

# ***Board of Governors – Regular Meeting***

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nova Scotia Community College's Board of Governors, held on February 29, 2024 at Cox & Palmer Law Firm, Nova Centre – South Tower, 1500-1625 Grafton Street, Halifax, Room 1500 A & B.

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Karen Churchill (Chair)  
Jackie Poirier (Vice Chair)  
Nduka Ahilaka  
Trevor Amiro  
Lee Erickson  
Krista Jangaard  
Art Kidston  
Jim King (virtual)  
Diane MacConnell-Cameron  
Quentrel Provo  
Nicole Robinson (virtual)  
Kathleen Yurchesyn

### **Also Present:**

Don Bureaux, President  
Glenda Barrett, Chief Financial Officer  
Anna Burke, VP, College Services & Strategy  
Lynn Hartwell, VP, Campuses & Communities  
Jill Provoe, VP, Academic & Equity  
Christabell Pinchin, Secretary, Board of Governors  
Angie Axford, Executive Assistant to VP, College Services & Strategy  
  
Kevin Cowper, Core Services Administrator

### **Regrets:**

Laurissa Manning  
Sara Napier  
Gerry Post  
Jeff Ransome  
Shawnee Sylliboy

## **1. Call to Order**

Quorum being present, Karen Churchill, called the meeting to order.

The Chair acknowledged that in Nova Scotia, we are all Treaty People. We recognize the land upon which we work, live and learn is the unceded territory and ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of Peace and Friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725. She also noted that NSCC recognizes African Nova Scotians as a distinct group who arrived here 400 years ago. From that time on, they have contributed to the infrastructure and economic wealth of the towns and cities they helped to build, but from which they could not benefit.

She reminded Governors that we act in the best interest of the College, we demonstrate good judgement and act in an ethical manner, maintain confidentiality and comply with the Board's By-Laws and policies. She noted we encourage diverse conversation but leave with one voice.

## **2. Affirmation of Absence of Conflict**

Governors affirmed the absence of conflict of interest in the business coming before the Board.

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## **3. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Nduka Ahilaka

*That the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda for the February 29, 2024 meeting as presented. (Agenda and Minutes, December 14, 2023)*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

## **4. President's Update**

Don Bureaux provided his President's update. Don referenced the President's report that was included with meeting materials and highlighted several areas including the Sydney Waterfront Campus build and work happening as the project is nearing completion. Don also briefly touched on the recent IRCC international student cap, the Most Inspiring Immigrants Gala Dinner where he was keynote speaker, the Mayor's Economic Form and lastly, the new President of CIGan transitioning into her role.

## **5. Move to In-Camera <<see in-camera minutes>>**

It was moved by Jackie Poirier / Krista Jangaard

*That the NSCC Board of Governors Meeting of February 29, 2024 move to In-Camera.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

## **6. Committee Updates**

### **6.1 Foundation Update**

Don Bureaux provided a brief update on the Foundation in Gerry Post's absence. Don referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials and spoke about the new Executive Director's transition into the new role. He spoke specifically about the Sydney Waterfront Campus campaign.

### **6.2 Finance, Audit & Risk Committee Update**

Diane MacConnell-Cameron, Chair of Finance, Audit & Risk Committee provided an update on the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee meeting. She noted the meeting included an overview of the third quarter financial report and that the College is projecting a year-end deficit of \$1.2M which is close to the planned deficit of \$1.5M and she highlighted the key factors impacting these numbers. The committee also met with Carey Blair, External Auditor from KPMG to review the 2023-2024 Audit Plan. During the meeting Derek McCurdy, NSCC's Chief Information Officer provided an overview of the Digital Innovation and Technology Annual Report.

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It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Art Kidston

*That the NSCC Board of Governors approve the Third Quarter Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2023.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

### **Sydney Waterfront Campus Update**

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy provided an update on the Sydney Waterfront Campus and referenced the report included with the meeting materials. Parking continues to be an ongoing priority as does the transition planning moving from the Marconi Campus to the new downtown location.

### **On-Campus Housing Update**

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. She provided a very high level update and noted that the three projects (Ivany, Akerley, and Pictou) are on track. She also indicated that it is very early days for the new projects (270 beds) located in Halifax (IT), Springhill (Cumberland), Kentville (Kingstec) and Bridgewater (Lunenburg).

### **6.3 Programs Committee Updates**

Jill Provoe, Vice President, Academic and Equity provided a committee update on behalf of Sara Napier, Chair of Programs Committee. She noted that during the meeting the student survey results and fall student success survey results were shared and that Paul Cantelo, College Registrar presented on Enrolment. The meeting also included an update on equitable representation admissions project.

### **7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **8. Adjourn and Move to Governors Forum**

The Chair called to adjourn the meeting of February 29, 2024 and move to Governors' Forum.

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Jim King

*That the NSCC Board of Governors regular meeting of February 29, 2024 adjourn and move to Governors' Forum.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

Approved by Board Motion: April 25, 2024