

THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**June 3, 2026
In-Person and VIA MS TEAMS
3:30 P.M.**

Present:	Roger Grochmal, Chair Patrice Barnes Jon Callegher Bhavna Duggal Saeideh Fard	Gervan Fearon Rob Gilmour Julia Hanigsberg Ibrahim Hatia	Andy Jasuja Lachlan MacQuarrie Millan Mulraine Karen Pastakia	Jimi Rockley Ryan Sargent Regan Stewart Cheryl Stone
Guests:	Steve Camacho Janene Christiansen Kelly Ann Fenney Jennifer Grant	Michael Herrera Krista Holmes Laura Jamer	Hassun Malik Mona Modaresi Andrew Smee	Nerys Rau Leslie Quinlan Ian Wigglesworth
Board Secretariat:	Elaine Lam, Board Secretary Julia Hendrik Bowers, Board Administrator			
Minutes:	Julia Hendrik Bowers			

1.0 Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (including Past Minutes)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, including recent LGIC appointee Cheryl Stone. He also acknowledged the appointment of new Student Governor Anne Jane Adu-Bobie, whose term will begin September 1, 2026, and provided a Land Acknowledgment.

The governors reviewed the private agenda and Consent Agenda. The Chair called for conflicts of interest and declared that he had a conflict on a later item.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the public meeting held on June 3, 2026;
and

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held June 3, 2026, which includes the following items:

For Approval:

1.3 Board of Governors Meeting – Public – Minutes (DRAFT) – April 15, 2026

1.4 George Brown Polytechnic Annual Report 2025-26

For Information

- 1.5 Program Advisory Committee Status Report
- 1.6 Revisions to the Internal Transfers Policy
- 1.7 Revisions to the Appeal for Late Withdrawal and Academic Forgiveness Policy
- 1.8 Revisions to the Program Withdrawal and Course Drop Policy
- 1.9 Revisions to the Transcript Policy
- 1.10 Revisions to the Human Rights Discrimination and Harassment Policy

Moved: J. Hanigsberg

Seconded: L. MacQuarrie

CARRIED

2.0 Reports by Standing Committees

Governance and Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Nomination Committee, Saeideh Fard, provided an update to the Board on the designation of Committees for next year as well as the development of the Protocol on Standing Committee Assignments and the Protocol on the Appointment of Community Members that will guide these decisions going forward.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Protocol on Standing Committee Assignments as presented.

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Protocol on the Appointment of Community Members as presented.

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: J. Rockley

CARRIED

Chair Saeideh Fard shared the decision of the Committee to reappoint Roger Grochmal as Board Chair for an additional year. The Board Chair is elected annually, and this reappointment is in line with the government legislation allowing an extension of two years for a Board Chair who has completed a six-year term with the Board.

Note that Roger Grochmal declared a conflict of interest around this item.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-03

THAT the Board of Governors extends the term of Roger Grochmal for one year commencing September 1, 2026 based on his appointment as Board Chair for 2026-27.

Moved: J. Callegher

Seconded: J. Hanigsberg

Abstention. R. Grochmal

CARRIED

The Chair then provided an update on the applications that were received for Committee Chairs and the decision process that followed for the appointment of Chairs for the upcoming year.

Note that Julia Hanigsberg, Bhavna Duggal, Regan Stewart and Millan Mulraine declared conflicts of interest around this item.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-04

**The following motions were approved as an omnibus.*

THAT the Board of Governors appoints Julia Hanigsberg as Chair of the Governance and Nomination Committee.

THAT the Board of Governors appoints Bhavna Duggal as Chair of the Finance and Property and Audit Committees.

THAT the Board of Governors appoints Regan Stewart as Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

THAT subject to an Order in Council reappointment, the Board of Governors appoints Millan Mulraine as Chair of the People and Technology Committee.

Moved: J. Rockley **Seconded:** L. MacQuarrie

Abstention: B. Duggal, J. Hanigsberg, M. Mulraine, R. Stewart

CARRIED

The Chair shared the Committee assignments for the upcoming year, and shared that these had been determined in accordance with the new Protocol for Standing Committee Assignments and the updated Skills Matrix.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-06

**The following motions were approved as an omnibus.*

THAT the Board of Governors approve the following committee membership for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2026:

Academic and Student Affairs

Regan Stewart (Chair)
Patrice Barnes
Jimi Rockley
Ryan Sargent
Jon Callegher
Anne Jane Adu-Bobie
Cheryl Stone

Finance and Property

Bhavna Duggal (Chair)
Inna Kravitz
Lachlan MacQuarrie
Arjun Jasuja
Jon Callegher
Andrew Smee (Community Member)

Audit

Bhavna Duggal (Chair)
Inna Kravitz
Lachlan MacQuarrie
Arjun Jasuja
Jon Callegher

Governance and Nomination

Julia Hanigsberg (Chair)

Lachlan MacQuarrie
Roger Grochmal
Gervan Fearon
Karen Pastakia

People and Technology

Millan Mulraine (subject to Order in Council reappointment – Chair)

Karen Pastakia
Regan Stewart
Rob Gilmour
Bhavna Duggal

THAT the Board of Governors appoint the following Governors to the Executive Committee for a one-year term commencing September 1, 2026:

Chair, Board of Governors: Roger Grochmal

President, Gervan Fearon

Chair, Academic & Student Affairs Committee: Regan Stewart

Chair, Finance + Property Committee/Audit Committee: Bhavna Duggal

Chair, Governance and Nomination Committee: Julia Hanigsberg

Chair, People and Technology: Millan Mulraine (subject to Order in Council reappointment)

Moved: P. Barnes

Seconded: I. Hatia

CARRIED

Lastly, Chair Saeideh Fard noted that the Board Calendar for 2026-2027 with the list of Board and Committee meeting dates and times was included in the Board package for review and had been developed with input from Standing Committee Chairs.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-07

THAT the Board of Governors approves the meeting schedule of the Board of Governors and its committees for 2026-27, as presented.

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: J. Rockley

CARRIED

The Chair also provided an update on the Board Effectiveness Survey, included in the In Camera Meeting Book. She thanked the Board for their completion of the survey and noted the 100% response rate for the survey and the self-evaluation form.

She noted that the Board Chair and the GNC Chair will meet with Governors one-on-one throughout the summer months to discuss the self-evaluation form and

Finally, she thanked the Board for the many valuable lessons and experience she has gained over her six years as a Governor, and expressed her appreciation to the Management Team and other individuals for their support both personally and professionally throughout her term.

3.0 President's Update

President Gervan Fearon began by thanking all the Board members for their support during a challenging year. He highlighted the Town Hall meetings that were held in May and touched on the many government relations initiatives that have been underway in the sector. He briefly outlined

progress on partnership opportunities with other post-secondary institutions; emphasized the success of George Brown Polytechnic students who had participated in the Skills Ontario competition; and touched on the CQAAP Audit process that had recently taken place. He also noted that the month of June marks the kickoff of both National Indigenous History Month and Pride Month, and shared that the Waterfront Campus would be hosting Pride House as part of the upcoming FIFA World Cup.

4.0 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements

The Chair of the Audit Committee, Bhavna Duggal, provided an update on the findings of the independent audit that was conducted by BDO.

MOTION PUB-06-06-08

THAT the Board of Governors approve the transfer of \$36.7M from internally restricted reserves to unrestricted reserves, and

THAT the Board of Governors approve the college reserves as at March 31, 2026 be as follows:

General contingency (\$0.7M)

Capital projects - nil

Transformational Initiatives - nil

Total (\$0.7M)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2026 and

THAT the Board of Governors approves the auditors' reappointment and 2026-27 audit fees of \$92,850 (plus HST) as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Moved: P. Barnes

Seconded: L. MacQuarrie

CARRIED

5.0 2026-27 Business Plan

Michael Herrera, Senior Vice President, Institutional Planning & CFO, provided an update on the Business Plan. This had been presented to the Finance and Property Committee at the recent meeting, and he noted that amendments and additions discussed at that meeting had been subsequently incorporated prior to the Board's review.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-06-09

THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2026-27 Business Plan as presented.

Moved: L. MacQuarrie

Seconded: J. Rockley

CARRIED

6.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Roger Grochmal adjourned the public meeting.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-04-02

THAT the June 3, 2026 public meeting of the George Brown Polytechnic Board of Governors is hereby adjourned.

Moved: J. Hanigsberg

Seconded: S. Fard

CARRIED

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The public meeting ended at 4:24 p.m.