

APPROVED

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING NUMBER FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ALGONQUIN COLLEGE, HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 AT 4:00 PM AT THE OTTAWA CAMPUS, C-BUILDING, NAWAPON, ROOM C100

<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 Mehdi Zahed Richard Goodyear Shaun Denis Tanya Buckley, Board Vice Chair Ted Zeisner Tony Pollard</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Victoria Tiqui-Sanford, Senior Executive Assistant, Board of Governors</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 Tracy McDougall, Director, Communications & President’s Office</p>	<p><u>Presenters/Guests:</u> Anika Sisto, Director, Strategy & Planning Emily Woods, Chief Financial Officer Mistalyn Seguin, Director, Philanthropy Nadia Greco, Director, Advancement Services Terri Kinnunen, Director, Corporate Planning</p> <p><u>Changemaker Award</u> Ian Zinck, Director, Applied Research Kevin Holmes, Senior Program Manager, Applied Research Jed Looker, Professor</p> <p><u>Students:</u> Danny Nhu, Research Associate at Human- Centered Design Lab Maria Montano, Research Associate at Human-Centered Design Lab Aviana Ruel, Student in Child and Youth Care Program</p>
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WELCOME REMARKS

Governor Wilson, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m., extending a warm welcome to members in attendance and to observers joining online. Governor Wilson opened the meeting with land acknowledgement.

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Governor Wilson constituted the meeting at 4:01 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 & G. Berard

THAT the Board of Governors approves the meeting agenda April 20, 2026.

CARRIED.

2. CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS – CHANGEMAKER AWARD

2.1 Supporting Vulnerable Youth: A Transdisciplinary Approach to Service Transformation in NEET (Not in Employment, Education, or Training)

J. Beauchamp, Senior Vice President, Academic, provided a brief overview and introduced I. Zinck, Director, Applied Research; K. Holmes, Senior Program Manager, Applied Research; and J. Looker, Professor. Student presenters D. Nhu and M. Montano, Research Associates with the Human-Centred Design Lab, along with A. Ruel, a student in the Child and Youth Care program, worked alongside I. Zinck, K. Holmes, and J. Looker, and launched a collaborative, community-driven project focused on supporting vulnerable youth across Ottawa. The team engaged with local organizations including Youth Services Bureau, Operation Come Home, and BGC Ottawa to better understand the needs of the communities they serve. These conversations highlighted the importance of trust, inclusion, and meaningful participation.

Building on this foundation, the team developed an innovative, two-part participatory model to design an interactive workshop using board game mechanics to explore and express their lived experiences. Participants are now facilitating these workshops with peers in their own communities, expanding the project's reach to 72 youth across Ottawa.

This approach not only empowers participants to share their perspectives but also creates space for young people to shape solutions to the challenges they face. Insights gathered through the workshops will inform the development of more accessible pathways to programs and supports at Algonquin College.

Governor Wilson and President Brulé extended their sincere congratulations to the students for their hard work and presented them with the Changemaker Award certificate.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of the Board of Governors' meeting of February 23, 2026

Approval of the Board of Governors meeting minutes of February 23, 2026.

4.2 Minutes of the Board of Governors' meeting of March 2, 2026

Approval of the Board of Governors meeting minutes of March 2, 2026.

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: A. Pollard & J.C. Fahmy

THAT the Board of Governors approves the meeting minutes of February 23, 2026 & March 2, 2026.

CARRIED.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Board Executive Committee Report (verbal)

Governor Wilson, Board Chair, provided a verbal report to members on the agenda items discussed at the April 7, 2026 Board Executive Committee meeting. Members accepted this report for information.

5.2 Academic & Student Affairs Committee Report

Governor Berard, Chair, Academic and Student Affairs Committee, provided a verbal report to members on the agenda items discussed at the March 16, 2026 Committee meeting. Members accepted this report for information.

Board of Governors approval was requested for the following agenda item:

Appendix A: Transmittal Amendment-Approved 2026-27 Schedule of Tuition Fees

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: G. Berard & R. Goodyear

THAT the Board of Governors approves the application of the allowable two per cent (2%) tuition increase to the 2026-27 Tuition Fees as supported by Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security New Funding Model Memorandum and News Release on February 12, 2026. This increase applies to domestic student tuition as detailed in Appendix A.

CARRIED.

5.3 Audit & Risk Management Committee Report

Governor Buckley, Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee provided a verbal report to members on the agenda items discussed at the March 24, 2026 Committee meeting. Members accepted this report for information.

5.4 Governance Committee Report

Governor Simpson, Chair, Governance Committee provided a verbal report to members on the agenda items discussed at the March 31, 2026 Committee meeting. Members accepted this report for information.

Board of Governors approval was requested for the following agenda item:

Appendix A: Transmittal External Governor Reappointments (Bharat Rudra, Tanya Buckley, & Rodney Wilson)

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: H. Simpson & J. James

THAT the Board of Governors approve the reappointment of Governors Bharat Rudra and Tanya Buckley for a second term of office (three years, effective September 1, 2026);

And

THAT the Board of Governors approve the reappointment/extension of Rodney Wilson as Board Chair for an additional two years pending Lieutenant Governor in Council reappointment/extension effective September 1, 2026.

ABSTAINED: R. Wilson

CARRIED.

Appendix C: Academic and Student Affairs Committee Terms of Reference (Clean version)

Appendix E: Audit and Risk Management Committee – Revised Terms of Reference (Clean Version)

RESOLUTION

MOVED & SECONDED: H. Simpson & M. Thurston

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Academic and Student Affairs Committee’s Terms of Reference as amended.

And

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Audit and Risk Management Committee’s Terms of Reference as amended.

CARRIED.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. NEW BUSINESS & DECISION ITEMS

7.1 Five-Year Major Capital Investment Plan 2026-27 to 2030-31 (Information)

G. Perry, Vice President, Finance and Administration provided a brief overview and introduced presenter T. Kinnunen, Director, Corporate Planning. T. Kinnunen presented members with a preview of the College’s initiatives currently under consideration.

While Ontario colleges continue to face significant financial pressures, the province’s February 12, 2026 announcement of \$6.4 billion in sector-wide support over four years provides short-term relief but does not address long-term sustainability challenges, as the funding is not indexed to inflation.

The current approved major capital projects are as follows:

- R3 Student Information System;
- Pedestrian Bridge to Bus Rapid Transit Station; and
- Paramedicine Program Expansion and Equipment Acquisition.

For the 2026-27 fiscal year, the total projected expenditure for these approved projects is \$16.6 million, and they are all expected to be completed in the next fiscal year based on current information.

Aligned with the province’s February 12, 2026 priority areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), education, health, and trades, Algonquin College is advancing key capital, technology, and sustainability initiatives. Proposed projects include a dental lab expansion, the Ottawa Aviation Centre of Excellence, a new student residence with potential academic space, residence refurbishments, and ongoing academic lab upgrades. Planned technology investments include AI enablement, a new enterprise portal, and enhanced cybersecurity infrastructure, while sustainability efforts continue through campus Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) modernization projects. Supported by the One College campaign and annual deferred maintenance

investments, these initiatives position the College for strategic growth; however, estimated capital needs of \$297 million to \$388 million will require careful balancing with financial realities.

Members accepted this for information.

8. REPORTS

There were no reports.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Report from the Board Chair

Members accepted the report from the Board Chair information.

9.2 Report from the President

Members accepted the report from the President for information.

9.3 Confirmation of Mandatory Government Remittances

Members accepted the remittances for information.

10. UPCOMING EVENTS


Board Chair Wilson informed members of upcoming events for information.

11. REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Governor Wilson moved the regular meeting to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.



Rodney Wilson, Board Chair



Victoria Tiqui-Sanford, Recorder