

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**December 3, 2025  
In-Person and VIA MS TEAMS  
4:00 P.M.**

<b>Present:</b>	Roger Grochmal, Chair Patrice Barnes Bhavna Duggal	Regan Stewart Gervan Fearon Julia Hanigsberg	Ibrahim Hatia Lachlan MacQuarrie Millan Multraine	Karen Pastakia Jimi Rockley Ryan Sargent
<b>Regrets:</b>	Jon Callegher	Saiedeh Fard	Rob Gilmour	Arjun Jasuja
<b>Guests:</b>	Paul Armstrong Steve Camacho Janene Christiansen Kelly Ann Fenney	Jennifer Grant Michael Herrera Krista Holmes	Laura Jamer Dave Mazzone Mona Modaresi	Nerys Rau Leslie Quinlan Ian Wigglesworth
<b>Board Secretariat:</b>	Elaine Lam, Board Secretary Julia Hendrik Bowers, Board Administrator			
<b>Minutes:</b>	Julia Hendrik Bowers			

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a Land Acknowledgment. The governors reviewed the private agenda and Consent Agenda.

No issues arose.

**MOTION BG-PUB-2025-12-01**

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the private meeting held on December 3, 2025;  
and

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held December 3, 2025, which includes the following items:

**For Approval:**

1.3 Board of Governors Meeting Public Minutes (DRAFT) – October 15, 2025

1.4 ASA recommendation to approve four new programs:

- A. Applied A.I. Solutions – Certificate
- B. Applied A.I. Solutions - Diploma
- C. Pre-Technology Certificate
- D. Supply Chain and Operations Diploma

- 1.5 Learning Management System Policy
- 1.6 Learning Resources Policy
- 1.7 Curriculum Development and Revision Policy
- 1.8 Program Suspension and Cancellation Policy
- 1.9 2025-26 September 30 Financial Statements and Year End Forecast

**For Information**

- 1.10 Substantive revisions to Fair Dealing Policy
- 1.11 Board of Governors Committee Assignments
- 1.12 Sexual Violence Prevention Report
- 1.13 Investment Report – Quarter Ending September 30, 2025
- 1.14 Annual Audit Plan

**Moved:** J. Rockley

**Seconded:** R. Stewart

**CARRIED**

## **2.0 Reports by Standing Committees**

### **Governance and Nomination Committee**

Lachlan MacQuarrie provided an update on behalf of the Chair, Saeideh Fard. He gave an overview of the revisions and updates to protocols and policies that the Committee had been working on, including finalizing the Terms of Reference for the Finance & Property and Audit Committees, the Internal Governor Policy, and By Law 1. He also highlighted the work that had been undertaken regarding the Expression of Interest for Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Committee Chairs and informed the Board that these forms would be due in the coming weeks.

### **MOTION BG-PUB-2025-12-02**

*The following motions were approved as an omnibus:*

**THAT** the Board of Governors appoint Inna Kravitz as a Community Member for the Finance and Property Committee.

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the Committee membership for Regan Stewart for 2025-26: Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Property Committee.

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves the Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee.

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves substantial amendments to the Internal Governor Policy.

**THAT** the Board of Governors approves substantial amendments to By Law 1.

**Moved:** J. Hanigsberg

**Seconded:** M. Mulraine

**CARRIED**

### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

The Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Roger Grochmal, provided an overview

of the last meeting. He gave an update on four new programs that were brought forward to the Board and approved as part of the Consent Agenda as well as an update on several new academic policies that were presented. As it had been his last meeting as Committee Chair, he recognized the importance of the ASA Committee and shared some of his learnings during his tenure.

#### **Finance and Property Committee**

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bhavna Duggal, provided an update on both the Audit Committee and Finance & Property Committee meetings. She shared that the Committee had had healthy discussions around the Investment Report and the Year-End Forecast.

#### **People and Technology Committee**

The Chair of the People and Technology Committee, Millan Mulraine, provided highlights of the last meeting. This included updates on the cyber security program, an overview of the current employee experience landscape at George Brown, and the sexual violence prevention report for 2024-2025. In addition, he highlighted the personal and institutional significance of the upcoming honorary renaming of the atrium at the Chef's School at 300 Adelaide St. E, which will be renamed The William Peyton Hubbard Atrium in the new year.

### **3.0 President's Update**

President Fearon began by thanking the Board for their involvement and engagement in all the Committees at the start of the year. He noted his written report contains an extensive overview of updates, including the news of the institutional name change to George Brown Polytechnic; the approval of the first Master's Program in Construction Management; and the appointment of Dr. Has Malik as the new Provost, beginning in January 2026.

President Fearon provided an update on IRCC Policy updates that were announced as part of the Federal budget regarding international student permits and emphasized the impact this would continue to have on enrolments and programming. He highlighted the work that the People & Culture team have taken on with the launch of the People Plan, then passed it over to Registrar & AVP, Strategic Enrolment, Janene Christiansen to provide details on the Open House events that have recently taken place across all campuses. He also acknowledged the work of AVP, Student Success, Ian Wigglesworth for his role as part of Support Staff bargaining over the past few months.

He emphasized the many great things that have happened around George Brown over the course of the year. The Board was shown the "Highlights of the Year" video that had been created and presented as part of the Town Halls over the past week.

### **4.0 Adjournment**

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

**MOTION BG-PUB-2025-12-03**

**THAT** the December 2, 2025 public meeting of the George Brown Polytechnic Board of Governors is hereby adjourned.

**Moved:** B. Duggal

**Seconded:** P. Barnes

**CARRIED**

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**The public meeting ended at 5:00 p.m.**