

**Minutes of the 513th Meeting  
of the Mohawk College Board of Governors**

**Date of meeting:** April 15, 2026

**Place of meeting:** Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Zoom Video Conference

**Chair:** Kathy Lurette

**Members present:** Anna Filice  
Paul Armstrong  
Shantal Woolsey  
Aleksia Jankovic  
Vickie Baird  
Gail Burns  
Sean Chesney  
Karen Belaire  
Yvonne Maidment  
Gabriela Soraggi  
Hayley Hopkins  
Brian Henry

**Regrets:** Shaun Padulo  
Matthew MacLean

**Board Secretary:** Cindy Merifield, Senior Executive Assistant

**Others present:** Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer  
Trish Loomis, Vice President, Communications, Advancement & 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  
Krista Wiesner, Registrar and Associate Vice President, Student Services & Supports  
Dan Pavic, Director, Student Services and Supports  
Ross Tom, Chief Marketing Officer  
Wendy Makey, Senior Community Relations Advisor  
Rob Luke, Managing Partner, Allen Leigh Human Capital  
Stephanie Pickett, Executive Assistant, Office of the VP, Students, International and Infrastructure

## **1. CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & HEALTH AND SAFETY MOMENT**

Quorum being present, the 513<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

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

## **2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

With no objections, the agenda was approved.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest declared by members present.

## **4. CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Vice Chair welcomed the Mohawk College Board of Governors to the 513<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting.

## **5. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Paul Armstrong addressed the Board and shared some updates after the highlights video was played. Also shared was a video on the partnership with Ontario Shipyards and Hanwha Ocean, and media coverage received. Paul spoke about the partnership.

Paul spoke about Open Houses at each campus held between March 28 and April 1, 2026.

Paul spoke about the upcoming PIVOT Conference to be held May 27 & 28, 2026.

Paul provided some government updates and a brief overview of the Burlington expansion.

Paul also shared that he would be attending the CIGan Connections Conference in Ottawa and participating in the CIGan panel on shipbuilding.

Paul shared that the City of Hamilton approved the Airport Road pedestrian enhancement that Mohawk has sought from the City.

## **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 GHR.26.04.255**

THAT the Chair of the Board gives notice to the Board of Governors on April 15, 2026 that proposed amendments to By-law No. 1 will be presented to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, which is scheduled for June 10, 2026.

MOTION 513.OC.04.15.6.1

### **6.2 Board Policy Review: D03 Program Quality and A03 Program Quality for Programs of Instruction**

THAT Policy A03: Program Quality for Programs of Instruction and Policy D03: Program Quality attached as Appendices A and B to Report GHR.26.04.223 be approved.

MOTION 513.OC.04.15.6.2

### **6.3 Bill S-211, Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act Annual Report**

THAT Report AFI.26.04.004 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, 2026.

MOTION 513.OC.04.15.6.3

### **6.4 Enrolment Report AFI.26.04.005**

THAT Report AFI.26.04.005 Enrolment Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 513.OC.04.16.6.4

### **6.5 Mohawk Students' Association Report BG.26.04.144**

THAT the Mohawk Students' Association Report be received.

MOTION 513.OC.04.15.6.5

## **7. OPEN DECISION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 OSAP Funding Presentation**

Katie Burrows introduced Dan Pavic and they provided an overview of the recent announcements and changes to OASP. This included the impacts of funding changes, areas of uncertainty and student support strategies.

Management responded to questions from the Board.

Moved by Kathy Lurette

Seconded by Anna Filice

THAT the OSAP Funding Presentation be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 513.OD.04.15.7.1)

## **8. STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

Trish Loomis introduced Ross Tom, Chief Marketing Officer. Ross shared a Student Spotlight presentation.

Management responded to questions from the Board.

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

## **9. Upcoming Meetings**

Governance & Human Resources Committee – June 2, 2026

Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – June 1, 2026

Board of Governors – June 10, 2026

## **10. Termination**

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated.