

THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE OF  
APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 7, 2023  
230 Richmond St. E &  
VIA MS TEAMS  
4:30 P.M.

<b>Present:</b>	Kevin Costante, Chair Omo Akintan Jon Callegher Choose an item.	Bruce Choy Andrea Elliott Gervan Fearon	Roger Grochmal Nancy Prenevost Kizzy Rodney
<b>Guests:</b>	Ian Austin Giselle Basanta Janene Christiansen Joe Cressy Eileen De Courcy Bhavna Duggal	Adel Esayed Luigi Ferrara Rudi Fischbacher Cindy Gouveia Jennifer Grant Michael Herrera	Michelle McCollum Mona Modaresi Dijana Praskac Leslie Quinlan Cory Ross
<b>Guests via Teams:</b>	Susan Bowrah Luigi Ferrara	Fay Lim-Lambie	Audrey Rochette
<b>Regrets:</b>	Adrienne Batra Arjun Jasuja Saeideh Fard	Rob Gilmour Peter Koutsokeris	Marnie MacDougall Shivam Singh
<b>Secretary of the Board:</b>	Emily Bain		
<b>Minutes:</b>	Julia Hendrik		

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## 1.0 Welcome and Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Bruce Choy began the meeting by thanking outgoing Chair Kevin Costante for his service both a Board member and as the Chair over the past six years.

Chair Costante welcomed everyone to the final board meeting of the year and thanked all Governors for their time and commitment over the course of the past year and for their efforts in the coming week at Convocation ceremonies. Chair Costante acknowledged Administrative Representative Kizzy Rodney and Student Representative Shivam Singh would be finishing their terms and thanked them for their service. Chair Costante also thanked staff for their contributions to board meetings throughout the year.

Chair Costante then provided a land territory acknowledgement. No one declared having any conflict of interest. No issue arising.

## **2.0 Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda (including past minutes)**

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### **MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-01**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the agenda for the meeting held on June 7, 2023**

**Moved: J. Callegher      Seconded: R. Grochmal      CARRIED**

Governance Chair Nancy Prenevost brought up a change required to the Consent Agenda. The approval of Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy (agenda item 2.4) was removed from the agenda to be addressed in a discussion later in the meeting.

### **MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-02**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on June 7, 2023, which includes the following items:**

2.2 Approval of ASA recommendation to approve 11 new programs;

**THAT upon the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee the Board of Governors approves of the following 11 new program proposals as presented:**

1. Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Human Resources)
2. Animation – 3D for Extended Reality diploma
3. Film Production – Directing for Extended Reality diploma
4. Social Media Culture-based Creativity diploma
5. Social Media Foundation – Content Creation certificate
6. Social Media Production – Auteurism graduate certificate
7. Blockchain Solutions for Financial Services graduate certificate
8. Computer Programming diploma
9. Low Code Development diploma
10. Internet of Things Systems and Solutions graduate certificate
11. AI for Robotics graduate certificate

2.3 Approval of F&P recommendation regarding the amended 2023-24 Student Tuition Fees for the following programs:

1. Cloud Computing
2. HR Management
3. Program Management

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the tuition fees for three programs (Cloud Computing, Project Management and HR Management) be increased by 7.5% for the upcoming 23-24 year for domestic students only, based on the memo received on May 8th by The Honorable Jill Dunlop and as recommended by the Finance and Property Committee.**

2.5 Approval of the 2023-24 Balanced Scorecard;

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the Balanced Scorecard 2023.24 and endorse the associated activities and initiatives outlined in the Scorecard that will contribute to the Strategy 2026 realization.**

2.6 Approval of 2022-23 GBC Annual Report;

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the Annual Report 2022-2023 for submission to the Ministry as representative of key activities and initiatives that contributed to Strategy 2022 realization through the 2022-2023 reporting period.**

2.7 Approval of 2023-24 GBC Business Plan;

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the Business Plan 2023.24 for submission to the Ministry and endorse the associated activities and initiatives outlined in the Plan that will contribute to the Strategy 2026 realization.**

2.8 Approval of Past Minutes of the Board meeting held on April 19, 2023;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the minutes of the public Board meeting held on April 19, 2023.**

2.9 Approval of the appointment of the following as officers of the College with signing authority, and the appointment of authorized signing officers for the College's bank accounts with immediate effect until the June 2026 meeting of the Board of Governors unless otherwise determined by the Board;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of the following as officers of the College with signing authority with immediate effect:**

- President
- Provost
- Senior Vice President, Institutional Planning & Chief Financial Officer
- Vice President, Students and Senior Student Success Officer
- Senior Vice President, People Enablement and Experience
- Senior Vice President, External Relations, Communications & Real Estate Development
- Vice President, Academic
- Vice-President, Digital Transformation and Chief Information Officer
- Vice-President, People and Culture
- Vice-President, Facilities & Sustainability

**THAT this authority remains in effect until the June 2026 meeting of the Board of Governors unless otherwise determined by the Board;**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of the following as authorized signing officers for the College's bank accounts with immediate effect:**

- President
- Provost
- Senior Vice President, Institutional Planning & Chief Financial Officer
- Senior Manager, Finance Services

**THAT this authority remains in effect until the June 2026 meeting of the Board of Governors unless otherwise determined by the Board. 2.10 Approval of the auditor's reappointment and 2023-2024 and 2024-25 audit fees.**

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**THAT the Board of Governors approve the auditors' reappointment and 2023-2024 audit fees of \$81,050 (plus HST) and 2024-2025 audit fees of \$85,900 (plus HST) as presented.**

**Moved: R. Grochmal**

**Seconded: J. Callegher**

**CARRIED**

### 3.0 Standing Committee Reports

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## **Governance Committee**

Governance Committee Chair Nancy Prenevost provided an overview of the work that has been undertaken to update the Board of Governors By-law and related documents.

### **MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-03**

3.1 Approval of the Board of Governors By-law Number 1, Governor's Code of Conduct Policy, and Conflict of Interest for Governors Policy;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the amended George Brown College Board of Governors By-law Number 1, the Governor's Code of Conduct Policy, and Conflict of Interest for Governors Policy, as presented, effective September 1, 2023.**

**Moved: A. Elliott      Seconded: B. Choy      CARRIED**

Governance Chair Prenevost gave a brief synopsis of the work that was undertaken to select, interview and assess candidates for the appointment of new Governors to the Board.

### **MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-04**

3.2 Approval of new appointments to the Board of Governors;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Bhavna Duggal and the re-appointment of Saeideh Fard as college appointed governors on the George Brown College Board of Governors for a term of three years beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026;**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Soussan Tabari and Terrie-Lynne Devonish as non-voting community members to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2023, until August 31, 2025;**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Lachlan MacQuarrie as a non-voting community member to the Finance and Property Committee for a two-year term beginning September 1, 2023, until August 31, 2025;**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the following committee chair appointments for 2023-2024:**

- Roger Grochmal as the Chair of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee;
- Saeideh Fard as the Chair of the Finance & Property and Audit Committees;
- Nancy Prenevost as the Chair of the Governance Committee;

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Nancy Prenevost as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for 2023-24; and,**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of Emily Bain as the Secretary of the Board as of October 19, 2022.**

**Moved: B. Choy      Seconded: K. Rodney      CARRIED**

Chair Prenevost brought the proposed Board of Governors and Committee meeting schedule for next year before the Board for approval, noting that there is a desire to add an as-yet unscheduled Board Retreat to this list of meetings. The Board agreed that this should be added.

**MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-05**

3.3 Approval of the 2023-24 Board of Governors and Committees Meeting Schedule;  
**THAT the Board of Governors approves the George Brown College Board of Governors and Committees 2023-24 Meeting Schedule, as presented.**

**Moved: R. Grochmal      Seconded: A. Elliott      CARRIED**

**Finance & Property Committee**

Bruce Choy stepped in on behalf of Finance & Property Committee Chair Saeideh Fard to give an update on the final Finance & Property Committee meeting of the year.

**MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-06**

3.4 Approval of College Reserves;  
**THAT the Board of Governors approves the transfer of \$18.5M from internally restricted reserves to unrestricted reserves, and THAT the Board of Governors approve the college reserves as of March 31, 2023, as follows:**

- General contingency \$18.0M
- Capital projects \$59.1M
- Total \$77.1M

**Moved: N. Prenevost      Seconded: J. Callegher      CARRIED**

**MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-07**

3.6 Approval of the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023;  
**THAT the Board of Governors approve the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023.**

**Moved: A. Elliott      Seconded: N. Prenevost      CARRIED**

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Roger Grochmal provided an update on the last ASA meeting of the year, including the introduction of eleven new programs that were presented by Deans Ian Austin and Luigi Ferrara. All programs were recommended by the ASA Committee for approval.

**4.0 Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy (revised)**

Leslie Quinlan, SVP – People Enablement and Experience, gave a brief overview of the friendly amendments that were made to the Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy.

**MOTION BGPUB-2023-06-08**

**THAT upon the recommendation of the Governance Committee, and following a discussion**

about friendly amendments, the Board of Governors approves the revised Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Policy as amended.

Moved: B. Choy

Seconded: N. Prenevost

CARRIED

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