

APPROVED
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NUMBER FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ALGONQUIN COLLEGE, HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026 AT 4:00 PM AT THE OTTAWA CAMPUS, BUILDING C, ROSSER BOARDROOM

<p><u>Present:</u> Rodney Wilson, Board Chair Claude Brulé, President & CEO Bharat Rudra Gabrielle Berard Heather Simpson Hunter Morris Jean-Charles Fahmy John James Madelaine Thurston Richard Goodyear Shaun Denis Tanya Buckle, Board Vice Chair Ted Zeisner Tony Pollard</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Mehdi Zahed</p>	<p><u>Algonquin College Executive Team:</u> Grant Perry, Vice President, Finance & Administration Julie Beauchamp, Senior Vice President, Academic Kin Choi, Vice President, Human Resources Krista Pearson, Vice President, Student Services Mark Savenkoff, Vice President, Advancement & Strategy</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Tracy McDougall, Director, Communications & President’s Office Victoria Tiqui-Sanford, Senior Executive Assistant, Board of Governors</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Wendy Eastwood, Senior Executive Assistant, SVP Academic</p>
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WELCOME REMARKS

Governor Wilson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., extending a warm welcome to both members in attendance and observers online. Governor Wilson paused for a moment to read the Algonquin College land acknowledgment.

Governor Wilson thanked everyone for attending the special Board meeting. He noted that the main agenda item, Item 5.1, concerned the recommendation to suspend 30 programs. He stated that this recommendation had been approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at its meeting held on January 21. The Committee had fully explored the proposal and had held College executives to account. He noted that this had been the culmination of many hours of work and background preparation by members of the Committee, as well as by Algonquin’s executives and administration. He expressed appreciation for the hard work undertaken by the Committee and thanked its members for their diligence in thoroughly evaluating the College’s proposal. Following a rigorous review, the recommendation to suspend programs had been supported and brought forward for Board review and approval. He noted that this item had originally been scheduled for the agenda of the Board meeting held on February 23.

However, he stated that, on February 12, the Ontario government had announced a \$6.4 billion investment to support the long-term success and sustainability of postsecondary education. He noted that the Board's primary responsibility was fiduciary, and that tabling the important matter of wide-ranging program suspensions without full analysis would have been ill-advised. As a result, the item regarding the suspensions had been removed from the February 23 agenda to allow sufficient time for the College's finance and academic management teams to assess the impact of the funding that would flow from the government's investment to the College. He noted that this assessment had since been completed and had been factored into the recommendation being brought forward for approval at the current meeting.

He acknowledged the observers who had joined online. He remarked that these were extremely difficult decisions to make. While Board meetings were transparent and welcomed observers, he noted that they were meetings held in public view, but were not public meetings. He stated that the Board was a decision-making body composed of volunteer community stakeholders and subject matter experts who acted in the best interests of the College and the broader community.

He also acknowledged the dozens of emails and letters that had been received expressing support for these programs. He noted that graduates had made, and continued to make, valuable contributions across the city, the province, and the country. He stated that these were well-taught programs delivered by dedicated, passionate, and highly qualified faculty. By every measure, he said, they had represented a historically important success. He thanked the contributors of these communications for highlighting the impact of, and need for, these programs. He noted that all of these messages had been acknowledged by the Board Office and had been made available to Governors in the materials supporting the meeting.

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Governor Wilson constituted the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and asked whether any Governors wished to remove or add an item to the agenda. No item was removed or added.

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: R. Wilson & J.C. Fahmy

THAT the Board of Governors approves the meeting agenda March 2, 2026.

CARRIED.

2. CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS – CHANGEMAKER AWARD

There was no Changemaker Award.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Governor Wilson asked members to declare any conflicts of interest with the item on the agenda. No conflict of interest was declared.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND THE CONSENT AGENDA

The February 23, 2026 Meeting minutes will be approved at the April 20, 2026 Board of Governors meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS & DECISION ITEMS

5.1 Program Suspensions - Consolidated Program Suspensions Recommendation

C. Brulé, President and CEO, provided members with an overview of the College's financial outlook and shared additional context regarding the recent announcement from the Ministry, including the broader financial pressures currently impacting the college sector.

J. Beauchamp, Senior Vice President, Academic, presented the Consolidated Program Suspensions Recommendation, noting that the recommendation reflects the outcome of a comprehensive academic portfolio review process that assessed programs based on enrolment trends, financial sustainability, labour market demand, and alignment with institutional priorities. The review was supported by the Academic Portfolio Health Dashboard and the Annual Portfolio Performance Review (APPR) process to ensure a consistent, evidence-based approach.

Members were advised that the recommendation includes the cancellation of seven program offerings and the suspension, with intent to cancel, of twenty-three programs (including one apprenticeship program), effective Fall 2026 following the teach-out of existing cohorts. It was further noted that currently enrolled students will be supported through established teach-out plans in accordance with Ministry guidelines, and that prospective students will be supported in identifying alternative program pathways where appropriate.

Questions from members were addressed.

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: J. James & B. Rudra

THAT the Board of Governors approve the recommendation of the program offering cancellation on seven (7) academic programs, and the suspension with the intent to cancel of twenty-three (23) academic programs, including one (1) related apprenticeship program, effective Fall 2026 and subsequent to existing cohort teach-out, as detailed in Appendix A: Recommended Program Suspensions.

CARRIED.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee reports.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. REPORTS

There were no reports.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION


There were no items for information.

10. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Governor Wilson moved the regular meeting to adjourn at 6:02 p.m.

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Rodney Wilson, Board Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Eastwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.

Wendy Eastwood, Recorder