

National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

93rd EMERGENCY MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

[Through Offline/VC mode]



DATE : 24th January, 2024 (Wednesday)
Time : 12:15 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.
Venue : Board Room, NIT, Rourkela



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 93RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 12.15 PM - 12.30 PM ON 24.01.2024 (WEDNESDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

Members Present:

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
1.	Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam [through VC] Chairperson, BOG, NIT Rourkela and Chairman & Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro Ltd., L&T House, N.M. Marg, Ballard Estate, P.O. Box: 278, Mumbai-400 001, India.	Tel : 022-67525656 Email : sns@intecc.com
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8.	Prof. Rohan Dhiman Registrar & Secretary, BOG, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela-769 008, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0661-2462021(O)/ 2463780(R) Mob. : 8594828323 Email : registrar@nitrrkl.ac.in
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Members Absent:

1.	Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Argul, Khordha-752050, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0674 7134448, 0674 7134449 (O) Fax : 0674 7134450 Email : director@iitbbs.ac.in/karmal@iitbbs.ac.in
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A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

BOG-93(2024)-01: Welcome to all the members to the meeting by the Chairperson.

The Chairperson welcomed all the members, and a leave of absence was granted to the members not present in the meeting.

BOG-93(2024)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 92nd meeting of the BOG held on 29.11.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 92nd BOG meeting held on 29.11.2023 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode were circulated by e-mail to all the members. No comments were received from the members. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 6(a) - 20]

The Board confirmed and approved the minutes.

BOG-93(2024)-03: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 92nd meeting of the BOG held on 29.11.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The report regarding action taken on the decisions made in the 92nd BOG meeting minutes held on 29.11.2023 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

[Annexure-A2, Page 21 - 22]

The Board noted the above.

BOG-93(2024)-04: To consider the minutes of the 68th FC meeting.

The following agenda items of the 68th FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval.

FC-68(2023)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 67th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 29.11.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

FC-68(2023)-03: To approve the minutes of the agenda items discussed in the 49th BWC meeting held on 27.12.2023.

[Annexure-A3, Page 22(a) - 22(c)]

The Board approved the recommendation of the 68th FC.

BOG-93(2024)-05: Discussion on the CAG inspection report no. 55/2023-24.

The transaction audit of the Institute for the FY 2022-23 was carried out by the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Hyderabad, at Bhubaneswar from Nov. 28, 2023 - Dec. 22, 2023. After their audit, the Institute received the detailed report no. 55/2023-24, which is placed before the Board for kind consideration.

[Annexure-A4, Page 23 - 51]

The Board considered and noted the above-mentioned CAG Inspection Report. The Board also noted the resolution of 99 long pending CAG paras since 2009 in the last two years.

BOG-93(2024)-06: To discuss regarding continuation of the engagement of the legal advisor on contract.

The Board vide resolution BOG-89(2023)-11, dated 13.03.2023, had approved the extension of contractual services of Advocate Mr. A.K. Panda, Legal Advisor, for another year from 01.02.2023 to 31.01.2024. He is drawing a consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs. 55,000/-. His tenure will expire on 31.01.2024. The matter is now placed before the Board for a suitable decision.

[Annexure-A5, Page 52 - 53]

The Board extended Mr. A.K. Panda's term as Legal Advisor till March 31, 2024, with existing terms and conditions. The Board also directed the Institute to go for fresh advertisement and complete the appointment process during this extension period.

BOG-93(2024)-07: To engage Mr. Prasanta Manna as Transmission Electron Microscope operator on contract.

The Institute houses many high-end equipment to undertake cutting-edge research in different disciplines of engineering & Science. Transmission Electron Microscope is one such equipment that different departments heavily use. After the conclusion of the Non-Teaching recruitment, we have appointed different technical personnel to the Central Research Facility (CRF) to operate high-end equipments. To train our permanent employee to operate TEM, we need one experienced personnel who can operate and guide newly joined staff in CRF. Based on skills and techniques in handling TEM, the Institute proposes to engage Mr. Prasanta Manna for 6 months on a consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs. 40,000. The matter is placed before the Board for kind consideration.

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The Board approved the contractual engagement of Mr. Prasanta Manna as a TEM operator for one year with consolidated remuneration of Rs. 40,000.00 per month.

BOG-93(2024)-08: Discussion on the reconstitution of the Board of Directors, Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation (FTBI).

The last Board of Directors, FTBI, was reconstituted and approved by the Board of Governors, NIT Rourkela, vide order no. NITR/RG/BOG-78/2021/M/0752 dated 14.09.2021. Since that time, the functional activities of FTBI have changed, and operation areas have extended vastly with the needs of society in general, as per the direction of Govt. of India in particular. In the meantime, a few members of the Board of Directors of FTBI have left the institute, necessitating the reconstitution.

In this regard, the following members are proposed to be inducted as Board of Directors, FTBI, for two years from the date of approval/order.

Sl. No.	Name	Position
1.	Director, NIT Rourkela	Chairman (Ex-Officio)
2.	HOC, FTBI	Member Secretary (Ex-Officio)
3.	Prof. R. K. Sahoo Emeritus Professor, FTBI, NIT Rourkela	Member
4.	Prof. B. Ravi Director, NIT Surathkal (Class of 1986 ME)	Member
5.	Mr. D. B. Sundar Raman Vice President, Raw Materials, Tata Steel, Jamshedpur (Class of 1990 MN)	Member
6.	Ms. Lisa Mohapatra Founder & CEO, Hopeto, Bengaluru (Class of 2004 ME)	Member
7.	Prof. D. P. Mohapatra Professor, Department of Comp. Sci. and Engg., NIT Rourkela	Member
8.	Prof. S. K. Pal, Ex-HOD, Mining Engineering Department, IIT, Kharagpur	Member

It is also proposed to re-designate one position, i.e., HOC, FTBI, as President. The matter is placed before the Board for kind consideration and approval.

[Annexure-A7, Page 69 - 70]

The Board perused the matter and approved the agenda item after due consideration.

BOG-93(2024)-09: Proposal for appointment of the Veterinarian as an internal member for Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC)

The institute has a central animal house facility with the approval of CPCSEA (Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate

Change, Govt. of India (Regn. No. 2054/GO/Re/S/19/CPCSEA) for monitoring and evaluating experimentations on animal.


The Institute Animal Ethical Committee (IAEC) constitutes 5-internal members and 4-external members approved by CPCSEA. Prof. Mukesh Kumar Gupta, BM is an internal member (veterinarian). As he is on deputation, he could not be an internal member. Hence, the IAEC needs a regular internal member as a veterinarian. Moreover, the committee's validity is up to 08/02/2024, and it is essential to renew the registration as per CPCSEA guidelines. Therefore, we request that BOG decide to appoint a veterinarian to keep the committee functional to monitor animal experimentation in the institute.


[Annexure-A8, Page 71 - 75]

The Board approved and authorized the Director to initiate the process of advertisement related to the contractual appointment of a veterinarian on consolidate remuneration through a duly constituted committee as soon as possible.

BOG-93(2024)-10: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


[Prof. Rohan Dhiman]
Registrar and Secretary
BOG, NIT Rourkela
25/1/2024


[Shri S N Subrahmanyam]
Chairperson
BOG, NIT Rourkela