

THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**February 11, 2026
In-Person and VIA MS TEAMS
4:00 P.M.**

Present:	Roger Grochmal, Chair Patrice Barnes Bhavna Duggal Ibrahim Hatia	Saiedeh Fard Gervan Fearon Julia Hanigsberg	Jon Callegher Millan Mulraine Jimi Rockley	Ryan Sargent Regan Stewart Karen Pastakia
Regrets:	Rob Gilmour	Arjun Jasuja	Lachlan MacQuarrie	
Guests:	Paul Armstrong Steve Camacho Janene Christiansen Jennifer Grant	Michael Herrera Krista Holmes Laura Jamer Hassun Malik	Mona Modaresi Bryan Mulveney Andrew Smee	Margrit Talpalaru 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 and provided a Land Acknowledgment. The Governors reviewed the public agenda and Consent Agenda. No conflicts of interest arose.

No issues arose.

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-02-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the public meeting held on February 11, 2026;
and

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held February 11, 2026, which includes the following items:

For Approval:

1.3 Minutes of the Board of Governors (Public) Meeting on December 3, 2025

1.4 New Program Proposal: Social Service Worker - Gender Based Violence Diploma

1.5 Student Housing and Support Policy

For Information:

- 1.6 Briefing note on revisions to Office of the Registrar Policies
- 1.7 Substantive revisions to Grading Policy
- 1.8 Substantive revisions to Convocation and Graduation Ceremonies Policy
- 1.9 Student Mental Health Report 2025
- 1.10 Human Rights, Discrimination, Harassment and Hate (Bill 166) Annual Report 2025
- 1.11 AODA Accessibility Compliance Annual Report 2025

Moved: J. Rockley

Seconded: M. Mulraine

CARRIED

2.0 Reports by Standing Committees

Governance and Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Governance and Nomination Committee, Saeideh Fard, provided an update on the Expressions of Interest for Board Chair, Board Vice Chair and Board Committee Chair. The Chair thanked all those who took the time to submit and shared that these applications are under review with the Committee and an update will be provided to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

The Chair highlighted the ongoing professional development sessions for Governors and thanked all those who attended the Public Accounting session that took place in early February. She reminded Governors about upcoming sessions including Good Governance Scenarios, taking place in late March, and Risk Management Scenarios, taking place in early April. She also gave an update on the Board Effectiveness Survey, sharing that post-survey data is aggregated and anonymous to be used as a mechanism for board efficacy.

Finance and Property Committee

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bhavna Duggal, provided an update on the last Finance & Property Committee meeting. She shared that Inna Kravitz had been welcomed as a new Community Member and gave updates on the work plan, Fall and Winter Enrolment, and the policy changes made by the government. In addition, she shared that there had been good discussions around the year-end forecast, budget mitigation and business planning for the upcoming fiscal year in alignment with the Efficiency and Accountability Fund (EAF) Review.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

The Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Julia Hanigsberg, began by welcoming Dr. Hassun Malik as the new Provost and Management lead of the ASA Committee. She shared the appointment of Regan Stewart as Committee Vice-Chair and thanked Regan for her involvement and leadership. She then shared the policies that were approved by the Committee at the last meeting as highlighted in the Consent Agenda.

People and Technology Committee

The Chair of the People and Technology Committee, Millan Mulraine, provided highlights of the last meeting. He gave credit to Jennifer Grant, Leslie Quinlan and the team for the fantastic work that

they have been doing around exceeding the standards for diversity, inclusion and accessibility. He shared the update that had been given on IT trends in higher education, including how to benchmark ourselves against other institutions, and noted that he would like to bring this item before the Board. Discussion ensued regarding Labour Relations to better understand the current dynamics and potential issues.

3.0 President's Update

Dr. Hassun Malik, serving as Acting President in President Fearon's absence from this meeting, began by introducing himself to the Board and provided an update on the conversations he has been engaged in around the Academic Plan in relation to the development of the new Strategic Plan. He provided a high-level overview of the sector and government funding, an outlook on programming and an update on engagement with the Student Association

President Fearon joined the call at this time and provided further updates on Student Success and the Employee Engagement Survey.

4.0 Adjournment

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

MOTION BG-PUB-2026-02-02

THAT the February 11, 2026, public meeting of the George Brown Polytechnic Board of Governors is hereby adjourned.

Moved: B. Duggal

Seconded: J. Hanigsberg

CARRIED

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The public meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.