

**THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE
OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**JUNE 8, 2022
215 KING ST EAST, 2ND FLOOR
4:30 P.M.**

Present:	Bruce Choy Andrea Elliott Pradeep Sood Jon Callegher Anish Chowdry Kankanala	Kevin Costante Saeideh Fard Kizzy Rodney Peter Koutsokeris	Julia Deans Nancy Prenevost Gervan Fearon Emily Bain
Virtual:	Omo Akintan		
Guests:	Adel Esayed Ian Austin Janene Christiansen Toni Young Nasir Kenea Michelle McCollum	Chris McGrath Fay Lim-Lambie John Higgins Michael Herrera Shannon Hynes Nerys Rau	Cindy Gouveia Cory Ross Leslie Quinlan Mona Modaresi Susan Toews
Regrets:	Marnie MacDougall Roger Grochmal	Adrienne Batra	Rob Gilmour
Minutes:	Jessica Miller		

1.0 Welcome

Chair Kevin Costante brought the meeting to order.

2.0 Chairs Report

Chair Kevin Costante introduced the newest Board member, Jon Callegher, faculty representative. He also congratulated all GBC learners on the completion of their semester, year, or credential and noted the return of in-person convocations next week, noting that the college community will be celebrating the 11,868 students from the Class of 2022, in-person, with 9 convocation ceremonies.

Chair Costante noted that last fall we welcomed our new president to George Brown College and in his first 10 months the College has signed the Scarborough Charter, broken ground on Limberlost Place and accepted the largest donation to an Ontario college by

a single donor, established the Brookfield Sustainability Institute, become the first Canadian satellite location of the Global Tourism Resiliency and Crisis Management Centre, launched a new Indigenous Education Strategy and an Anti-Racism Action Plan, been named one of the GTA's Top Employers for 2022 and one of the top 10 research colleges in Canada, and been selected by the City of Toronto to explore a new campus in the Mount Dennis community. Dr. Fearon has shrewdly built capacity within the College leadership team as well as developed new protocols and governance structures. He was also recently appointed to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors.

As well, the chair shared that the board hosted two celebratory events in honour of Anne Sado's retirement, and that *Anne Sado Hall* was commissioned. Through these events, George Brown College established the "Anne Sado Bridging to Opportunity Endowment" with a generous \$500K match over 5 years from Sally Horsfall Eaton and John Craig Eaton. He thanked Board members who have contributed to this fundraising initiative and others at the College this year.

Chair Costante thanked all members for their contributions to the work of this Board and the College this year. He also extended a special thank you to retiring members Julia Deans, Pradeep Sood and Anish Chowdry Kankanala.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda & Consent Agenda

No issues arising.

MOTION 2022-05-01

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda for the meeting held on June 8, 2022, which includes the following items:

- **Program Approval – Advanced Manufacturing – Graduate Certificate**
- **Approval of the appointment of the following as officers of the College with immediate effect:**
 - **President**
 - **Provost**
 - **CFO**
 - **Vice President, Student Services**
 - **Senior Vice President, People Enablement and Experience**
 - **Senior Vice President, External Relations, Communications and Real Estate Development**

THAT this authority remains in effect until the June 2023 meeting of the Board of Governors unless otherwise determined by the Board.

- **Approval of the appointment of the following as authorized signing officers for the College's bank accounts with immediate effect:**
 - o **President**
 - o **Provost**
 - o **CFO**
 - o **Manager, Finance Services**

THAT this authority remains in effect until the June 2023 meeting of the Board of Governors unless otherwise determined by the Board

- **Approval of the auditors' reappointment and 2022-2023 fee of \$76,451**

Moved: A. Elliott

Seconded: N. Prenevost

CARRIED

4.0 Approval of past Minutes

Minutes approved with one revision, to include Julia Deans as present.

MOTION 2022-05-02

THAT the Board of Governors approves the draft public minutes of April 13, 2022

Moved: B. Choy Seconded: J. Deans CARRIED

5.0 Standing Committee Report: Finance & Property Committee

Bruce Choy, Chair of the Finance & Property and Audit Committee gave an update regarding what was discussed as the previous committee meetings, noting that much of the time was spent discussing the increase in budget for Limberlost Place. He shared that the financial health indicators are very good and that we will finish with a small surplus. It was noted that Nasir Kenea, VP, Information Technology and Digital Innovation, will be returning to Finance and Property Committee after September 2022 with a revised action plan on cyber security.

The following motions were then moved by Bruce Choy.

MOTION 2022-05-03

THAT the Board of Governors approve the transfer of \$5.4M from internally restricted reserves to unrestricted reserves, and;

THAT the Board of Governors approve of college reserves as at March 31, 2022 be as follows:

- **General contingency \$18.0M**
- **Capital projects \$77.6M**
- **Total \$95.6**

Moved: B. Choy Seconded: G. Fearon CARRIED

MOTION 2022-05-04

THAT the Board of Governors approve the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2022

Moved: B. Choy Seconded: G. Fearon CARRIED

6.0 Standing Committee Report: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair, Andrea Elliot gave a high-level update regarding recent activities of the committee. She noted that the last meeting was held in May, there was one approved program approval, a presentation on work integrated learning and experiential learning, a presentation regarding student engagement, career success and the skills articulation gap. There was also student panel at the meeting which was well received by the committee.

7.0 President's Report

President Gervan Fearon noted that his report was distributed in advance of the meeting. President Fearon highlighted key points in his report.

He acknowledged and thanked his team at the college for their great work and the board members for contributing their time, knowledge and skills.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a Private Session.