



BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**PUBLIC SESSION**

MINUTES

Newnham Campus  
Boardroom K4100

Thursday, June 8, 2023  
4 p.m.

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Present: David Agnew  
Chris Bullen  
Nadine Chautilal  
Khushi Gandhi  
John Kucharczuk  
Steven Linthwaite  
Ellen Malcolmson  
Maria May  
Alim Remtulla  
Ashif Somani, Chair  
Alice Thomas

Regrets: Samantha Craig-Curnow  
Kimberly Moran  
Winston Stewart

Staff: Ranjan Bhattacharya, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering Technology  
Christine Blake, Associate Vice-President, Students  
Natasha Binns, Associate Director, Campus Experience & Events  
Ivy Chiu-Loke, Dean, Academic Quality  
Jason Cousins, Manager, Technical Services & Interactive Technology  
Renata D’Innocenzo, Vice-President, Strategy and Brand and Chief of Staff,  
President’s Office; Corporate Secretary  
Cristian Durca, Director, Information Solutions  
Cindy Fong, Registrar  
Don Forster, Director, Office of Sustainability  
Nevzat Gurmen, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Board Treasurer  
Dean Hughes, Executive Director, Advancement and Alumni  
Michelle Hutt, Associate Vice-President, Academic  
Umer Kasuji, Director, Capital Projects & Campus Planning  
Radha Krishnan, Vice-President, Customer Support and CIO  
Abidah Lalani, Director, Government Relations & Engagement  
Corey Long, Executive Director, Planning

Marianne Marando, Vice-President, Academic and Students  
Chris McCracken, Dean, Faculty of Continuing Education and Training  
Kimberley Minott, Executive Assistant, Office of the President  
Claire Moane, Dean, Academic Initiatives  
Naaz Mohamed, Executive Director, Finance  
Keith Monrose, Executive Director, Seneca International  
David Neale, Executive Director, Campus Services  
Tasnima Rahman, Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors; Recorder  
Caroline Riley, Vice-President, Human Resources  
Riaz Saloojee, Dean, Faculty of Arts  
Alvin Shum, Director, Enterprise Service Delivery  
Mark Solomon, Associate Vice-President, Reconciliation and Inclusion

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The chair called the board meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. It was noted that this is the last scheduled board meeting for the 2022-23 year.

There was no *Conflict of Interest* declared.

1. Acknowledging the land through an Indigenous teaching

The Chair invited Mark Solomon to acknowledge the land. He spoke about a trend in Indigenous art forgeries and an upcoming event which will unveil a painting in Seneca's collection by Anishnaabe artist, Norval Morrisseau, and examine whether it is an original or forgery. He also highlighted some Indigenous-run businesses and coming events.

2. Live demonstration of Flex learning

President Agnew introduced Radha Krishnan, Alvin Shum and Jason Cousins to demonstrate the HyFlex technology that is available in more than 100 classrooms, providing students with an effective remote learning experience with artificial intelligence (AI) microphone and camera tracking. This demonstration showcased the commitment to provide a more flexible learning environment for our students.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2023

Alice Thomas moved, seconded by John Kucharczuk, "That the Board of Governors approve the April 20, 2023 public session minutes."

CARRIED

4. President's Report

In addition to the written report provided, President Agnew highlighted:

- The Summer 2023 Enrolment, which exceeded targets with improved domestic enrolment and consistently strong international enrolment
- Seneca Polytechnic branding was successfully rolled out and is a key differentiator, better resonating with our offerings, community and academic approach and rigour

- New international partnerships have been formalized following recent visits to Southeast Asia, including the Philippines and Thailand; anticipate return visits which will further international engagement
- Consultations underway with faculty on approach to prepare and equip students for world of broad consumer releases of AI technology so that they remain competitive
- Debut of Oscar, an AI-powered waste-sorting system, at various Seneca campuses for sustainability

5. Annual Report 2022-23

The Chair provided an overview of the annual report submitted for motion.

Chris Bullen moved, seconded by Alim Remtulla, “That the Board of Governors approve the 2022-23 Annual Report.”

CARRIED

6. Audited Financial Statements 2022-23

Ashif Somani provided an overview of the audited financial statements submitted for motion.

John Kucharczuk moved, seconded by Ellen Malcolmson, “That the Board of Governors approve the following:

- i. The inter-fund transfer from unrestricted net assets to internally restricted endowment of \$561,270 related to unspent internal restricted funds within the fiscal year and \$243,762 required for the preservation of capital of internally restricted funds.
- ii. The draft Audited Financial Statements of the Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology (Seneca) for the year ended March 31, 2023 as prepared by management and audited by Seneca’s external auditors.”

CARRIED

7. Other Business

- Recognition of outgoing governors: The Chair recognized outgoing governors Khushi Gandhi, Ellen Malcolmson and Alice Thomas.

8. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2023; Newnham Campus, Boardroom K4100

9. Adjournment

Maria May moved, seconded by Nadine Chautilal, “That the public session adjourn and move to the Annual General Meeting.”

CARRIED

The public session adjourned at 4:44 p.m. to move to the Annual General Meeting.



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Chair



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Corporate Secretary