



**SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT**

**MINUTES**

*Minutes of the Fifty Fifth (55<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on Monday, the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. onwards in the Conference Room of Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat.*

Following members were present:

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| (1) | <b>Prof. S.R. Gandhi</b><br>Director, SVNIT, Surat  | : | <b>Chairman</b>                               |
| (2) | <b>Smt. Darshana Dabral</b><br>JS & FA, Ministry of Education<br>Govt. of India, New Delhi        | : | <b>Member</b><br>(Through video-conferencing) |
| (3) | <b>Shri Indrajit Kuri</b><br>Under Secretary, Ministry of Education<br>Govt. of India, New Delhi. | : | <b>Member</b><br>(Through video-conferencing) |
| (4) | <b>Prof. Amit Prashant</b><br>Professor, Civil Engg. Department.,<br>IIT, Gandhinagar.            | : | <b>Member</b><br>(Through video-conferencing) |
| (5) | <b>Shri Prashant Desai</b><br>Director<br>DNA Healthcare Projects LLP, Surat                      | : | <b>Member</b>                                 |
| (6) | <b>Shri Nihar Doctor</b><br>Director<br>Envision Environ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat            | : | <b>Member</b>                                 |
| (7) | <b>Dr. R. A. Christian</b><br>Professor, Civil Engg. Department.,<br>SVNIT, Surat                 | : | <b>Member</b>                                 |
| (8) | <b>Dr. P. V. Bhale</b><br>Asso. Professor, Mech. Engg. Department.,<br>SVNIT, Surat               | : | <b>Member</b>                                 |

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- (9) **Prof. P. L. Patel** : **Special Invitee**  
Deputy Director, SVNIT, Surat
- (10) **Dr. Pramod Mathur** : **Secretary**  
Registrar, SVNIT, Surat.

Prof. S. R. Gandhi, Chairman BoG and Director warmly welcomed all the members of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Governors. Apart from the members of the Finance Committee, he welcomed and introduced the members who joined for BoG meeting; namely Prof. Amit Prashant of IIT Gandhinagar, Shri Prashant Desai, Architect and Shri Nihar Doctor, Environment Specialist. He narrated that present pandemic situation may improve soon, and it may be possible to have the next meeting in physical form.

He briefed the members that, in spite of the difficult times, the Institute could complete all the academic requirements as per scheduled notified in the Institute Senate. He also proposed that this year convocation may have to be conducted in online mode and the approval for the awards of the degrees shall be obtained in the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

He also briefed the members about Institute Perspective Plan which is being prepared with the projected student strength from 6000 at present to 7500 by year 2025, 9000 by year 2030 and 12000 by year 2040. Accordingly, the Institute is planning the new infrastructure and Masterplan of various infrastructures in the campus. The perspective plan will be ready soon and it will be placed in the BoG meeting by December 2020. Prof. P. L. Patel, Deputy Director and Chairperson of Committee for Perspective plan briefed the members about the methodology adopted for the same.

Members were also informed that recruitment of Teaching and non- Teaching Staff is held up due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. We have already received the applications and scrutinized at the Institute level. The interviews can be held in November/ December depending on the situation.

Dr. Pramod Mathur, Secretary was then requested to go through the agenda items.

Thereafter, following agenda items were deliberated:

**Item 55.1: To confirm the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 30/06/2020.**

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- Reso.55.1:** “Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Governors held on 30/06/2020.”
- Item 55.2:** **To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 54<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 30/06/2020.**
- Reso.55.2:** “Resolved to note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 30/06/2020. ”
- Item 55.3:** **To note and approve the minutes/recommendations of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21/09/2020**
- Reso.55.3:** “Resolved to note and approve the recommendations of the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21/09/2020.”
- Item 55.4:** **To Note and adopt the following office memorandums/ letters received from MHRD, Govt. of India & Ministry of Urban Development, Directorates of Estates, New Delhi during recent past.**
- (i) **Office Memorandum No.F.No.35-5/2020-TS.III dated 28/07/2020 regarding amendments in guidelines issued for utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) issued by MHRD, New Delhi.**
  - (ii) **Office Memorandum No. 18011/2/2015-Pol.III dated 19/07/2017 regarding Revision of flat rate of licence fee for General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) throughout the country issued by Ministry of Urban Development, Directorates of Estates, New Delhi.**
  - (iii) **Order No.A.44011/6/2020-E.I dated 18/08/2020 issued by Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) regarding change of name from Ministry of Human Resource Development to Ministry of Education (Siksha Mantralaya).**
  - (iv) **Letter No.21-81/2014-TS.II dated 16/02/2015 issued by MHRD regarding Guidelines for hiring Adjunct Faculty in Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTI’s).**
  - (v) **Letter No.F.No.33-4/2020-TS.III dated 17th August,2020 issued by Ministry regarding New National Education Policy (NEP)-2020.**
- Reso.55.4:** “Resolved to adopt the following office memorandums/ letters received from MHRD, Govt. of India & Ministry of Urban Development, Directorates of Estates, New Delhi during recent past.
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**Item 55.5:** **To consider and approve to grant furnished free of license fee accommodation in the campus of the Institute to Deputy Director of the Institute.**

**Reso.55.5:** "Resolved to defer the item and be placed in the next meeting of BoG."

**Item 55.6:** **To consider and approve the Recruitment Rules for Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha / Official Language).**

**Reso.55.6:** The post of Assistant Registrar (Rajbhasha/ official language) was approved in lieu of Hindi Officer (GP-8700) in minutes of 54<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting vide Reso. 54.7.

"The Board resolved that the Recruitment Rules prescribed by the Department of Official language (MHA) for appointment of Hindi staffs may be adopted."

**Item 55.7:** **To note the instructions of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on report submitted by the Institute level Committee constituted to check the compliance of prescribed procedure and relevant GFR in the purchase of some of the items oversighted by 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BoG of SVNIT, Surat**

**Reso.55.7:** The Board noted the communication received from Ministry of Education vide No.F.No.17-6/2020-TS.III dated 27/08/2020 on report submitted by the Institute Level Committee constituted to check the compliance of prescribed procedure and relevant GFR in the purchase of the some of the items oversighted by 46<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting.

It was informed to the Board that the observations made in the report mentioned in aforesaid communication were already covered during inquiry against two charged officers. The Departmental Inquires are in progress.

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“Resolved to note the Ministry of Education communication No.F.No.17-6/2020-TS.III dated 27/08/2020 on the report submitted by the Institute Level Committee constituted to check the compliance of prescribed procedure and relevant GFR in the purchase of the items oversighted by 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of BoG.”

“Further, resolved to note that the actions already initiated on two Charged officers”.

**Item 55.8: To note the status of inquiry of Shri D. B. Gohil, Associate Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.**

**Reso.55.8:** “Resolved that the findings of the Inquiry officer and response of the Charged officer shall be deliberated in the ensuing meeting of the Board”.

“Resolved to extend the suspension of Shri D B Gohil w.e.f. 23.9.2020 for 3 months or further orders whichever is earlier. During the suspension period he will be continued to be paid subsistence allowance @ 50% of Basic pay and allowance as admissible”.

“Resolved further to authorize the Institute Director to issue order of extension of suspension immediately to the Charged Officer. This resolution was confirmed during the Meeting itself to enable the Director to issue above extension order”.

**Item 55.9: To note the status of case of fraudulent submission of forged and fictitious bills for settlement of advances drawn by Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Applied Physics Department under various research projects.**

**Reso.55.9** It was informed to the Board that matter for second stage advice of CVC couldn't be taken up for want of appointment of CVO of the institute. The matter regarding appointment of CVO of SVNIT Surat is pending at the Ministry of Education and the requirement of CVO is mandatory for communication with CVC in this regard. The representative of Ministry of Education was requested to follow up the matter expeditiously with the concerned department for early nomination of CVO for SVNIT Surat. It was advised that Director of the institute may appoint the temporary CVO of the Institute till finalization of name from Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

“Resolved to seek the Second stage advice from CVC in the matter of Dr. L. K. Saini through the temporarily appointed CVO of the Institute.”

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*23/11/2022*



**Item 55.10:** To note the status of inquiry of Shri Patij K. Shah, Technical Assistant (SG-I) in Central Computer Centre & Former Dy. Registrar (A/cs).

**Reso.55.10:** “Resolved to place the response of Charged officer on inquiry report, in ensuing meeting of BoG. Further, resolved to extend the suspension of Shri Patij K. Shah w.e.f. 16/10/2020 for next 3 months or till further orders whichever is earlier.”

**Item 55.11:** To note the status of inquiry of Dr. D. P. Vakharia, Former Incharge Registrar and Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department.

**Reso.55.11:** The Board was briefed that inquiry, as per CCS (CCA) Rules, has been completed, and report is received from the Inquiry Officer. The employee is under suspension since 01/07/2019. The soft copy of the report was circulated to members before the meeting and hard copy was also placed before the Board for acceptance.

“Resolved to accept the Inquiry Report of Dr. D. P. Vakharia and handover the same to the Charged Officer for his response and to extend the suspension of Dr. D. P. Vakharia w.e.f. 23.9.2020 for 3 months or till further orders whichever is earlier. During the suspension period he will be continued to be paid subsistence allowance @ 50% of Basic pay and allowance as admissible”.

“Resolved further to authorize the Institute Director to issue order of extension of suspension immediately to the Charged Officer and to confirm this resolution during the Meeting itself to enable the Director to issue above extension order”.

**Item 55.12:** To consider and approve the D. O. Letter No.F.21-48/2009-TS.III (Pt.) dated 17/08/2020 from Ministry of Education, New Delhi to continue services of Shri Ravinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar at MHRD on loan/ attachement for a further period of one year (w.e.f. 10/09/2020) or until further orders for smooth functioning of the NITs system.

**Reso.54.12:** “Resolved to approve to continue services of Shri Ravinder Kumar, Assistant Registrar at Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on loan/ attachement for a further period of maximum one year (w.e.f. 10/09/2020) or until further orders whichever is earlier as per D. O. Letter No.F.21-48/2009-TS.III (Pt.) dated 17/08/2020 from Ministry of Education, New Delhi”.

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**Item 55.13: To consider and approve the proposed delegation of Financial Power & Administrative powers to functionaries of Institute.**

**Reso.55.13:** It was informed to the Board that, after implementation of GFR 20-17 and joining of various functionaries, the delegation of financial powers needs modification. The proposed delegation will smoothen the process of administrative and financial approvals. The proposed delegation is based on delegation of powers of some leading NITs viz. VNIT Nagpur, NIT Calicut, NITK, Surathkal. The JS&FA advised to place the same in next BoG for consideration alongwith details of other NITs.

“Resolved to defer the item and be placed in the next meeting of BoG alongwith details of delegation of powers of other NITs”.

**Item 55.14: To consider and approve the request dated 27/08/2020 received from Dr. N. K. Datta, Associate Professor, Physical Education Section to the Director, SVNIT regarding consideration of his application for the post of Professor at par with other Academic Department**

**Reso.55.14:** The Board was briefed that Dr. N.K. Datta, Associate Professor, Physical Education Section will be completing 60 years of age in January 2021. As per decision of NIT Council dated 15.10.2013 the cadre of Physical Education Personnel would be as dying cadre after the existing incumbents get retire.

“Resolved to refer the matter to the Ministry of Education on priority to seek the direction in the matter for superannuation age of existing incumbent urgently.”

**Item 55.15: To note the preparation of Short/ Medium/ Long Term perspective plan of the Institute.**

**Reso.55.15:** Prof P L Patel, Chairperson of the Committee briefed outline of the perspective plan of the institute. He informed the members that online feedback have already been received alongwith suggestions from various stake holders. The sub-committees for developing the growth plan of the Institute have already been constituted in different domains and proposals from various academic departments are already received and under compilation at the Institute level. The Institute is also planning to develop a Center of Interdisciplinary Research (CIDR) which will be helpful in implementation of New Education Policy of Government of India at the Institute.

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“Resolved to note the status of preparation of Short/ Medium/ Long Term perspective plan of the institute.”

**Item 55.16: To nominate one member on the Building & Works Committee of the Institute.**

**Reso.55.16:** “Resolved to defer the item and be placed in the next meeting of BoG.”

**Item 55.17: To note the status of recruitment of Faculty and Non Faculty posts at SVNIT, Surat.**

**Reso.55.17:** “Resolved to note the status of recruitment of Faculty and Non Faculty posts at SVNIT, Surat.”

*Item from Chair:55.18*

**Item 55.18.1: To report the extension / appointment of Deans/ Associate Dean in various area(s) and Head of Chemical Engineering Department.**

**Reso.55.18.1:** “Resolved to note the extension / appointment of Deans/ Associate Dean in various area(s) and Head of Chemical Engineering Department.”

**Item 55.18.2: To note the list of pending Court Cases of the Institute.**

**Reso.55.18.2:** “Resolved to note the list of pending Court cases of the Institute.”

**Item 55.18.3: To consider and approve the entitlement of faculty and non-faculty as per students strength of the academic year 2019-20 (as on 01/04/2020).**

**Reso.55.18.3:** “Resolved to defer the item and be placed in the next meeting of BoG.”

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
**SECRETARY**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

  
**DIRECTOR**  
**SVNIT, SURAT**