

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
October 1, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Video and Teleconference

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors (the “Board”) of Toronto Metropolitan University (the “University”) held on Tuesday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: N. Campbell, N. Chauhan, J. Cockwell, T. Conte, M. Crosta, J. Dallaire, M. Davis, A. Elshahed, J. Fukakusa, I. Gammel, H. Gawne, M. Knight, C. Leal, N. Mohamed, C. Paisley (Vice-Chair), D. Porter, S. Ragunathan, T. Staffieri (Chair), L. Taylor Green, B. Venkatesh, L. Williams

Regrets: N. Gupta, A. Khwaja, S. Sinha, W. Soliman,

Board Secretariat:

W. Lawrence, General Counsel, Secretary of the Board of Governors, and Chief Privacy Officer
V. Luckiram, Governance Specialist
A. Mall, Senior Legal Counsel and Governance Officer

Others in Attendance:

M. Anthony, Director, Real Estate
M. Baker, Chief of Staff and Senior Director Government Relations
T. Chan, Dean of the School of Medicine, Vice-President, Medical Affairs
T. De Mello, Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion
M. Dettweiler, Executive Director, Campus Development
M. Forbes, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations
R. Frankle, Assistant Vice-President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations
R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
S. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation
G. Mallon, Assistant Vice-President, Facilities Management and Development
K. McCausland, Vice-Provost, University Planning
J. McKee, Chief Financial Officer
J. McMillen, Vice-Provost, Students
K. Mehta, Vice-President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations

L. Nater, Senior Presentation Technology Specialist
J. Neiman, Director, Pensions and Benefits
J. O'Donnell, Chief Human Resources Officer
S. Zolfaghari, Vice-President, Administration and Operations

1. **IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)**
2. **IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)**

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

3. **INTRODUCTION**

- 3.1. Welcome

- 3.1.1. Land Acknowledgement

- 3.1.2. Chair's Remarks

T. Staffieri welcomed Board members to the first Board meeting of the year, including new Board members, T. Conte, A. Elshahed, H. Gawne, A. Khwaja, and C. Leal, and congratulated N. Campbell and S. Ragunathan on their reappointments.

T. Staffieri thanked J. Fukakusa for the significant role she has played on the Board since October 2002 and as Board Chair from May 2014 to June 2018.

- 3.2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.2.1. Approval of the October 1, 2024 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

- 3.2.2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

- 3.2.3. Approval of the June 27, 2024 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

M. Lachemi reported that the University is committed to building a stronger, more inclusive community that thrives, even in the face of global challenges, and outlined the initiatives and programs in place to provide support to community members.

M. Lachemi commented on the upcoming installation of D. Chin-Loy Chang as the new Chancellor at the October 15, 2024, convocation ceremony.

M. Lachemi thanked J. Fukakusa and shared that the University has bestowed upon her the title of Chancellor Emerita and will present her with an honorary doctorate on October 16, 2024, alongside M. Bonham, business leader and philanthropist.

M. Lachemi announced that the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools granted preliminary accreditation to the School of Medicine's ("SOM") MD program, making it the 18th accredited medical school in Canada and that applications will open on October 9, 2024. M. Lachemi advised that the University has secured start-up and operational funding for the SOM from the government and will also receive a base funding advance over the next several years to support accreditation, curriculum development, and staffing.

M. Lachemi thanked S. Babra, entrepreneur and business leader, and his family for their One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) gift to support the medical school capital project.

5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

W. Lawrence, Secretary of the Board, highlighted information in the Secretary's Report and noted that new policy requirements for universities will be presented to the Board for approval in 2026.

6. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, provided an update on orientation; the new academic plan priorities that will be presented to Senate in November for final approval; and the recent accreditation of the SOM and that it will be on track to having a full complement of physicians needed to welcome students in September 2025. R. Iannacito-Provenzano reported that K. McCausland was appointed Vice-Provost, University Planning and that searches are underway for specific Deans. R. Iannacito-Provenzano outlined recent learning and teaching initiatives; highlighted activities and accomplishments of the Indigenous Education Council; and discussed preliminary enrolment numbers.

7. REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

7.1. Administration and Operations Update

S. Zolfaghari provided his annual report and a snapshot of four (4) key initiatives from the last year from the seven (7) administrative units that make up his portfolio, including the Sustainability Action Plan; the Emergency Management Program; the Black Food Sovereignty Initiative by Urban Farm; and Leadership Competencies. S. Zolfaghari noted that in June, the University increased its rating under the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System to gold, which is an industry-specific scorecard that helps to measure progress. S. Zolfaghari shared that the Black Food Sovereignty Initiative was featured on CityTV in August and that the leadership competencies were released in June to provide a common understanding of the behaviours and skills that lead to success at the University. S. Zolfaghari described the three (3) components of the new

emergency management program, which includes a policy, plan and associated procedures, and the upcoming launch of an emergency management microsite.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

8.1.1. Revised Board Committee Memberships 2024-2025

W. Lawrence, on behalf of C. Paisley, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that on July 24, 2024, the Governance Committee reviewed meeting materials electronically regarding the Annual Board and Committee Assessment Executive Summary for 2023-24; the Board and Committee Meeting Schedule; the Board Members' Terms; and the Governance Essentials Training Program for 2024-25, and passed the Board Committee Memberships for 2024-25 via electronic ballot.

W. Lawrence noted that the revised Board Committee Memberships 2024-25 reflects the recent re-appointment of S. Ragunathan to the Board and that on September 13, 2024, the Governance Committee recommended via electronic ballot that the Board approve the revised committee membership.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the revised Board Committee Memberships for 2024-2025, as presented.

8.2. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE

L. Taylor Green reported that when the ERPC met on September 25, 2024, it received the committee's Terms of Reference, Glossary of Pension Terms, and Work Plan for the year.

8.3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

8.3.1. Review of Revenue and Expenditures for proposed First Professional Master of Interior Design

D. Porter reported that the Finance Committee met on September 26, 2024, and reviewed the Terms of Reference and work plan for the upcoming year; heard from K. McCausland, Vice-Provost, University Planning, on the Review of Revenue and

Expenditures for the proposed First Professional Master of Interior Design; and recommended that the Board approve the proposed program.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT on the basis of the review carried out, the program approval of the Senate, and the planned revenue and expenditures as presented, the Board of Governors approves the proposed First Professional Master of Interior Design as financially viable, and that it may be offered at the discretion of the Provost and Vice President, Academic.

9. FOR INFORMATION

9.1. Toronto Metropolitan University Common Abbreviations

9.2. University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

10. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: November 28, 2024