

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**October 4, 2023
230 Richmond St. E. &
VIA MS TEAMS
5:30 P.M.**

Present:	Bruce Choy, Chair Omo Akintan Michael Decter Bhavna Duggal	Andrea Elliott Saeideh Fard Gervan Fearon Rob Gilmour	Ansh Jain Peter Koutsokeris Millan Mulraine Akrivi Papadaki
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Giselle Basanta Susan Bowrah Steve Camacho Janene Christiansen Joe Cressy	Eileen De Courcy Michael Decter Roger Grochmal Cindy Gouveia Jennifer Grant Michael Herrera	Michelle McCollum Mona Modaresi Leslie Quinlan Sumi Shan Ian Wigglesworth
Guests via Teams:	Ian Austin Adel Esayed	Kizzy Rodney	
Regrets:	Adrienne Batra Arjun Jasuja	Nancy Prenevost	
Board Secretary:	Vera Patterson		
Minutes:	Carina Lewis - Campbell		

1.0 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

The Chair began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first Board meeting of the year and reminded everyone of upcoming college events, including the Food Court Social, United Way Campaign and Higher Education Summit. Board members were encouraged to attend/support the events. A land territory acknowledgement was then provided.

No conflicts of interest were declared. No issue arising.

2.0 Introduction of New Board and Community Members

The Chair introduced and welcomed the following new Board and Community Members:

- New Board Members
Bhavna Duggal
Millan Mulraine
- New Community Members
Terri – Lynne Devonish
Lesley Hampton
Lachlan MacQuarrie
Soussan Tabari
Kevin Costante (former Chair)
- New Faculty Staff Member
Akriki Papadaki
- New Student Representative
Ansh Jain

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

MOTION BGPUB-2024-01-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the meeting held on October 4, 2023

Moved: J. Callegher Seconded: A. Elliott CARRIED

MOTION BGPUB-2024-01-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the minutes of the meeting held on June 7, 2023

Moved: J. Callegher Seconded: A. Elliott CARRIED

MOTION BGPUB-2024-01-03

THAT the Board of Governors approve the consent Agenda for the meeting held on October 4, 2023, which include the following items:

- 2.2 Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committee Minutes of September 20, 2023
- 2.3 Finance and Property Committee Public Minutes of September 27, 2023
- 2.4 SVP People Enablement and Experience Report
- 2.5 SVP External Relations, Communications and Real Estate Development
- 2.6 Provost Update
- 2.7 Fixed Income Investment Portfolio Review (Approval)
- 2.8 Balanced Score Card Backgrounder
- 2.9 Balanced Score Card Table

Moved: J. Callegher Seconded: A. Elliott CARRIED

4.0 Standing Committee Reports

Finance & Property Committee (F&P)

The Chair of the F & P Committee, Saeideh Fard, gave an update on the September meeting. It was noted, the scope of the Finance & Property Committee will change this year as a new Human Resources and Information Technology - focused Committee will assume some of the responsibilities previously under F & P.

Governance Committee

The Chair provided the update for the Governance Committee on behalf of Governance Committee Chair, Nancy Prenevost.

Motion BGPUB- 2024 – 01- 04

Approval of New Board Members and Appointment to Committees:

4.2a THAT the Board of Governors approve the composition and membership of the Executive Committee, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Finance and Property Committee, the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee for the 2023-2024 Board term as follows:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Jon Callegher
Terrie-Lynne Devonish (Community Member)
*Roger Grochmal (Chair)
Gervan Fearon
Lesley Hampton (Community Member)
Ansh Jain
Peter Koutsokeris
Akrivi Papadaki

Finance & Property / Audit Committee

Bhavna Duggal
Saeideh Fard (Chair)
Gervan Fearon

Andy Jasuja
Millan Mulraine
Rob Gilmour
Lachlan MacQuarrie (Community Member)

Governance Committee

Bruce Choy
Kevin Costante
Gervan Fearon
Nancy Prenevost (Chair)

Executive Committee

Bruce Choy (Chair)
Andrea Elliott
Saeideh Fard
Gervan Fearon
*Roger Grochmal
Nancy Prenevost

*Pending approval.

Moved: S. Fard Seconded: J. Callegher CARRIED

MOTION BGPUB-2024-01-05

Creation of HR & IT focused Committee

4.2b THAT the Board of Governors approves the establishment of a committee for the purposes of managing the Human Resources/Information Technology (HR/IT) interests of the College and approve the HR/IT focused Committee membership for the 2023-2024 Board term, as follows:

HR/IT Committee

Omo Akintan
Bruce Choy
Andrea Elliott (Chair)
Gervan Fearon
Soussan Tabari (Community Member)

and; THAT staff draft the Terms of Reference for the Committee of the Board.

Moved: S. Fard Seconded: A. Elliott CARRIED

New Committee Overview

The Chair of the HR & Information Technology focused Committee, Andrea Elliott, gave a presentation outlining the committee's mandate, scope and meeting schedule.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Roger Grochmal shared brief highlights of the previous academic year and the various program accomplishments of George Brown College. The Board expressed their gratitude to the George Brown College Management and Staff for their outstanding work and exceptional achievements.

5.0 President's Report

President Fearon welcomed new members to the Board and thanked them for their contributions to the college and Board. The academic year has been off to a positive start and the college plans to focus on various areas over the next year, with particular focus on international students and international relations, creation and implementation of Vision 2040 and the launch of various new college programs.

6.0 Institutional Operational Plans

6.1 Academic Plan

Eileen De Courcy briefly reviewed the Academic Plan, specifying details regarding the goals, guiding principles and core pillars.

6.2 Strategic Enrollment Management Plan

Janene Christiansen explained the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan functions as an institution-wide process that operates in parallel with the Academic Plan, working towards multiple objectives simultaneously.

The Board extended congratulations and appreciation for the dedicated efforts invested in both plans, commending the exceptional work.

7.0 Board of Governors Annual Workplan

Paul Armstrong gave a brief update on the progress of the Annual Board Workplan. The workplan remains in progress and is expected to be ready for presentation to the Board in December.

8.0 Vision 2040

Paul Armstrong reported that the team is actively involved in stakeholder engagement to facilitate the planning of Vision 2040. A meeting date will be set with the Board to gather input toward supporting the formulation of the plan.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to the private session.