



In Attendance (Directors)

Nadia Islam; Chanchal Mitruka; Esi Mensimah Ekwan; N M Eftakhar Alam Bhulya; Ashley Buetler; Mohammad Akib Hossain; Ahad Ali Buttar; Nazib Mahmud

Other Attendees

Tayef Ahmed, Executive Director; Jana Rutten, Admin Assistant

Regrets

None

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RPIRG is based in Treaty 4 territory and the homeland of the Métis people. The Nêhiyaw/Cree, Nakawē/Saulteaux, Nakota, Lakota, Dakota and Métis/Michif Peoples continue to be in kinship and practice reciprocity with this land that has sustained them for countless generations. As staff and board members of RPIRG, we recognize the interconnection between each other, the land, and all other beings, and our responsibility to tend to these relationships — a process captured in the Nêhiyaw concept of Wâhkôhtowin. For us, this responsibility involves honouring the spirit and intent of the treaty, actively working to dismantle and repair the harms of colonialism and white supremacy and coming together collectively to build a better world for future generations.

2. CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by Tayef Ahmed.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS

No conflict of interest was discussed.



4. APPROVAL OF ADGENDA

Moved by Chanchal Mitruka and Seconded by N M Eftakhar Alam Bhulya.

That the agenda for the RPIRG Board of Directors emergency meeting on March 4th, 2026 be approved, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Matters for Decision

5. ELECTION PROCESS

RPIRG's election process was tied to the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) election through our bylaw. URSU does not exist and has been taken over by the University of Regina Students' Association (URSA). This outdates our bylaw and will require us to make a change. URSA does not have the capacity this year to hold a similar collaboration election process. Therefore, we must make changes to our election process to administer it independently.

Option 1: Open nominations throughout the year, with confirmed nominees that underwent successful eligibility checks able to campaign for two weeks leading up to a two-day vote where the most voted nominees get elected. This process is aligned with our current bylaw. However, without collaborating with URSA/URSU, we cannot administer this as we do not have access to student information.

Option 2: RPIRG actively recruits people to the board based on eligibility, criteria and skill. The nominees are assessed using a recruitment matrix, a short essay to explain why they want to join the board and their resume that is assessed by a group of nonprofit and governance professionals. Once the nomination committee nominates a group of prospective Board members, the members, at a general meeting, vote to elect the Directors. This aligns with the standard process outlined in the Nonprofit Corporation Act and is used by over 95% of nonprofit organizations in Regina.

The board has primarily agreed to go forward with the second option and has asked that the executive director amend the bylaws accordingly.



6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other additional business was discussed.

7. IN-CAMERA SESSION

There was no in-camera discussion at this meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Rutten".

Respectfully Submitted by
Jana Rutten, Admin and Outreach Assistant