



BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Special Meeting (via MS Teams)
September 15, 2023
MINUTES

(Meeting #369)
Adopted:

In Attendance: Maggie Marwah (*Chair*), Bill Barker (*Vice-Chair*), Peggy Shannon (*President*), Jim Horwich, Bruce Sparks, Cheryl Hann, Sarah McInnis, Anthony Novac, Dave van de Wetering, Sylvia Parris-Drummond; Anthony Novac, Sunil Sarwal, Kathryn Toope, Mark Bovey, Rudi Meyer, Chris Parsons

Regrets: Marco Chiarot, John Keating, Shelley Burke, Gary Edwards, Alexandra Butu; Leanne Dowe, Chief Financial Officer

Absent: Fabienne Colas

Invited: Bruce DeBaie, Chief of Staff; Jana Macalik, Interim Vice-President, (Academic & Research) and Provost; Owen Gottschalk, Interim Associate VP, Operations; Theresa Larkin (recorder)

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Meeting called to order at approximately 2:03 p.m. by Board Chair Maggie Marwah with the establishment of quorum. This special meeting of the Board of Governors is being convened under Article II, Sec. [e] of the By-laws of NSCAD University. Two time-sensitive items are to be considered: an academic appointment and the completion of the Port HVAC upgrade.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Dave van de Wetering read into the record the acknowledgement, which recognizes the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work.

“NSCAD University is located in Kjiptuk, the district of Sipekne’katik, Mi’kma’ki, which since time immemorial, has been the unceded traditional territory and ancestral homelands of the Mi’kmaq Nation. We pay respect to the historic and contemporary Mi’kmaw artists who have, over millennia, created unique artforms and designs, and through generations, passed down ways of being, knowing, and doing that are valued and respected.

“NSCAD University is committed to forging a relationship based on reciprocity as we move forward together in a good way, based on the foundational aspirations in our collective treaties, dating back to 1725. In Nova Scotia, we recognize we are all Treaty People.”

3. Declaration of any Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

4. Acceptance of the Agenda

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion: To approve the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting agenda as presented. *Moved by C. Parsons. Carried. [BOG 369/23-67]*

5. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes

No changes being requested, the minutes of June 22, 2023, are hereby declared adopted as a true record.

6. In Camera

Motion: By motion of C. Hann, the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting moved in camera at approximately 2:07 p.m. [BOG 369/23-68]

Mark Bovey joined the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Rudi Meyer joined the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

Sunil Sarwal joined the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Sylvia Parris-Drummond joined the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Motion: By motion of P. Shannon, the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting moved out of camera at approximately 3:01 p.m. [BOG 369/23-69]

K. Toope left the meeting at this time.

7. Out Of Camera Motions

Motion: In accordance with Article 16.10(A) of the Collective Agreement, and on the recommendation of the Governance & Human Resources Committee, the Board of Governors approves the appointment of **Dr. Karin Cope** to a Regular Full-Time faculty position at the rank of Associate Professor, Art History and Contemporary Culture, effective retroactively to August 1, 2023.

Moved by S. Parris-Drummond. Seconded by D. van de Wetering. Abstentions: R. Meyer, M. Bovey, C. Parsons. Carried. [BOG 369/23-70]

Motion: The Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Finance & Physical Resources Committee, approves an increase to the Port HVAC Upgrade project funding of \$525,000 to allow the project to be completed and commissioned as soon as possible and ensure a sustainable campus environment for students, faculty, and staff. Funds to be materialized from the Operating Reserve.

Moved by C. Hann. Seconded by C. Parsons. Carried. [BOG 369/23-71]

Board Chair M. Marwah outlined three areas for follow-up action resulting from the discussion of the Port HVAC upgrade and initial learnings:

- The Finance & Physical Resources Committee of the board will undertake a review of NSCAD Policy 4.6 – Purchasing Policy, specifically to strengthen timely oversight and reporting of capital building and renovation projects.
- Administration will convene a joint meeting with members of the Finance & Physical Resources and Audit & Risk Oversight committees to examine in more detail the process that resulted in

the increased cost of the HVAC upgrade, for the purpose of ensuring future projects avoid similar.

- President Shannon, in acknowledging concerns expressed by students, faculty and staff, will address the HVAC upgrade project and air quality issues at the Port campus at an upcoming regular town hall.

M. Marwah thanked all present for a productive discussion and the collective focus on learning from the situation as NSCAD prepares for a larger capital project.

8. In Camera (Excluding Faculty and Students)

Not required.

9. In Camera (Excluding Staff)

10. In Camera (Excluding President)

Motion: By motion of C. Hann, the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting moved in camera at approximately 3:06 p.m. [BOG 369/23-72]

P. Shannon, J. Macalik, O. Gottchalk, B. DeBaie, T. Larkin, left the meeting.

Motion: By motion of C. Hann, the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting out of camera at approximately 3:23 p.m. [BOG 369/23-73]

11. Adjournment

Motion: By motion of M. Bovey, the September 15, 2023, Board of Governors special meeting adjourned at approximately 3:24 p.m. [BOG 369/23-74]

The next scheduled meeting and the Annual General Meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, as an in-person meeting at the Port Campus and available online via MS Teams.

Recorded by Theresa Larkin, Interim Governance Administrator.

Approved for circulation to the Board of Governors by Maggie Marwah, Chair, on September 18, 2023.