



# **DURHAM COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Location: Oshawa Campus, Durham College Boardroom A144

Members Present: Gail Johnson Morris, Board Chair  
Lisa Allen, Board Vice-Chair  
Ian Ball  
Melissa Bosomworth  
Jim Brown  
Kalyan Chakravarthy  
Aakash Chib  
Elizabeth Cowie  
Jeff Dornan  
Kelly Doyle  
John Ecker  
Don Lovisa, President  
Ian Murray  
Jerry Ouellette  
Nathan Wilson

Members Absent: Peter Pryce  
Dwight Townsend

Staff Present: Scott Blakey, Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Bogaert, Executive Assistant, Office of the President  
Linda Flynn, AVP, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs  
Peter Garrett, Mgr., Strategic Reporting & Government Relations  
Tara Koski, Dean, Students  
Barbara MacCheyne, VP, Administration/Chief Financial Officer  
Elaine Popp, Executive Vice-President, Academic  
Melissa Pringle, Board Secretary

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

With quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair shared an Indigenous teaching and welcomed new Governor, John Ecker.

## 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the following guests:

- Simmone Chada, student
- Jean Choi, Executive Dean, Faculty of Liberal Studies, and Professional and Part-Time Learning, Teaching, Learning and Program Quality
- Eyrica D'Rozario, student
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Associate Dean, Faculty of Media, Art and Design
- Ana Jimenez, International Projects Coordinator
- Debbie Johnston, AVP, Academic (International Education and Enrolment)
- Thom MacDonald, Dean, International Education
- Ashwani Pareek, student
- Nora Simpson, Dean, Professional and Part-Time Learning
- John Starling, Professor, Faculty of Media, Art and Design
- Tony Sutherland, Professor, Faculty of Media, Art and Design
- Barry Waite, Executive Dean, Faculty of Media, Art and Design

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare. None noted.

## 4. PRESENTATIONS

### 4.1 New Leading the Way Video

The Board watched the College's new *Leading the Way* video, produced internally by the College's Communications and Marketing Department.

### 4.2 Program Spotlight: Oshawa Music Week

The Board received a presentation about Oshawa Music Week from faculty and students of the Faculty of Media, Art & Design.

### **4.3 Young African Works Kenya: Youth Employability Through TVET**

The Board received a presentation from President Lovisa and the International Projects Coordinator regarding the Young African Works Kenya: Youth Employability Through TVET project.

The Board questioned the presenters.

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Governor Allen

Seconded by Governor Wilson

"That all items listed under the heading of consent agenda be adopted as recommended." CARRIED

### **5.1 Approval of Public Session Agenda - December 13, 2023**

That the public agenda for the December 13, 2023, Board of Governors meeting be approved as presented.

### **5.2 Approval of Public Minutes from the Board of Governors Meeting of October 11, 2023**

That the public minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of October 11, 2023 be approved as presented.

### **5.3 Report of the Governance Review Committee - November 15, 2023**

That the report of the Governance Review Committee from November 15, 2023, be received for information.

## **6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The following items were included in the Chair's Report:

- The Chair asked Governors to self-identify if they had investment banking expertise or any contacts for community organizations with which the Board could share its recruitment materials.
- The Chair advised that donations were being accepted for the food insecurity bursary, with the Durham College Alumni Association matching the first \$10K raised.

## **6.1 Report Back from the Higher Education Summit**

Governors Allen, Chib, Brown, and Dornan shared their experience at the Higher Education Summit.

## **7. CO-POPULOUS GOVERNORS' REPORT**

There was no co-populous governors report.

## **8. DECISION ITEMS**

### **8.1 New Program of Instruction: Career Development Practitioner Foundations**

The Board received a presentation by the Executive Dean, Faculty of Liberal Studies and Professional and Part-Time Learning, Teaching, Learning and Program Quality and the Dean, Professional and Part-Time Learning regarding a new program of instruction offered through OntarioLearn, Career Development Practitioner Foundations. Further, the presenters provided an overview of how the OntarioLearn consortium worked.

The Board questioned the presenters.

Moved by Governor Ball

Seconded by Governor Ouellette

"That in accordance with Report BOG-2023-95, the Career Development Practitioner Foundations, Durham College Certificate program be approved."

CARRIED

## **9. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Government Relations Update - Blue Ribbon Edition**

The Board received a briefing about the recommendations in the Blue Ribbon Panel report from President Lovisa and the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations. Additionally, President Lovisa advised he was receiving regular updates from College Ontario about the advocacy work around the recommendations in the Blue Ribbon panel and that the college sector is actively working to amplify industry voices in support of the recommendations to look at the funding formula for post-secondary.

The Board questioned the presenters.

## **9.2 Quality Assurance Audit Report Executive Summary**

The Board received a briefing from President Lovisa and the Executive Vice-President, Academic, about the recent quality assurance audit process, which included preparing an extensive self-study, a site visit and interviews with over 180 stakeholders, and the exemplary report received from the audit panel that highlighted the College's commitment to quality assurance, mature practices, and collaborative and congenial work culture.

The Board questioned the presenters.

## **9.3 Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship: Anticipated Policy Changes to Protect International Students**

The Board received a briefing from President Lovisa and the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations, regarding the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship's recent announcements around anticipated policy changes to protect international students, such as the increased financial threshold to apply. The Board heard that the government is linking the influx of international students to the housing and food insecurity crisis and that the federal government is concerned with Ontario's overreliance on international students. The federal government has signalled that if the provinces don't take appropriate action, it will use the tools at its disposal to restrict the number of international students coming to Canada.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following items were presented for information only:

### **10.1 Update on the College's Social Commitments**

### **10.2 President's Report - October to December 2023**

### **10.3 Report of the Chief Administrative Officer - December 2023**

### **10.4 The Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture - September 2023 Update**

## **11. UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Chair drew attention to the following upcoming events:

- Holiday Closure - December 23, 2023 to January 1, 2024

- Durham College Alumni Hockey Night - January 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Tribute Communities Centre. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online.
- Learn More Series: Metrics & More: Strategic Mandate Agreement - Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. (MS Teams)

## 12. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION

Durham College By-law No. 1. provides for the Board of Governors to address, in camera, items of corporate business that the Board deems to be confidential to the College.

Moved by Governor Bosomworth

Seconded by Governor Brown

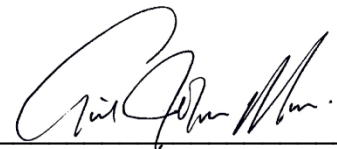
"That the Board of Governors move in-camera after a 10-minute recess." CARRIED

The meeting recessed at 7:48 p.m. and reconvened in-camera at 8:00 p.m.

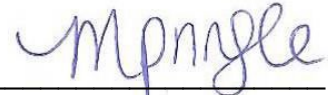
During the in-camera session, the Board discussed recommendations from its Standing Committees and received an update from the Presidential Selection Committee.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting ended at 9:08 p.m.



Gail Johnson Morris  
Board Chair



Melissa Pringle  
Corporate and Board Secretary