston - Mistawasis Nehiyawak, SK</li><li>6. Councillor Patrick Courtois - Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh (Mashteuiatsh), QC</li><li>7. Councillor Ryan Littlejohn - O'Chiese First Nation, AB</li><li>8. Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat - Kahkewistahaw, SK</li></ol>
Regrets:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Deputy Chair Chief Derek Epp - Tzeachten First Nation, BC</li><li>2. Councillor Pat Brennan - Henvey Inlet First Nation, ON</li><li>3. Chief Ross Perley -Tobique First Nation, NB</li></ol>
Borrowing Members Present:	Total Participants present #87 Total Voting Members present - #37 - <b>Quorum is met</b>
Proxies:	Proxy Holders #12
Quorum:	In accordance with section 10.8 of Bylaw No. 2023-1, a quorum equals the lesser of 25 members or 5% of the Members present through their representatives or by proxy.
I. Opening Prayer / Acknowledgement / Call to Order	Chair Chief Warren Tabobondung opened with a prayer and called the meeting to order at 9:39am MDT.
II. Roll Call by the President & CEO	Ernie Daniels called roll call. There were 37 registered/voting delegates, confirmed.

III. Adoption of Agenda	<p>The Chair presented the Agenda to the Members for discussion. No concerns were raised.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat, Kahkewistahaw Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Marshall, Millbrook First Nation Carried.</p>
IV. Adoption of Minutes from July 6, 2023 AGM	<p>The Chair presented Members with the Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting for discussion. No concerns were raised.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the July 6, 2023 Annual General Meeting be adopted as presented.</p> <p>Moved by: Councillor Joyce Kenoras, Adams Lake Indian Band Seconded by: Councillor Dawn Styran, Leq'a:mel First Nation Carried.</p>
V. Presentation of the FNFA 2023/2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements	<p>The Chair read the highlights from the "Message from the Chair" from the Annual Report.</p> <p>Ernie Daniels spoke about highlights from the year and presented his slideshow detailing FNFA's latest Member accomplishments. Ernie also showed the Blueprint video.</p> <p><i>The meeting took a brief health break.</i></p> <p>Rachel McAllister presented the Audited Financial Statements for 2023/2024 as presented in the Annual Report. No concerns were raised.</p>
VI. Appointment of Auditor	<p>The Chair read the proposed motion to appoint KPMG as the Independent Auditors. No concerns were raised.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors, and members present, appoint KPMG LLP as the independent auditors for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.</p>

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Moved by: Councillor Patrick Courtois, Première Nation des Pekuakamiulnuatsh (Mashteuiatsh)

Seconded by: Councillor Lisa Marshall, Millbrook First Nation

Carried.

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VII. Introduction of the Board by the President & CEO

Ernie Daniels introduced the current Board of Directors:

1. Chief Warren Tabobondung – Chair (Wasauksing First Nation, ON)
2. Councillor Dawn Styran – Director (Leq’a:mel First Nation, BC)
3. Councillor Veronica McGinnis – Director (Osoyoos Indian Band, BC)
4. Councillor Patrick Courtois – Director (Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan/Mashteuiatsh, QC)
5. Councillor Michael Paul – Director (Acadia First Nation, NS)
6. Councillor Steven Johnston – Director (Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, SK)
7. Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat – Director (Kahkewistahaw, SK)
8. Councillor Ryan Littlejohn – Director (O’Chiese First Nation, AB)

Directors Not Present were noted:

1. Chief Derek Epp – Deputy Chair (Tzeachten First Nation, BC)
  2. Councillor Pat Brennan – Director (Henvey Inlet First Nation, ON)
  3. Chief Ross Perley – Director (Tobique, NB)
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VIII. Election of Chair, Deputy Chair and Directors

Ernie Daniels called upon a Motion to elect an electoral officer, Jody Anderson.

**MOTION:**

Jody Anderson is appointed as Electoral Officer.

Moved: Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat, Kahkewistahaw

Seconded: Jonathan St. Onge, Uashat mak anni-Utenam

Carried.

Ernie Daniels provided an overview on the voting process.

Jody Anderson, Strategy & Partnerships Advisor, as Electoral Officer, began the nomination process and opened the floor to Members for the position of Chair.

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Councillor Michael Paul, Acadia First Nation nominated Chief Warren Tabobondung for position of Chair. Chief Warren Tabobondung accepted the nomination.

No further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair.  
By acclamation, Chief Warren Tabobondung was elected Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Chair/Chief Warren Tabobondung, Wasauksing, nominated Chief Derek Epp as Deputy Chair. Chief Derek Epp via his proxy, Hayden Guilderson, accepted the nomination.

No further nominations from the floor for the position of Deputy Chair.  
By acclamation, Chief Derek Epp was elected Deputy Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations for 9 Director positions.

Councillor Patrick Courtois, Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan (Mashteuiatsh), QC, nominated Councillor Veronica McGinnis for the position of Director. Councillor Veronica McGinnis accepted the nomination.

Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat, Kahkewistahaw, nominated Councillor Dawn Styran for the position of Director. Councillor Dawn Styran accepted the nomination.

Councillor Steven Johnston, Mistawasis Nehiyawak, nominated Councillor Ryan Littlejohn for the position of Director. Councillor Ryan Littlejohn accepted the nomination.

Councillor Veronica McGinnis, Osoyoos Indian Band, nominated Councillor Patrick Courtois for the position of Director. Councillor Patrick Courtois accepted the nomination.

Councillor Patrick Courtois, Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan (Mashteuiatsh), QC, nominated Councillor Steven Johnston for the position of Director. Councillor Steven Johnston accepted the nomination.

Chief Warren Tabobondung, Wasauksing, nominated Councillor

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Michael Paul for the position of Director. Councillor Michael Paul accepted the nomination.

Councillor Dawn Styran, Leq'a:mel First Nation, nominated Councillor William Kaysaywaysemat for the position of Director. Councillor William accepted the nomination.

Chief Warren Tabobondung, Wasauksing, nominated Councillor Pat Brennan for the position of Director. Pat Brennan accepted the nomination electronically.

Councillor Karen Redsky, Shoal Lake #40, nominated Gayle Bedard from Lax Kw'alaams Band for the position of Director. Councillor Gayle Bedard accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were brought forward. Each nominee was then given two minutes to advise why they want to be on the FNFA Board of Directors.

Patrick Courtois spoke briefly about his candidacy. Some of his speech was given in French and Jacky Papatens from FNFA translated.

William Kaysaywaysemat spoke briefly about his candidacy.

Gayle Bedard spoke briefly about her candidacy.

Veronica McGinnis spoke briefly about her candidacy.

Michael Paul spoke briefly about his candidacy.

Dawn Styran spoke briefly about her candidacy.

Steven Johnston spoke briefly about his candidacy.

Ryan Littlejohn spoke briefly about his candidacy.

Jody Anderson then officially closed the election process for 2024/2025.

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#### IX. Introduction of New Board of Directors

Ernie Daniels announced the election results by showing a slide with names of the new Board Members for 2024/2025, as follows:

1. **Chairperson** - Chief Warren Tabobondung - Wasauksing First Nation, ON
  2. **Deputy Chairperson** - Chief Derek Epp - Tzeachten First Nation, BC
  3. **Director** - Councillor Michael Paul - Acadia First Nation, NS
  4. **Director** - Councillor Dawn Styran - Leq'a:mel First Nation, BC
  5. **Director** - Councillor Veronica McGinnis - Osoyoos Indian
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Band, BC

6. **Director** - Councillor Steven Johnston - Mistawasis Nehiyawak, SK
7. **Director** - Councillor Ryan Littlejohn - O'Chiese First Nation, AB
8. **Director** - Councillor Patrick Courtois - Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan (Mashteuiatsh), QC
9. **Director** - Councillor William Kaysaywayemat - Kahkewistahaw First Nation, SK
10. **Director** - Councillor Pat Brennan - Henvey Inlet First Nation, ON
11. **Director** - Councillor Gayle Bedard - Lax Kw'alaams Band, BC

Jody Anderson moved to destroy the ballots and thanked the new Board of Directors.

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X. Adjournment of Meeting

Ernie Daniels acknowledged Jody and Ian as being emcees for the last few days. He spoke briefly about holding AGMs on Members' Nations and where they've been held for the past few years.

Chair Chief Warren Tabobondung thanked outgoing Directors and provided closing comments to the Members. The new Board of Directors are to meet immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

Elder Littlejohn closed the meeting and delivered a closing prayer.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved: Councillor Patrick Courtois,  
Pekuakamiulnuatsh Takuhikan  
(Mashteuiatsh), QC

Seconded: Councillor Sempulyan Stewart  
Gonzales, Squamish Nation

Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14pm MDT.

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Certified on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024 to be an accurate record of the proceedings taken and resolutions passed at the meeting of the Members of the First Nations Finance Authority at O'Chiese First Nation, Red Deer, Alberta on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bobbi Setter', written over a horizontal line.

Bobbi Setter  
Corporate Clerk