

Minutes of the 501st Meeting of the Mohawk College Board of Governors

Date of Meeting:	November 15, 2023
Place of Meeting:	Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Zoom Video Conference
Chair:	Anna Filice
Members Present:	Kathy Lerette Karen Belaire Bill Chisholm Allan John Falconer Hayley Hopkins Lisa Knap Ron McKerlie Yvonne Maidment Gabriela Soraggi Shantal Woolsey Shaun Padulo Daniel Dass Vickie Baird
Regrets:	Brian Henry
Board Secretary:	Julia Sippel, Corporate Secretary
Resources:	Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer Rose Zhang, Internal Audit
Others Present:	Cebert Adamson, Vice President, Academic Katie Burrows, Vice President, Students, International & Alumni Trish Loomis, Executive Director, Office of the President Kim Watkins, Vice President, Corporate Services Paul Armstrong, Chief Operating Officer Lorna Somers, Executive Director, Development Cindy Merifield, Administrator Lauren O'Hare, Administrator Sinisa Aleksa, Chief Information Officers Amanda White Larisa Volman Wendy Lawson Janet Shuh Elizabeth Martin Nair Lacruz Jeffrey McIsaac Maura Lecce Andrew McTear

1. Chair's Remarks, Land Acknowledgement, Roll Call & Health and Safety Moment

Quorum being present, the 501st Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Trish Loomis gave a land acknowledgement and Paul Armstrong provided a Health and Safety Moment on traveling.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Gabriella Soraggi disclosed her involvement with the Banner Transformation project. She did not declare a conflict of interest but advised Board members of her connection to the project for future reference.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Mohawk College Board of Governors to the 501st Board of Governors meeting and noted this is the first Board meeting for new Governor Vickie Baird. The Chair also noted this is the final meeting of the Board for this calendar year and wished everyone a safe holiday season coming up.

5. President's Remarks

Ron McKerlie welcomed Governors, played a video on recent events at the College and provided various updates to the Board.

6. Open Consent Items

	Item	Committee	Report #
6.1	Mohawk College Signing Officers Update	AFI	CS.23.11.574
6.2	Audit Planning Report Year Ending March 31, 2024	AFI	CS.23.11.578
6.3	Indigenous Education Council Report	Board	BG.23.11.084
6.4	Board of Governors Meeting Date Amendments	Board	BG.23.11.085

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

THAT the updated roster of Mohawk College Signing Officers effective November 15, 2023, as provided in Report CS.23.11.574 be approved.

THAT the Audit Planning Report prepared by BDO Canada LLP (BDO) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024 be approved.

THAT Report BG.23.11.084: Indigenous Education Council Report be received for information purposes.

THAT the approved Board of Governors meeting dates for June 2024 and 2025 be amended to June 11, 2024 and June 10, 2025.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OC.11.15.6.1, 501.OC.11.15.6.2, 501.OC.11.15.6.3, 501.OC.11.15.6.4)

7. Open Decision / Discussion Items

7.1 New Program Proposal: Anesthesia Assistant BG.23.11.086

Cebert Adamson, Wendy Lawson and Larisa Volman appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the New Program Proposal for Anesthesia Assistant.

A discussion ensued regarding the need for the program and the pilot which will target organizations that have indicated shortages.

Moved by Anna Filice

Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report BG.23.11.086: Program Proposal Mohawk College Certificate in Anesthesia Assistant, be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.1)

7.2 New Program Proposal: Marketing Management - Product Branding BG.23.11.087

Cebert Adamson and Drew McTear appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the New Program Proposal for Marketing Management – Product Branding.

A discussion of the Board ensued noting that the industry feedback has been very positive and the need for this program is high in the sector.

Moved by Anna Filice

Seconded by Daniel Dass

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report BG.23.11.086: Program Proposal Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Marketing Management – Product Branding, be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.2)

7.3 New Program Proposal: Sustainable Electrical Systems BG.23.11.088

7.4 New Program Proposals BG.23.11.089

7.4.1 Bachelor of Technology – Sustainability

7.4.2 Honours Bachelor of Technology – Sustainability

7.4.3 Bachelor of Management – Sustainability

7.4.4 Honours Bachelor of Management – Sustainability

Cebert Adamson, Jeff McIsaac, Elizabeth Martin and Nair Lacruz appeared before the Board and provided an overview on the new program proposals for Sustainable Electrical Systems and the four Sustainability programs.

A discussion of the Board ensued as these programs are part of the School of Climate Action which will green the curriculum at the College.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report BG.23.11.088: Program Proposal Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Electrical Systems, be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.3)

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report BG.23.11.089: Program Proposal Bachelor of Technology- Sustainability and Bachelor of Management - Sustainability (3- and 4-year (Hons) degrees), be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.4)

The Board took a 10-minute break then continued with the agenda.

7.5 Strategic Theme Update Presentation: Meaningfully Advance Truth & Reconciliation

Amanda White presented to the Board on Strategic Theme of Meaningfully Advancing Truth and Reconciliation.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the Strategic Theme Update Presentation: Meaningfully Advance Truth & Reconciliation be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.5)

7.6 Quality Assurance Audit Process Update Presentation

Katie Burrows and Cebert Adamson presented to the Board on the Quality Assurance Audit Process Update. In response to questions from the Board, Staff advised that audit scores are make public on the Ontario College Quality Assurance Service website.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the Quality Assurance Audit Process Update presentation be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 501.OD.11.15.7.6)

8. Student Spotlight

A student spotlight video was played for members of the Board.

The Board took a ten-minute break and then commenced the closed portion of the agenda.

9. Upcoming Meetings / Events

Governance & Human Resources Committee – February 13, 2024

Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – February 14, 2024

Board of Governors Meeting – February 21, 2024

10. Termination

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated at 12:11 p.m.