

**THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE
OF APPLIED ARTS AND
TECHNOLOGY**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**October 2, 2024
230 Richmond St. E. &
VIA MS TEAMS
5:30 P.M.**

Present:	Bruce Choy, Chair Omo Akintan (online) Jon Callegher Bhavna Duggal (online) Saeideh Fard	Gervan Fearon Roger Grochmal Arjun Jasuja (online) Lachlan MacQuarrie (online)	Millan Mulraine Akrivi Papadaki Nancy Prenevost (online) Jimi Rockley Sanya Vatish
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Steve Comacho Janene Christiansen Eileen De Courcy	Michael Herrera Rudi Fischbacher Jennifer Grant	Mona Modaresi Leslie Quinlan Michael Thomas
Guests via Teams:	Ian Austin Adel Esayed	Michelle McCollum Terry McQuaid	Sumi Shan
Regrets:	Rob Gilmour		
Secretary of the Board:			
Minutes:	Lisa Lam		

1.0 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of this board term and reminded everyone of upcoming college events including Food Court Social and the United Way campaign. The Chair made a recommendation to look into the Board Excellence program as a professional development opportunity for board members.

A land territory acknowledgement was then provided.

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (including past minutes)

The agenda and consent agenda were reviewed. No issues arose.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-10-01

THAT the Board of Governors approve the agenda for the public meeting held on October 2, 2024 and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on October 2, 2024, which includes the following items:

- 2.2 Board of Governors Meeting - Public - Minutes (DRAFT) - June 5, 2024
- 2.3 Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Minutes of September 11, 2024
- 2.4 Finance and Property Committee Public Minutes of September 25, 2024
- 2.5 Approval of Bank Account

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: R. Grochmal

CARRIED

3.0 Standing Committee Report

Governance and Nomination Committee (GNC)

The Governance and Nomination Committee Chair, Nancy Prenevost, provided the update on appointments and re-appointments.

MOTION BGPUB-2024-10-02

Approval of New Community Board Members and Re-appointment of Community Member:

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors approve the re-appointment of Lesley Hampton as a community member to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for 2024-25; and

THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nomination Committee, the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Julia Hanigsberg as a community member to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for 2024-25.

Moved: S. Fard

Seconded: A. Jasuja

CARRIED

Finance and Property Committee (F&P)

An update was provided by the Chair of the Finance and Property, Bhavna Duggal, including highlights from the recent Finance and Property committee meeting. The Chair also mentioned that there was a lot of discussion around the recent and continuing government policy changes and how that might impact the upcoming Board workplan.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (ASA)

An update was provided by the Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and it started off with a warm welcome to new board and ASA members Jimi Rockley and Sanya Vatish.

Highlights from the last meeting include an update on the plan to continue working on their workplan and to bring it back to the board for the December meeting. The Chair also summarized a few key accomplishments of ASA in the past board year including 23 new programs approved, 45 new full-time faculty hires, and 19 new partners for Continuing Education.

People and Technology Committee (P&T)

An update was provided by the Chair of the People and Technology Committee, Millan Mulraine. The committee chair updated that there has been progress made on the IT strategy having secured KPMG in an advisory capacity.

4.0 President's Report

The President noted that his written report contains an extensive overview of the updates from around the college. He also highlighted that a priority of this upcoming year is to work across the college to offer more recognition of the work being done with examples including the President's Awards and more wholesome engagement to address considerations around culture.

5.0 Board of Governors Annual Workplan

The Senior Vice President, Institutional Planning and Chief Financial Officer, Michael Herrera, shared an update with the key point that the work within the workplan primarily captures work that is being done within the committees; and that the general work plan is a framework for how that work comes to the board. As we progress through the board year, the upcoming agendas derived from the work plan must remain fluid given the current landscape.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the private session at 5:56 p.m.