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Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes of the 25th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 16th January 2026 at 11:00 AM at Nila Campus, IIT Palakkad is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Shri Ramesh Venkateswaran	Chairperson
2.	Dr.Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS	Member
3.	Prof A Seshadri Sekhar	Director
4.	Dr Subbiah Shanmugam	Member (through VC)
5.	Prof. L S Ganesh	Member
6.	Dr. Samarjeet Chanda	Member
7.	Dr. Jayakumar Balakrishnan	Member
8.	Dr B V Ramesh	Registrar, Secretary

Smt. Saumya Gupta, Shri Raghu Veraballi and Shri A Anbarasu could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. Comments on the agenda items were received from the JS (TE), MoE via email on 12 January 2026 ([Annexure- 23](#)).

Procedural Matters

BoG 25.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	<i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 25th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad and requested the Member–Secretary to take up the agenda items for discussion.</i>
BoG 25.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 18 th July 2025 at 09:30 AM. (Annexure - 1)
	Decision (BoG 24.2): <i>The Board considered the minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Board of Governors and confirmed the same.</i>
BoG 25.3	Presentation of the Director’s overview report.
	<i>The Director presented the overview report, highlighting the activities of the Institute since July 2025. He apprised the Board regarding the increase in student strength, placement performance, awards, academic</i>

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	<p><i>recognitions, publications, and internship statistics. The Director also presented the fund status of IIT Palakkad as on 15.01.2026.</i></p> <p><i>Further, he updated the Board on the progress of Phase 1-A construction, ongoing research projects, and newly undertaken extramural research projects. The Chairman and the members noted the salient points of the presentation.</i></p>
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Items for consideration and approval

BoG 25.4	<p>To consider and approve the award of degrees to the students as per the recommendation of the Senate (list attached)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 2)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.4):</i> <i>The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate regarding the award of degrees to the students, as placed before it. After due deliberation, the Board approved the recommendations of the Senate and accorded its approval for the award of degrees to the students, as recommended.</i></p>
BoG 25.5	<p>To consider and approve the proposal for the amendment of the Recruitment and Promotion Norms (RPN) of IIT Palakkad pertaining to non-faculty in order to strike a healthy balance between the functional requirements of the Institute and to remove existing anomalies and bottlenecks in the recruitment and promotion processes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 3)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.5):</i> <i>The proposals were examined in detail in view of the comments from JS(TE). The Board after detailed deliberations accorded its approval for the items in 3,4,5 and 6 of the Annexure where the DoE OM dated 04.01.2024 is not relevant. The Board also accorded its approval for the items in 1 and 2 of the annexure in line with the DoPT/DoE/UGC/Other approved RRs of HEI/CFTIs and recommended to submit the same to the Ministry for its favorable approval.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure- 3A)</p>
BoG 25.6	<p>To Consider and Proposal for various faculty positions (other than regular appointments)</p>

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	<p>IIT Palakkad currently has Professors of Practice, Visiting Professors, Honorary Professors, and Adjunct Faculty recruited at various times. However, minor overlaps and inconsistencies have been observed in the eligibility conditions prescribed for these positions.</p> <p>In this context, a draft proposal is being placed for the appointment of various faculty positions (other than regular appointments) that may be created in accordance with the statutes of IIT Palakkad.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 4)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.6):</i> <i>The Board reviewed the proposal addressing minor overlaps and inconsistencies in the eligibility conditions for the various faculty positions including Professors of Practice, Visiting Professors, Honorary Professors, and Adjunct Faculty. After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the eligibility conditions as outlined for strengthening academic support at IIT Palakkad.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 4A)</p>
BoG 25.7	<p>To consider and approve the request received from Dr. Vijay Muralidharan, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, for a one-year sabbatical leave (Period of sabbatical: 15 July 2026 to 14 July 2027) at Wavelect Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (co-founded by Dr. Vijay Muraleedharan and incubated at IIT Palakkad), located at IIT Palakkad, without any financial benefit (since the startup is in its initial stages and the expected revenue streams are uncertain).</p> <p>It is further submitted that Dr. Vijay joined this institute as Assistant Professor Grade I on 30-Mar-2020 and will complete the stipulated six years or more of continuous service with the Institute before proceeding for sabbatical.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 5)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.7):</i> <i>The Board considered the request of Dr. Vijay Muralidharan, Associate Professor for a one-year sabbatical leave from 15 July 2026 to 14 July 2027 at Wavelect Technologies Pvt. Ltd., without financial benefit, and approved the same.</i></p>
BoG 25.8	<p>To consider and approve the Recruitment Record Retention Policy</p> <p>IIT Palakkad is currently facing space constraints due to ongoing construction, and a significant amount of space is being occupied by old recruitment files. Therefore, it has become essential to implement a record retention policy, and accordingly, a balanced schedule for the retention, maintenance, preservation, and weeding out of records related to recruitment examinations conducted by</p>



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	<p>IIT Palakkad for various faculty and non-faculty posts is proposed for implementation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 6)</p>
	<p><i>Decision (BoG 25.8): The Board considered the proposal for implementing a record retention policy to manage, preserve, and periodically weed out recruitment-related records at IIT Palakkad. After due deliberation, the Board approved the proposed schedule for retention, maintenance, preservation, and disposal of such records.</i></p>
BoG 25.9	<p>To consider and approve the purchase of land for the research park.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 7)</p>
	<p><i>Decision (BoG 25.9): As per the comments of the Joint Secretary (Technical Education), Ministry of Education, the proposal was deferred, and it was decided that compliance would be submitted to the Ministry separately.</i></p>
BoG 25.10	<p>To consider and approve the recommendations of the 24th and 25th BWC meeting held on</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Construction of Permanent Campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase 1B - Academic Zone, SH - Construction of one department Building (B05) in the academic zone, connecting corridors to B04 & B05 blocks, including internal electrical installations, lifts, internal water supply, sanitary installations, low side HVAC, fire fighting & fire alarm, network rack, patch panel & cabling for network, CCTV etc amounting to Rs. Rs. 85,48,40,000/-2. Construction of Permanent Campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase 1A, SH: Furniture, SW: Furnishing of Department Building (B03). SH: Furniture for the office of Head of Departments, Office of the Departments, Bio Wet lab (Room no.17 and 18), Chemistry lab (Room no.15), Fluorescence Spectroscopy lab (B03-146), CSE lab and research scholar lab (B03-223, 225 & 226), Computer system lab (B03-222), Computer lab (B03 – 101), amounting to Rs. 2,47,34,732/-3. Construction of Permanent campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase B, SH - Construction of concrete pavement and covered pathway from the classroom complex (A01) to the Department block (B04) along with the stream costing Rs. 1,35,73,000/-4. Construction of permanent campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase B, SH: SITC of 1252 kWp Solar Generation System including solar PV Panel, Inverter and connection, supporting structures, etc at Sahyadri and Nila

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	<p>campus with preliminary estimate costing Rs. 5,83,44,000/-.</p> <p>5. Furnishing of Department Building (B04). SH: Furniture for the office of the Head of Departments, Faculty rooms, Research Scholar rooms, and Office of the Departments, preliminary estimate costing Rs.1,59,13,905/-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -8)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.10): The Board considered the recommendations of the 24th and 25th BWC meetings regarding various construction, furnishing, and solar energy works for the Permanent Campus of IIT Palakkad. Based on the Finance Committee's recommendations, the Board approved the proposals for all the works as recommended.</i></p>
BoG 25.11	<p>To note the approval accorded through circular resolution by the Board for Probation Confirmation of Group A officers (Dr. Asha Gopalan, Mr. Arun S and Mr. Shyam Prasad)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure- 9)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.11): The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the probation confirmation of Group A officers, namely Dr. Asha Gopalan, Mr. Arun S, and Mr. Shyam Prasad.</i></p>
BoG 25.12	<p>To note the approval accorded through circular resolution by the Board for Probation Confirmation and Upgradation of faculty members</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 10)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.12): The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the probation confirmation and upgradation of faculty members.</i></p>
BoG 25.13	<p>To note the approval accorded through circular resolution by the appointment of Dean ICSR and Associate Dean ICSR</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 11)</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 25.13): The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the appointment of Dean ICSR and Associate Dean ICSR.</i></p>

Items for Ratification

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BoG 25.14	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Appointment of Dean Infrastructure (Annexure - 12)
	Decision (BoG 25.14): <i>The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the appointment of the Dean (Infrastructure).</i>
BoG 25.15	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Approval for Upgradation of Joint Registrar from Level 13 to Level 13A (Annexure - 13)
	Decision (BoG 25.15): <i>The comments of JS(TE) noted and the Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the upgradation of the Joint Registrar from Level 13 to Level 13A as enumerated.</i> (Annexure - 13A)

Items for Noting/Reporting

BoG 25.16	To note the approval accorded through circular resolution by the Board for Annual Report and Annual Accounts for the year 2024-25 (Annexure-14)
	Decision (BoG 25.16): <i>The Board noted the approval accorded through circular resolution for the Annual Report and Annual Accounts of IIT Palakkad for the year 2024–25.</i>
BoG 25.17	To note the appointment of eight members of staff in Group B and Group C positions (JTS - 2, JA-6) (Annexure - 15)
	Decision (BoG 25.17): <i>The Board noted the appointment of eight members of staff in Group B and Group C positions, comprising 2 Junior Technical Staff (JTS) and 6 Junior Assistants (JA).</i>
BoG 25.18	To note the recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee for Promotion for Group B employees (LDE) (Library Superintendent - 1 No) (Annexure - 16)

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	Decision (BoG 25.18): <i>The Board noted the recommendations of DPC for promotion under LDE for Group B employees.</i>
BoG 25.19	<p>To note the relieving/resignation of the following members of administrative/technical staff.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. R Navaneethakumar (Executive Engineer (Civil))2. Alok Singh (Physical Training Instructor)3. Shiyas T S (Junior Attendant)4. Kirankumar (Junior Technical Superintendent)5. Thotakuar Sri Prabhu Vasudev (Junior Attended) <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -17)</p>
	Decision (BoG 25.19): <i>The Board noted the relieving / resignation of five administrative / technical staff.</i>
BoG 25.20	<p>To note the summary of proceedings of the 34th Senate meeting held on 15th October 2025.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 18)</p>
	Decision (BoG 25.20): <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 34th Senate meeting held on 15th October 2025.</i>
BoG 25.21	<p>To note the summary of the 61st, 62nd, 63rd and 64th meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 13.08.2025, 12.09.2025, 29.10.2025 and 28.11.2025 respectively.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure -19)</p>
	Decision (BoG 25.21): <i>The Board noted the summary of the 61st, 62nd, 63rd, and 64th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the Permanent Campus construction, held on 13.08.2025, 12.09.2025, 29.10.2025, and 28.11.2025, respectively.</i>

Tabled Item for Consideration of Approval

BoG 25.22	<p>To consider and approve the the award of degrees to the additional fourteen students as per the recommendation of the Senate through circulation</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 20)</p>
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	<p>Decision (BoG 25.22): <i>The Board considered the recommendation of the Senate, in Table item, regarding the award of degrees to fourteen additional students. The Board approved the award of degrees to these students as recommended.</i></p>
BoG 25.23	<p>To consider and approve the proposal to introduce a new UG programme in Materials Engineering for the AY 2026-27</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 21)</p> <p>Decision (BoG 25.23): <i>The Board considered the proposal placed as a table item for introducing a new undergraduate programme in Materials Engineering for the Academic Year 2026 –27. After reviewing the recommendations of the Board of Academic Council (BAC) and the Senate, the Board approved the introduction of the new UG programme in Materials Engineering for AY 2026 - 27.</i></p>
BoG 25.24	<p>To consider and approve the induction of the Dean (Infrastructure) as a member of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) and the Project Management Committee (PMC).</p> <p>Consequent upon the recent creation and filling of the post of Dean (Infrastructure), it is proposed that the Dean (Infrastructure) be inducted as a member of these committees, in addition to the Chairman, EWD, to ensure better administrative alignment and effective oversight of infrastructure development and project management.</p> <p>Decision (BoG 25.24): <i>The Board considered the proposal placed as a table item for induction of the Dean (Infrastructure) as a member of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) and the Project Management Committee (PMC). The Board approved the induction to ensure better administrative alignment and effective oversight of infrastructure and project management.</i></p>
BoG 25.25	<p>To consider and approve the engagement of Legal Counsel for IIT Palakkad.</p> <p>The court case related to the Phase 1-A construction is currently under consideration by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. The Court has granted multiple extensions to the Petitioner, however, the interim orders indicate repeated delays and failure on the part of the Petitioner to honor their commitments, including delays in consultation and filing of affidavits.</p> <p>In order to expedite the proceedings and to ensure effective legal support, it is proposed to engage a Legal Counsel from the IIT Palakkad side to assist and</p>



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	coordinate on all related legal matters which was also suggested in the Review meeting with MoE, CPWD and Institute officials.
	Decision (BoG 25.25): <i>The Board considered the proposal placed in as a table item for engagement of Legal Counsel for IIT Palakkad and Board approved the proposal as suggested for effective legal support in addition to the advocates engaged by the Solicitor General.</i>

Tabled Item for Noting/Reporting

BoG 25.26	To note the summary of proceedings of the 35th Senate meeting held on 09th January 2026. (Annexure - 22)
	Decision (BoG 25.26): <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 35th Senate meeting held on 09th January 2026.</i>

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