

# AFS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
5:00 pm  
Virtual – MS Teams & In-Person



## ATTENDANCE

<b>AFS BOARD MEMBERS:</b>	William Johnson, Chair James Agnew Dan Swystun Megan Bernard	Jane Omollo Patricia R. Lofstrom Lucia O'Connor Wes Lavergne	Dania Kuzbari Jennifer Geenen Rick Hamilton
<b>REGRETS:</b>	David Petersson		
<b>STAFF/LEADERSHIP:</b>	Ali Juma Stephanie Fetherston Brian Kelly	Arlene Smith Natalie Young Jacob Bruzas	Obianuju Fadijo Melissa Brockelbank

## MINUTES

- 1.0 Quorum**  
Quorum established.
- 2.0 Constitute Meeting**
  - 2.1 Call to Order**  
The Board Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
  - 2.2 General Welcome**  
The Board Chair welcomes everyone to the meeting, both in-person and online.
  - 2.3 Land Acknowledgement**  
The Board Chair provides the land acknowledgement.
  - 2.4 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**  
No conflicts of interest declared.
- 3.0 Presentation**  
Deferred

#### 4.0 Agenda & Minutes

##### 4.1 Approval of Agenda

###### MOTION

BIRT, the board approves the October 23, 2024, Public Board Meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Rick Hamilton

Seconded by: Patricia R. Lofstrom All in

favour. CARRIED.

##### 4.2 Approval of Minutes

###### MOTION

BIRT, the board approves the September 25, 2024, Public Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Dania Kuzbari

Seconded by: Megan Bernard All in favour. CARRIED.

##### 4.3 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

No business arising.

#### 5.0 Consent Agenda

###### MOTION

BIRT, the board approves the September 25, 2024, consent agenda as presented.

Moved by: Patricia R. Lofstrom

Seconded by: Jane Omollo All in favour. CARRIED.

#### 6.0 Items Removed from Consent

No items removed from consent.

#### 7.0 New/Ongoing Business

##### 7.1 Intimate Partner Violence – Update

Stephanie provides an update highlighting the following:

- AFS partnered on four different gender based violence proposals of which three were provincial and one was regional.
- Provincially, one of the proposals put in is a 211, where men can call about relationship issues and partner violence. Second, is the group for men, which is an early intervention initiative to enable men attend to how they treat their partner - it is a psychoeducational group with an evidence based approach. Third, is the couples counselling called “Hold Me Close”, which is an emotional therapy that enables couples to work on mending their relationship.
- Regionally, there is a proposal led by Thunder Bay for a knowledge-sharing hub that will be a resource to organizations in Northern Ontario.

#### Other Business

##### i. Committee Meetings

The Chair reminds the board of directors to endeavor to attend committee meetings, as the Services and Advocacy Committee Meetings have been cancelled for the last two consecutive months due to a lack of quorum.

**ii. The New Northern Mentality Board Invitation**

The New Northern Mentality has invited the board to attend a dinner event on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

**8.0 CEO Report**

**8.1** Ali Juma provides the CEO Report as provided in the board package.

**9.0 Board Committee Updates**

No update

**10.0 Adjourn to In-Camera**

**MOTION**

BIRT, the board moves to adjourn to the in-camera segment of the meeting at 5:37 pm.

Moved by: Rick Hamilton  
Seconded by: Patricia R. Lofstrom All in favour. CARRIED.

**11.0 Resume Regular Public Board Meeting**

**MOTION**

BIRT, the board moves to resume the regular public board meeting at 5:58 pm.

Moved by: Dania Kuzbari  
Seconded by: Patricia R. Lofstrom All in favour. CARRIED.

**12.0 Accept Motions Made In-Camera**

No in-camera motions

**13.0 Adjournment**

**MOTION**

BIRT, the board moves to adjourn the regular public board meeting at 5:59 pm.

Moved by: Megan Bernard  
Seconded by: Dan Swystun All in favour. CARRIED.

**14.0 NEXT MEETING**

- Next Regular Board Meeting November 27, 2024 @ 5 PM

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Submitted by: Obianuju Fadijo, Executive Assistant