

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

September 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Begin Tower 22nd Floor Boardroom

Present:

Aaron Ramos	Director	Voting Member
Mansoor Ali	Director	Voting Member
Gurnoor Brar	Director	Voting Member
Auginne Bunado	Director	Voting Member
Jatin Joshi	Director	Voting Member
Benjamin Nwachukwu	Director	Voting Member
Ryan Ng	Director	Voting Member
Marc Stromme	Saitsa Executive Director	Non-Voting
Christina Matisons	Board Advisor	Non-Voting
Erin Mobberley	Administrative Coordinator, Governance & Advocacy	Non-Voting

Guests:

Marc Fiselier	Manager, Government and Community Relations	Non-Voting
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Regrets:

Rachel Paris	Director, Student Services	Non-Voting
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Agenda Item

1.0 Call to Order:

A. Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

2.0 Acknowledgement of Traditional Indigenous Territories:

R. Ng recited the Land Acknowledgement.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Check:

A. Ramos performed a conflict of interest check. A conflict of interest is defined as any situation where a Director may have a real or perceived interest in the business of the board.

4.0 Approval of the Agenda:

Motion:

Approval of agenda.



J. Joshi/R. Ng
7/0/0
Motion Carries

5.0 Adoption of Minutes:
5.1 Regular Meeting of the Board from August 14th, 2023

Minutes were amended under 18.1 paragraphs 3,4 and 5 to be removed.

Motion:

Motion to amend the Minutes from August.

J. Joshi/ M. Ali
7-0-0
Motion Carries

6.0 Presentations

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

7.0 Items for Decision:

7.1 Ends

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

7.2 Executive Limitations

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

7.3 Governance Process

7.3.1 Academic Allowance

Motion:

WHEREAS Board of Directors Policy GP-8 entitles Directors who meet eligibility requirements to an academic allowance that shall not exceed the amount of tuition paid for the respective semester; and

WHEREAS The Directors indicated below, have submitted documentation demonstrating that they have passed their courses and validating the total amount of tuition paid for the Summer 2023 semester;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors approves the academic allowances for the following Directors:

Benjamin Nwachukwu - \$749.80

M. Ali/J. Joshi
7-0-0
Motion Carries



7.4 Board-Executive Director

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

8.0 Policy Items for Decision:

8.1 Ends

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

8.2 Executive Limitations

8.2.1 EL – 6 Investments

M. Stromme presented the updated Investment policy to the board. Advising the board to take a moment to look over the new policy with further discussion to be brought up in the Board Huddle.

8.2.2 EL – 14 Elections

M. Stromme presented the updated Elections policy to the Board for review. M. Stromme discussed the interpretation of the policy. The Board expressed their concern for the word “free.”

A. Ramos asked if the policy could be taken back to the advisors.

The advisors returned with “secure, transparent, free and fair elections.”

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED The Board of Directors approves the following amended wording to EL-14-1 of its policy manual:

14-1 Allow the Board to be without independent, third-party service that assures the secure, transparent, free and fair elections and by-elections to the Board and membership referenda, when required.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED The Board of Directors renounces all provisions of EL-14-1, effective immediately.

A. Bunado/R. Ng
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Motion Carries

8.3 Governance Process

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8.4 Board-Executive Director

No business was conducted at this meeting.

9.0 Required Approvals

No Business was conducted at the meeting.

10.0 Ownership Linkages

C. Matisons provided a run-through of the submitted linkages.

11.0 Advocacy Linkages

11.1 Sexual assault and gender-based violence statement

A. Ramos provided an update on the current situation regarding Sexual assault and gender-based violence in the city of Calgary. Highlighting the increase in reported cases and the need for further action.

The Board agreed to discuss and draft a statement addressing these issues.

11.2 International Student Cap

A. Ramos presented information regarding the International Student Cap currently in effect in Canada, emphasizing the significance of this issue.

The Board agreed to discuss and draft a statement addressing these issues.

12.0 Board Education

No Business was conducted at this meeting.

13.0 Monitoring Board Performance

13.1 Director reports

A. Ramos provided insights regarding his attendance at the Student Union Development Summit and the distinctions and resemblance between Polytechnic schools in Alberta and British Columbia, including his meeting with the Premier and discussing the increase of international students and the ongoing housing issues.

14.0 Monitoring CEO Performance

14.1 EL – 1 Treatment of Members



M. Stromme presented the Treatment of Members reports informing the Board statements marked yellow are partially compliant. In order to move forward, all statements must be fully compliant.

A. Ramos asked why statement number six was deemed to be determined. M. Stromme responded we are unable to show compliance for a statement if it began from the previous year's board.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has received the CEO report regarding EL-1 Treatment of Members, and finds it partially compliant with a reasonable interpretation of the policy, with an expected compliance date of January 2025.

M. Ali/ G. Brar
7-0-0
Motion Carries

14.2 EL – 13 Environmental Sustainability

M. Stromme presented the Environmental Sustainability report, expressing that we will need to develop non-compliant statements, and until developed, they will remain until April.

Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has received the CEO report regarding EL – 13 Environmental Sustainability, and finds it partially compliant with a reasonable interpretation of the policy, with an expected compliance date of December 2025.

J. Joshi/ R. Ng
7-0-0
Motion Carries

15.0 Information Requested by the Board
No Business was conducted at this meeting.

16.0 Information for the Board
16.1 Saitsa – Events of the month



E. Mobberley provided a look at the month ahead.

17.0 Self-Evaluation & Governance Processes

The board participated in Self-evaluation.

M. Fiselier left at 6:33 p.m.

18.0 In-Camera Session

Motion:

To move In-Camera at 6:33 p.m.

J. Joshi/ A. Bunado
7-0-0
Motion Carries

Motion:

To move ex-camera at 6:54 p.m.

R. Ng/M. Ali
7-0-0
Motion Carries

19.0 Questions/Adjournment

A. Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.