



In Attendance (Directors)

Nadia Islam; Chanchal Mitruka; Esi Mensimah Ekwan; N M Eftakhar Alam Bhulya;
Ashley Buetler

Other Attendees

Tayef Ahmed, Executive Director; Jana Rutten, Admin Assistant; Jonah Toth,
passion2action

Regrets

Mohammad Akib Hossain; Ahad Ali Buttar; Nazib Mahmud

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 7:08 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 meeting on February 17th, 2026 be approved, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Moved by N M Eftakhar Alam Bhulya and Second by Nadia Islam.

That the [minutes](#) from December 23rd, 2025 be approved, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

6. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Jonah Toth provided a presentation on the upcoming INSPIRE celebration hosted by *Passion2action Youth Empowerment*. Jonah is seeking \$4,000 for a large grant from RPIRG. The INSPIRE celebration is taking place on May 7, 2026 at the Conexus Arts centre. The INSPIRE celebration is a free of cost event aiming to engage 7,000 students across Saskatchewan to inspire young leaders. 2,000 students will attend in-person at the Conexus while they are expecting 5,000 students to watch the virtual livestream broadcast. This event is being put on in collaboration with SaskMusic, Office of Treaty Commissioner, Dance Saskatchewan Inc., and the Saskatchewan Rough Riders. The INSPIRE celebration includes speakers and performers to empower students to take action in their community for causes they are passionate about.

Matters for Decision

7. FUNDING APPLICATIONS – LARGE COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

A total of ten (10) funding applications were submitted by the appropriate deadline of February 1st, 2026. Seven (7) applications were under the \$2,000 Executive Director decision making threshold. One application has been conditionally approved but will use the money from this funding round as it is not till the next fiscal year. The



Board and the Executive Director have reviewed the application in accordance with our Grant Funding Policy and Application Assessment Matrix, with consideration of the supplementary information. The following decisions were made regarding these applications:

Applicant	Purpose	Category	Decision/ Approval Amount
Jonah Toth	Passion2action - INSPIRE Celebration	Event	Granted ¹ \$4,000
Srijit Gaire	Enactus Regina - Elevate XP Day	Event	Granted \$500
Julia Belanger	Social Work Student Society - Applied Suicide Intervention Training (ASIST)	Training	Granted \$2,000
Ella Gidluck	UR POLIS - Case Competition	Event	Granted \$1,350
Khalid Salad	Enactus Regina - Western Canada Regional Exposition	Conference	Granted \$2,000
Amber Fink	Art for Change - Female Leadership Fundraiser	Event	Granted \$735
Princess Mudyara	Crisis Movement Support Services - 8 session Feeling	Project	Granted \$2,800

¹ This funding has been conditionally approved with the money coming from the next fiscal year May 1st, 2026 funding round as the event does not take place till the next fiscal year.



	Support Circle Series		
Mohammed Asad Abdullah	Bangladeshi Student Association (URBSA) - International Mother Language Day	Event	Granted \$1,000
Colleen Strauch	NVSSN - Reimaging Nonprofit Conference	Project	Granted \$5,000

Moved by N M Eftakhar Alam Bhulya and Second by Nadia Islam.

That the funding applications for Large Community Service Grant for the period ending February 1, 2026 be approved, as collectively decided.

Carried Unanimously

8. Approval of the HR Policy

The Human Resource Policy has been drafted by Ivy & Dean Consulting in 2024 and has been examined over the last 1.5 years. A minor wording change has been made through the recommendation of Chanchal and Esi.

Moved by Esi Mensimah Ekwam and Second by Chanchal Mitruka .

That the Human Resource policy be approved, as amended.

Carried Unanimously

Matters for Discussion

9. Election

RPIRG’s election process was previously tied to URSU’s election process. As URSA has replaced URSU, we will try to tie our election process to their election process in accordance with our past practice. If URSA does not do elections by the end of the



fiscal year, RPIRG will need to create their own election process that will result in them changing the bylaws immediately.

10. UR Food Project - Women's Day Free Menstruation packages

Chanchal is working with UR Food Project to do a free menstruation package giveaway for Women's day this upcoming March. This is a one-time event to raise awareness about the UR Food Project and help with menstruation inequality. The packages would include menstruation products like tampons and pads, hand sanitizer, chocolate, individual tea bags, RPIRG button pins and an informational card on Sophia House and an inspirational note. The RPIRG office will help by creating the package and giving them out on March 9, 2026. Chanchal will be discussing a collaboration on this project with Planned Parenthood, University of Regina Champions for Change and the University of Regina Women's Center.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other additional business was discussed.

12. IN-CAMERA SESSION

The Board meeting moved to an in-camera session at 7:50 pm.

The Board meeting exited from the in-camera session at 8:03 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Rutten". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Respectfully Submitted by
Jana Rutten, Admin and Outreach Assistant