

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. (MST)

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

R. Scott Hutcheson, Chair Hon. Anne McLellan, Vice-Chair (4 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.) Dr. T. Chen Fong, Member Ashif Mawji, Member Janet Riopel, Member Bob Dhillon, Member Laura Daniels, Member

### **MANAGEMENT / ADVISORS / GUESTS**

Rick Christiaanse, CEO Greg Baker, VP International Markets (4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.) David Knight Legg, Board Senior Advisor Andrew Fisher, Director of Governance, Research & Reporting James Rajotte, Alberta's Senior Representative to the U.S. (4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.) Tristan Sanregret, Executive Director, International Relations and Trade Branch (4:50 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.)

Ray Gilmour, Observer (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

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### 1. Call to Order

Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., with 100% of Members in attendance.

#### Agenda 2.

. Discussed the success of the IAC investor event in Lake Louise that connected more than 70 international investors with elected officials and Alberta business leaders.

### MOTION 1:

That the Board accepts the Agenda as presented.

• Motion carried.

### 3. Disclosure

- Each Board Member declared whether they had a conflict of interest, real or perceived, based on the business to be conducted at the board meeting.
  - No conflicts based on the business to be conducted at the Board meeting.

### HR, Board Development & Governance Committee Update 4.

- Committee Chair provided an overview of the results of the Board Competency Matrix results and highlighted the skill and competency gaps identified as part of the process.
- Board recognized the value of having Indigenous representation and representation from someone living in rural Alberta on the Board of Directors.
- Agreed to have the Governance Committee develop profiles for new Board Members based on the matrix responses.

## MOTION 2:

That the Board appoints the Director of Governance, Research, and Reporting as Board Secretary.

Motion carried.

[Vice-Chair departed the meeting]

- 5. In Camera Session with the CEO and Board Members
- . CEO and Board Members entered in camera.

### 6. Board Minutes

## MOTION 3:

That the Board accepts the Board Minutes for the October 25, 2021, meeting as presented in the meeting package.

- Motion carried.
- 7. Deal Flow
- CEO provided an overview of the Deal Flow and discussed improvements to how it will be presented going forward.

# 8. Washington, D.C. Spotlight

[Alberta's Senior Representative to the U.S.; the Executive Director; and IAC's VP International Markets joined the meeting]

Alberta's Senior Representative to the U.S. provided an overview of the Washington, D.C. office activities, areas of collaboration with IAC, and the Government of Alberta's expansion plans in Mexico City, Denver, Seattle, and Chicago.

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 Reviewed the steps and effort required to open and run stand-alone offices in the U.S. compared with being co-located with Global Affairs Canada; noting that IAC stand-alone offices in the U.S. would be considered a government office and fall under the purviews of the State Department and Department of Justice.

[Alberta's Senior Representative to the U.S.; the Executive Director; and IAC's VP International Markets departed the meeting]

## 9. CEO Update

- CEO highlighted several initiatives that have occurred in his first 40 days, including the proposed new organizational values, an increase in collaboration with partners, and numerous engagements with stakeholders.
- Noted the organizational principles should reflect the intent and language that created the IAC, and agreed to review the proposed values, purpose, vision, and mission statements.

### 10. Audit & Finance Committee

- Committee Chair provided an update on numerous activities, including the implementation plan presented by the Office
  of the Auditor General (OAG), the OAG's acceptance of the IAC's Audit Implementation Plan, and the hiring of a new VP
  Finance.
- Provided an overview of the updated Whistleblower Policy and indicated that management will be providing training to staff on the whistleblower process.

### MOTION 4:

That the Board approves the Whistleblower Policy as presented in the meeting package.

- Motion carried.
- Presented the *Procurement Policy* and noted how it adheres to trade agreement requirements for Crown corporations.

### MOTION 5:

That the Board approves the *Procurement Policy* as presented in the meeting package.

- Motion carried.
- Management provided a high-level overview of the financials, including advising to the Minister of Jobs, Economy and Innovation the IAC will be returning funds due to limited travel and expected underspend for the fiscal year.
- Board requested Management take the forecast and work with the new VP Finance to develop reports that reflect the IAC's operations.

# **11. Other Business**

 Reviewed the Action Items from the minutes, remarking the Board emails have been setup and a request to Management for an ESG presentation and plan for engagements with other Boards.

## 12. In Camera Session with the CEO

• The Chair called for an in camera session with the CEO at 6:05 p.m.

## 13. In Camera Session with the Board

The Chair called for an in camera session with the Board.

### 14. Call to adjourn

• The Chair called for the meeting to adjourn at 7 p.m.

This document has been revised to reflect the correct date on the digital version.

### **INVEST ALBERTA CORPORATION**

# ACTION ITEMS FROM JANUARY 26, 2021, BOARD MEETING

**Note:** Action items listed below have been added to the consolidated list of Board and Board Committee actions, maintained by Management.

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FROM DECEMBER 6 BOARD MEETING						

### **OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS**

Action Item	LEAD	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	DUE DATE			
FROM PRIOR BOARD MEETINGS							
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	CEO	WORK WITH THE NEW VP FINANCE ON	Underway	Updated			
		FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		FINANCIALS TO			
				BOARD AT MARCH			
				MEETING			
ESG PRESENTATION	CEO	AN ESG PRESENTATION ON WHERE WE	Underway				
		ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING					
BOARD TO BOARD MEETINGS	CEO	DEVELOP A PLAN TO IDENTIFY AND	Underway				
		CONNECT WITH OTHER BOARDS OF					
		DIRECTORS					
REVIEW ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES, PURPOSE,	CEO	COMPARE PROPOSED VALUES, PURPOSE,	COMPLETED				
VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS		VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS WITH					
		GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS THAT					
		FOUNDED THE IAC TO ENSURE					
		ALIGNMENT.					