

Minutes of the 507th Meeting of the Mohawk College Board of Governors

Date of Meeting: February 19, 2025

Place of Meeting: Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Video Conference

Chair: Anna Filice

Members Present:

- Kathy Lerette
- Rick Anderson
- Paul Armstrong
- Shaun Padulo
- Yvonne Maidment
- Gabriela Soraggi
- Shantal Woolsey
- Hayley Hopkins
- Claudia Novelo Fragoso
- Vickie Baird
- Matthew MacLean
- Brian Henry
- Gail Burns
- Sean Chesney
- Karen Belaire (10:05 am)

Regrets: None

Board Secretary: Julia Sippel, Corporate Secretary

Resources: Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer

Others Present:

- Cebert Adamson, Vice President, Academic
- Katie Burrows, Vice President, Students & International
- Trish Loomis, Vice President, Communications & External Affairs
- Kim Watkins, Vice President, Corporate Services
- Lauren O'Hare, Administrator
- Kelly Franck-Steves, Administrator
- Cindy Merifield, Administrator
- Janet Shuh
- Michelle Mudge
- Julie Stitt
- Cathy O'Donnell
- Carmine DeLuca
- Krista Wiesner, Registrar

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

Quorum being present, the 507th 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 507th Board of Governors meeting. The Chair recognized Governor Gabriela Soraggi, Governor Sean Chesney, Governor Yvonne Maidment, Governor Vickie Baird and College staff Cindy Merifield on their successful completion of the Good Governance Certificate.

5. President's Remarks

Paul Armstrong spoke to the Board and provided a number of updates including the changes to the College after the recent layoffs. Students will continue to have the highest quality learning opportunities at Mohawk College. President Paul Armstrong further noted that there is no indication of any reprieve expected from government agencies and confirmed that there are townhalls scheduled for February.

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 Notice of Amendments to By-law No. 1 PO.25.02.195

THAT the Chair of the Board gives notice to the Board of Governors on February 19, 2025 that proposed amendments to By-law No. 1 will be presented to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, which is scheduled for April 16, 2025.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.1

6.2 Binding of Insurance CS.25.02.619

THAT the Board of Governors approves the renewal of insurance policies for the term April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026; and, that the insurance policy details be provided to the Board for ratification at the June 10, 2025 meeting.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.2

6.3 Enrolment Report CS.25.02.621

THAT Report CS.25.02.621 Enrolment Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.3

6.4 2025-2026 Tuition & Ancillary Fees CS.25.02.623

THAT the proposed tuition and ancillary fees as outlined in Report CS.25.02.623 2025-2026 Tuition and Ancillary Fees be approved.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.4

6.5 Indigenous Education Report BG.25.02.116

THAT Report BG.25.02.116: Indigenous Education Council Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.5

6.6 Mohawk Students' Association Report BG.25.02.119

THAT the Mohawk Students' Association Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 507.OC.02.19.6.5

7. Open Decision / Discussion Items

7.1 College Quality Assurance Audit Process (CQAAP) Update Presentation

Cebert Adamson and Janet Shuh appeared before the Board and provided an update on the CQAAP Audit the College underwent. A PowerPoint presentation was made and a copy available in the meeting file.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview of the programs
- Six standards fully met indicating a mature effort and highest commendation for the College
- Board role in the CQAAP Process
- Review of Audit Panel recommendations

Management responded to a number of questions from Governors.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Shaun Padulo

THAT the CQAAP Audit Update presentation be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 507.OD.02.19.7.1)

7.2 New Program Proposal – Applied Software Development BG.25.02.117

Cebert Adamson and Janet Shuh spoke to the new program proposal. The local Mohawk College Certificate will deliver accessible high quality education to students and requires minimal additional resources.

Management responded to a number of questions and discussed the global contract opportunities being considered.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Shaun Padulo
THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report number BG.25.02.117: Program Proposal Mohawk College Certificate in Applied Software Development be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 507.OD.02.19.7.2)

**7.3 In-camera Procedures and Adoption of Board Only Session Policy Report
PO.25.02.197 and Presentation**

Julia Sippel appeared before the Board and provided an overview on the proposed by-law and policy adjustments for the Mohawk College Board of Governors.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Yvonne Maidment

THAT the amendments to By-law No. 1 Section 6.05, as presented in Appendix B to Report PO.25.02.197 be approved; and

THAT Policy B03: Board Only Sessions attached as Appendix C to this report be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 507.OD.02.19.7.3)

7.4 Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention Annual Report BG.25.02.118

Katie Burrows introduced the item and Cathy O'Donnell was also present to respond to questions. Michelle Mudge spoke to the annual report. A verbal presentation was made highlighting the requirements of the annual report as well as the key updates of the College. Staff then responded to questions from the Board.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the Sexual Assault and Violence Prevention Report as outlined in report BG.25.2.118 be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 507.OD.02.19.7.4)

8. Break to move into Closed

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

9. Upcoming Meetings / Events

Governance & Human Resources Committee – April 8, 2025
Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – April 9, 2025
Board of Governors – April 16, 2025

10. Termination

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated.