



# Okanagan College Board of Governors Regular Open Session

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
Room PC113, Penticton Campus

*Amended Minutes Approved December 5, 2023*

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## IN ATTENDANCE

### Board Members

- Juliette Cunningham, Board Chair
- Dale Safinuk, Vice Chair
- Neil Fassina, President and ex-officio
- Andrea Alexander
- Dustyn Baulkham
- JoAnn Fowler
- Jillian Garrett
- Annika Kirk
- Choi Leong
- Devin Rubadeau
- Karley Scott
- Tina Lee

### Administration

- Curtis Morcom, CFO and Vice President, Corporate Services
- Andrew Hay, Provost & Vice President Academic
- Jenn Goodwin, Associate Vice President, College Relations
- Meri Kim Oliver, Vice President Students
- Joanna Campbell, Manager, Executive Office
- Kristen Wiebe, Governance and Privacy Coordinator

## REGRETS

- Marcel Beerkens
- Gill Henderson, Associate Vice President, People Services

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## ACTION

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR'S REMARKS

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m.

It was respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded traditional lands of the Indigenous people who have inhabited and used the lands since time immemorial.

#### 1.1. *Oath of office – New Member: Jillian Garrett*

J. Garrett took the oath of office.

#### 1.2. *Inspire Moment*

The President shared an Inspire Moment about the convocation ceremonies that took place over the past week.

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the June 20, 2023 meeting agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda.”***

D. Baulkham  
CARRIED

### 2.1. Consent Agenda

The 2023/24 Mandate Letter was removed from the Consent Agenda.

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## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

There were no conflicts declared.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. Chair Report

The Board Chair provided a report noting the following:

- The Executive Committee met on June 13 and discussed the timing of Board meetings.
- The Board Chair attended four convocation ceremonies and thanked Members for representing the Board at each campus.

The Board Chair provided several updates to Board membership:

- J. Fowler and A. Alexander are re-appointed for a third, three-year term.
- D. Baulkham is re-appointed for a second two-year term.
- Cindy Battersby is appointed for a one-year term starting on July 31, 2023.
- There are two new student members with terms starting August 1, 2023: Destiny McNish (Arts), and Amolkdeep Kaur (Business).

The Board Chair thanked outgoing student members C. Leong and A. Kirk for their contributions to the Board over the past two years. M. Oliver and A. Hay were also recognized at their last Board meeting prior to retirement.

### 4.2. Timing of Board Meetings

The President outlined the origin and rationale of the proposed changes. It was suggested that adjustments to Board timing could allow more flexibility to Members and support future recruitment of Board members.

A member noted that maintaining daytime Board meetings could make seasonal travel arrangements easier. Another member indicated their preference to have both meetings during the same week.

Members proposed that additional timing options be put forward for the Board's consideration.

The following motion was defeated:

***"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors adopt changes to the Board's meeting timing to host Committee meetings virtually starting in late afternoon / evening and Board meetings scheduled during daytime hours and scheduled in person as recommended by the Executive Committee."***

D. Safinuk  
DEFEATED

#### 4.3. Finance, Audit and Risk Review Committee Report

The Committee Chair noted that the Committee met on June 13 and reviewed and approved the first quarter forecast.

#### 4.4. Education Council Report

##### 4.4.1. Program Revisions

The Education Council Chair asked Board member Devin Rubadeau to provide an overview of the proposed changes to the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics program. D. Rubadeau noted that removing the elective course options aligns the program with Supply Chain Canada Professional requirements.

Motion:

***"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the program revision as recommended by Education Council:  
• Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Operations Management."***

C. Leong  
CARRIED

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1. Accessibility Plan 2023–2026

The Vice President Students provided an overview of the Accessibility Plan, the consultations undertaken by the Accessibility Committee and progress to date on the Plan.

Under the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, the Accessible BC Act applies to anyone who engages with the College. Formation of an Accessibility Committee, providing a location for feedback, and posting the Plan are the three requirements of post-secondary institutions under the legislation.

The Plan was approved by the Accessibility Committee in May 2023 and will be published in August. An additional public consultation will take place after the Plan is posted.

Members noted their appreciation for the work and scope of the Accessibility Plan. A member suggested that accessibility could be an opportunity for Board advocacy with the Ministry of Post-Secondary and Future Skills.

5.2. Inspire: Strategic Summary

The President outlined the Inspire: Strategic Summary for 2022/23, noting that Leadership Council performs an environmental scan annually to ensure that the strategic direction aligns with Inspire. The Integrated Planning Process is embedded in the Inspire Plan and includes a critical lookback each year on roadmap deliverables. Overall, significant progress has been made on the Inspire Plan and the foundational items completed in the first year will build into future years. Project planning is currently underway to meet 2023/24 deliverables and move delayed 2022/23 items forward. Some projects may be prioritized for completion within a project roadmap cycle.

A member asked if there are any concerns with the progress to date. The President noted that a financial sustainability model is a priority to meet financial pressures on the institution. Another concern is the constraints the change readiness model has surfaced due to changes in the organizational structure.

5.3. Future of Education Presentation

The President gave a presentation on the Future of Education, noting that higher education should be designed and optimized to create knowledge and wisdom, and to be accessible to learners in a format that meets them where they are today.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

No other business was raised.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.

CARRIED