



**North Slope Borough School District Board of Education
Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees
& Iṅupiat Community of the Arctic Slope**



**Dr. Albert Conference Room, Iḷisaġvik College
Utqiagvik, AK**

**Minutes
Trilateral Meeting
March 12, 2025
1:00 p.m.**

QULLIQ LIGHTING: The opening ceremony, acknowledgement of our ancestors and land, is provided by Tenna Pili, Director of the NSBSD Iṅupiaq Education Department.

CALL TO ORDER: Doreen Leavitt, Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees called the Trilateral Meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. at the Dr. Albert Conference room and over ZOOM Video Communications in Iḷisaġvik College in Utqiagvik, Alaska.

ROLL CALL:

| North Slope Borough School District Board of Education | |
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| Nora Jane Burns | Present (ZOOM) |
| Kristine Hilderbrand | Present (In-Person) |
| Nancy Rock | Present (Teleconference) |
| Frieda Moore | Present (ZOOM) |
| Esther Evikana | Present (ZOOM) |
| Frieda Nageak (Clerk) | Present (In-Person) |
| John Hopson Jr (President) | Present (ZOOM) |
| Qilaavsuk Vadiveloo | Present (In-Person) |
| Braxton Suvlu (President, DWSC - KLC) | Present (In-Person) |
| Olivia Sakeagak (DWSC, BHS) | Present (In-Person) |
| Iḷisaġvik College | |
| Alicia Solomon | Excused |
| Kristen Morry | Excused |
| Jeremy Kasak | Present (In-Person) |
| Cilia Attungowruk | Excused |
| Doreen Leavitt | Present (In-Person) |
| Patricia Lloyd | Present (In-Person) |
| Harlee Harvey | Present (In-Person) |
| Roxanne Brower | Excused |
| Edna Ahmaogak | Present (Zoom) |
| Heather Dingman | Excused |
| Kristine Hilderbrand | Present (In-Person, NSBSD Rep) |
| John Hopson Jr | Present (ZOOM) |
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| Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope | |
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| Arnold Brower | Present (ZOOM) |
| Henry Nashookpuk | Present (ZOOM) |
| Lilly Frankson | Excused |
| Megan Edwardson, Vice President | Present (In-Person) |
| Raymond Aguvluk Jr | Excused |
| Robert Rex Omnik | Present (ZOOM) |
| Vernon Bennett | Present (ZOOM) |
| Carla SimsKayotuk | Present (ZOOM) |
| Charles Hugo | Present (ZOOM) |
| Cilia Attungowruk | Excused |
| Doreen Leavitt | Present (In-Person) |
| George Edwardson | Excused (Traveling) |
| Nicole Wojciechowski, President | Present (ZOOM) |

WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS is provided by Doreen Leavitt, Iḷisaḡvik College Board of Trustees Chairperson and John Hopson Jr., North Slope Borough School District Board of Education President and Nicole Wojciechowski, Iṅupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, President.

OPENING COMMENTS AND SHARING INITIATIVES is provided by Justina Wilhelm, Iḷisaḡvik College President, David Vadivelo, NSBSD Superintendent, Morrie Lemen Executive Director, Iṅupiat Community of the Arctic Slope and each respective administration on institutional updates and shared initiatives on the joint memorandum, Iḷisaurriḡuqta Program, Qatqiṅṅiaḡvik, and the Nunaaqqiurat Tumitchiaṅit.

Discussion regarded: registration fees and tuition waivers; organizational contributions for dual credit and student participation; separate MOAs for students and staff; staff training on cultural safety and student wellness; communication of programs and offerings; student credit weight; internet and connectivity issues and participation in programs; and Qatqiṅṅiaḡvik program offerings.

REVIEW JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13 2025 is approved.

Patricia Lloyd moved to approve the minutes. Kristine Hilderbrand Seconded the motion. Question called by Jeremy Kasak. No objections. The motion carried Unanimously.

STUDENT VOICE – SUPPORTS WE NEED TO SUCCEED is provided by Iḷisaḡvik College Student Government representatives and Qilaavsuk Vadivelo, Student Representative on the Board.

Discussion regarded: Student wellness as a shared priority with a focus on social emotional supports, clinical positions, cultural programming and a Regional Mental Health Summit; student job shadowing, summer programs; unified educational pathways across the region, emphasizing literacy, numeracy, career and technical education opportunities, immersion programming, teacher training, and culturally responsive curriculum development; expansion of village-based and online learning options; tribal education compacting; highlighting the value of strengthened trilateral collaboration and alignment under the Joint Resolution.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOINT RESOLUTION FOR COLLABORATIVE WORK is approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Megan Edwardsen MOVED that the Trilateral approve Resolution 2025-01. Patricia Lloyd SECONDED the motion. Question called, no objections. Motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

CLOSING REMARKS: Each organization's present members provided closing remarks highlighting discussion points from the joint meeting.

ADJOURNED AT 4:03 P.M.

Megan Edwardsen MOVED to adjourn at 4:03 P.M., SECONDED by Frieda Nageak. Question called. Motion carried unanimously.

POTLUCK AND AĠĠI AND ILAMMIUGNIQ is provided.