

**Minutes of the 508<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Mohawk College Board of Governors**

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| <b>Date of Meeting:</b>  | April 16, 2025   |
| <b>Place of Meeting:</b> | Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Video Conference  |
| <b>Chair:</b>            | Anna Filice  |
| <b>Members present:</b>  | Kathy Lerette<br>Rick Anderson<br>Paul Armstrong<br>Shantal Woolsey<br>Hayley Hopkins<br>Claudia Novelo Fragoso<br>Vickie Baird<br>Matthew MacLean<br>Gail Burns<br>Sean Chesney<br>Karen Belaire  |
| <b>Regrets:</b>          | Brian Henry<br>Yvonne Maidment<br>Gabriela Soraggi<br>Shaun Padulo   |
| <b>Board Secretary:</b>  | Trish Loomis, Vice President, Communications & External Affairs  |
| <b>Resources:</b>        | Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer   |
| <b>Others Present:</b>   | Cebert Adamson, Vice President, Academic<br>Katie Burrows, Vice President, Students & International<br>Kim Watkins, Vice President, Corporate Services<br>Lorna Somers, Vice President, Advancement & Alumni Engagement<br>Megan Mascarin, Chief Human Resources Officer<br>Lauren O'Hare, Administrator<br>Kelly Franck-Steves, Administrator<br>Cindy Merifield, Administrator<br>Carmine DeLuca |

**1. Call To Order, Land Acknowledgement & Health And Safety Moment**

Quorum being present, the 508<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

**2. Changes to the Agenda**

With no objections, the agenda was approved.

### **3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest made by members present.

### **4. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed the Mohawk College Board of Governors to the 508<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting. The Chair congratulated Brian Henry on being recognized as an Alumni of Distinction for Mohawk College. The Chair announced that the June Board meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon, with the Board dinner to follow.

### **5. President's Remarks**

Paul Armstrong addressed the Board and shared several important updates. He highlighted the success of the recent Open Houses, Mohawk College's achievement as the first college in North America to receive the Responsible Futures accreditation for sustainability, and the official opening of Kanaktí:yo — a new Indigenous gathering space that reinforces the college's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. He also recognized Director Matthew Ferreira, who was named OCAA Athletic Administrator of the Year, noting the Mountaineers' outstanding performance with three OCAA Championships, three CCAA medals, and strong academic outcomes among student-athletes. Additionally, he spoke about the college's ongoing collaboration with the City of Burlington to explore funding partnerships. Finally, he noted that over 5,000 students are expected to graduate during convocation ceremonies taking place from June 16 to 20.

The highlights video was then played.

### **6. Open Consent Items**

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

#### **6.1 By-law No. 1 Amendment PO.25.04.203**

THAT the amendments to By-law No. 1, as outlined in section 4.1 and attached as Appendix A to Report PO.25.04.203 be approved.

MOTION 508.OC.04.16.6.1

#### **6.2 Bill S211 Annual Report CS.25.04.626**

THAT Report CS.25.04.626 Bill S-211, Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act Annual Report be approved; and

THAT the President be authorized to attest to the accuracy and completeness of the annual report; and

THAT staff be directed to submit the annual report, complete the online questionnaire on the Public Safety Canada website, and publish the annual report on the college's website on or before May 31, 2025.

MOTION 508.OC.04.16.6.2

### **6.3 Enrolment Report CS.25.04.627**

THAT Report CS.25.04.627 Enrolment Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 508.OC.04.16.6.3

### **6.4 College Financial Accountability Framework CS.25.04.631**

THAT Report CS.25.04.631 College Financial Accountability Framework be received for information purposes.

MOTION 508.OC.04.16.6.4

### **6.5 Mohawk Student Association Report BG.25.04.120**

THAT the Mohawk Students' Association Report be received.

MOTION 508.OC.04.16.6.5

## **7. Open Decision / Discussion Items**

### **7.1 2025-2026 Budget Report and Presentation CS.25.04.629**

Angela Zehr appeared before the Board and provided an executive summary of the 2025-2026 Financial Plan: Operating and Capital Budget. A PowerPoint presentation was made and a copy placed in the meeting file.

Management responded to a number of questions from Governors.

Moved by Anna Filice  
Seconded by Karen Belaire

THAT Report CS.25.04.629 2025-2026 Budget Report be approved; and

THAT a total budget of \$35M for the Banner Transformation project be approved; and

THAT effective April 1, 2025, all remaining expenditures related to the Banner Transformation Project will be funded from internally restricted net assets (Board reserves).

CARRIED (MOTION 508.OD.04.16.7.1)

### **7.2 2025-2026 Business Plan Priorities PO.25.04.201**

Paul Armstrong appeared before the Board to review the 2025-2026 Business Plan Priorities.

Management responded to a number of questions.

Moved by Anna Filice  
Seconded by Vickie Baird

THAT the 2025-2026 Business Plan Priorities attached as Appendix A to Report PO.25.04.201 be approved; and

THAT once approved, the 2025–2026 Business Priorities be included as part of the 2025-2026 Mohawk College Business Plan.

CARRIED (MOTION 508.OD.04.16.7.2)

### **7.3 The Art of Echoes**

Lorna Somers appeared before the Board and provided a presentation on the Foundation's 2024-2025 fundraising goals & achievements.

Moved by Anna Filice  
Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the Foundation's 2024-2025 fundraising goals & achievements be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 508.OD.04.16.7.3)

The Board took a ten-minute break and then recommenced with the meeting.

## **8. Student Spotlight**

Pravesh Pandey, a Global Business Management student from Nepal joined us to talk about his time at Mohawk College as an international student.

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

## **9. Upcoming Meetings / Events**

Governance & Human Resources Committee – June 3, 2025  
Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – June 4, 2025  
Board of Governors – June 10, 2025

## **10. Termination**

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated.