

## PEFC Council

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## Minutes

### Present:

- Eduardo Rojas Briaies (Chair)
- David Ford (1st Vice Chair)
- Suzette Weeding (2nd Vice Chair)
- Dradjad Wibowo
- Eva Müller
- Fatimah Mohammad
- Gerald Pfiffinger
- Guy Gleysteen
- Kurt Ramskogler
- Lena Ek
- Nurudeen Iddrisu
- Sara El Kadri
- Scott Robertson

### In attendance:

- Michael Berger (Secretary General)
- Stephan Décaillet (Senior Finance Manager)
- Brian Kernohan (Chair of the SFM working Group)

### Apologies:

- Richard Ali
- Esa Härmälä (Chair of the Nominations Committee)

## 1. AGENDA

**BOD/65/2022** Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the Agenda.

### 1.1 Declarations of potential conflicts of interest with agenda

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### 1.2 Affiliations update

The Affiliations Register is updated with details related to newly appointed Board Members and an amendment in the Chair's profile.

## 2. MINUTES

**BOD/66/2022** Unanimously agreed:

- To approve the minutes of the PEFC Board meeting which was held virtually on 11 November 2022.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

### 3.1 Debrief of PEFC Week

The Board members and the Secretariat were of the view that the PEFC week was successful. The format with a further developed presentation style was interesting for the participants of the sessions and organisation of the week went well. As recommendation for the next virtual PEFC Week the offering of coffee chat opportunities was mentioned. An opportunity for members to present their interest should be re-established as well.

### 3.2 Extension of the validity of the conflict timber clarification

The Board came to the conclusion that the conditions for issuing the clarification in March, specifically the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, have not been changing.

The Board Members want to communicate with their decision that the situation is continuously monitored and, if appropriate, the decision about the clarification will be revisited. Therefore, the motion was slightly adjusted.

**BOD/67/2022** Unanimously agreed:

- To extend the validity of the conflict timber clarification indefinitely and to regularly monitor it by the PEFC International Board.

### 3.3. Updates (Romania, Nominations Committee)

Eduardo Rojas Briales reported about the meeting with the Chair of PEFC Romania. The agreements are documented in a letter to PEFC Romania.

Kurt Ramskogler reported about the meeting with the Chair of the Nominations Committee. It was agreed to describe the nominations procedure in more detail without changing the Statutes or the Nominations Guide at this point of time.

## 4. OPERATIONAL ITEMS

### 4.1. Q3 Management Accounts / MAC report

The Chair of the MAC (Guy Gleysteen) reported about recent changes in the year end forecast for the PEFC Council. Based on recent information it is to be expected that the deficit (beyond the CHF 335'000 for the integrity program) will be between CHF 0 and CHF 50'000.

It was also reported that UBS recommended to do a small adjustment in PEFC's investment portfolio. The MAC unanimously recommends to follow the UBS recommendation and to adjust the portfolio.

**BOD/68/2022** Unanimously agreed:

- To adjust PEFC's investment portfolio according to the UBS recommendation.

## 5. COMMITTEE UPDATES

No significant developments happened in the Committees since the last meeting.

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### 6.1 Extension of the suspension of the endorsement of the PEFC Russia

**BOD/69/2022** Unanimously agreed:

- To extend the suspension of the endorsement of the PEFC Russia Certification System.
- To reject the second part of the original motion and not to appoint the Secretariat to discuss with PEFC Russia technical options for the end of the suspension at this point of time.

### 6.2 Decision making process for the new accounting software

## 7. DATES OF NEXT MEETING

The next in person Board meeting will be on Tuesday 07 and Wednesday 08 March 2023 in person in Geneva.

A date for a further online meeting late January/early February will be identified by a doodle survey.

As part of this online meeting the dates for further online meetings om 2023 shall be determined.

Signed:



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Eduardo Rojas Briales, Chair



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Michael Berger, Secretary General