



**Minutes of the 511th Meeting
of the Mohawk College Board of Governors**

Date of meeting: November 19, 2025

Place of meeting: Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Zoom video conference

Chair: Anna Filice

Members present: Kathy Lurette
Paul Armstrong
Shantal Woolsey
Aleksia Jankovic
Vickie Baird
Shaun Padulo
Matthew MacLean
Gail Burns
Sean Chesney
Karen Belaire
Yvonne Maidment
Gabriela Soraggi
Hayley Hopkins
Brian Henry

Regrets: None

Board Secretary: Julia Sippel, Corporate Secretary

Resources: Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer

Others present: Trish Loomis, Vice President, Communications & External Affairs
Cebert Adamson, Vice President, Academic
Katie Burrows, Vice President, Students & International
Shawn Slack, Chief Information and Technology Officer
Megan Mascarin, Chief Human Resources Officer
Lauren O'Hare, Administrator
Krista Wiesner, Registrar
Janet Shuh
Kyle Scott
Dave Wackerlin
Dave Santi
Thea Laidman
Allison Stewart

1. Call To Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Health and Safety Moment

Quorum being present, the 511th Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Anna Filice gave a land acknowledgement and a Health and Safety Moment was provided by Katie Burrows.

2. Changes to the Agenda

With no objections, the agenda was approved

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Governor Maidment declared a conflict of interest on item 6.1 as her name is put forward for vice chair appointment. Governor Woolsey declared a conflict of interest on item 7.2 as she worked on the program in her professional capacity. Governors refrained from discussion and the vote on their respective items.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Mohawk College Board of Governors to the 511th Board of Governors meeting. The Chair provided certificates to a number of Governors and staff who had completed their Advanced Good Governance certificate. The Chair also recognized Lorna Somers for her contributions to the College as she will be retiring at the end of the month.

5. President's Remarks

A video was played for the Board followed by the President's remarks. He highlighted the recent open forums; the work staff undertook during the work stoppage and emphasized the launch of the new brand strategy occurring today.

6. Open Consent Items

The Board approved the following Open Consent Items with no objection by members:

6.1 Vice Chair Appointments PO.25.11.215

THAT Yvonne Maidment be appointed as the Vice Chair for the Governance and Human Resources Standing Committee with a term ending August 31, 2026.

MOTION 511.OC.10.19.6.1

6.2 By-law No. 1 Amendments PO.25.11.216

THAT the amendments to By-law No. 1, attached as Appendix A to Report PO.25.11.216 be approved.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.2

6.3 Audit Planning Report Year Ending March 31, 2026 CS.25.11.641

THAT the Audit Planning Report for the year ending March 31, 2026 , as provided in report CS.25.11.641 be approved.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.3

6.4 Enrolment Report CS.25.11.642

THAT Report CS.25.11.642 Enrolment Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.4

6.5 Mohawk College Signing Officers Update CS.25.11.644

THAT the updated roster of Mohawk College Signing Officers as provided in Report CS.25.11.644 be approved.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.5

6.6 Approval Authority for Procurement of Goods and Services CS.25.11.645

THAT the approval authority schedule for procurement of goods and services, as provided in Report CS.25.11.645 be approved.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.6

6.7 Indigenous Education Council Report BG.25.11.135

THAT Report BG.25.11.135 Indigenous Education Council Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 511.OC.11.19.6.7

7. Open Decision / Discussion Items

7.1. New Program Proposal: Powerline Technician Diploma (OCD) BG.25.11.138

Cebert Adamson introduced the new program for Personal Support Worker being offered in Egypt. No enrolments will occur in Canada but this is an

opportunity to offer healthcare solutions globally in a different way. Management then responded to questions from members of the Board.

Moved by Anna Filice

Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report BG.25.11.137: Program Proposal Mohawk College Certificate in Personal Support Worker be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 511.OD.11.19.7.1)

7.2. New Program Proposal: Powerline Technician Diploma (OCD) BG.25.11.138

Cebert Adamson presented the new Powerline Technician Diploma to the Board. Partnerships and commitments were reaffirmed in October. Providing Board approval will allow the programs next step to Ministry approval.

Moved by Anna Filice

Seconded by Kathy Lurette

THAT the new Program Proposal, as included in Report number BG.25.11.138, Ontario College Diploma in Powerline Technician be approved to move forward to the Ministry for credential approvals. Prior to launch the College will ensure that financial due diligence, including land, building and start-up costs are covered through a combination of Industry in-kind contributions and operating capital and/or grant funding.

CARRIED (MOTION 511.OD.11.19.7.2)

7.3. Board Retreat Report: Strategic Planning Update PO.25.11.218

Trish Loomis provided an overview of the Strategic Planning process and where we were to date in the sequence as well as outcomes from the retreat.

Moved by Anna Filice

Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the Board Retreat Report: Strategic Planning Update be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 511.OD.11.19.7.3)

8. Student Spotlight

Thea Laidman appeared before the Board and introduced student Kaylee Dennison who took part in a Global Learning Opportunity earlier in the year.

Kaylee provided an overview of her experiences and the value the opportunity brought to her life. A video on another Global Learning Opportunity was also played for the Board.

The Chair announced that the Board would move into Closed Session and asked all guests to exit the meeting.

The Board completed all closed session items.

9. Upcoming Meetings

Governance & Human Resources Committee – February 10, 2026

Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – February 11, 2026

Board of Governors – February 18, 2026

10. Termination

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated.