

Board of Governors – Regular Meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Nova Scotia Community College's Board of Governors, held on February 19, 2026 in Halifax at the IT Campus.

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Board Members Present:

Jackie Poirier (Chair)
Krista Jangaard (Vice Chair)
Donna Bonner
Jason Crowell
Lisa Donovan
Lee Erickson
Andrea Glenen
Arthur Kidston
Andy Knowles
Angélique LeBlanc
Kevin McCann
Michael Peters
Spencer Peters
Brian Santarpia
Blake Smith
Anne Marie Woodgate
Kathleen Yurchesyn

Also Present:

Don Bureaux, President
Anna Burke, VP, College Services & Strategy
Erin Elliott, Executive Assistant to the President
Lynn Hartwell, VP, Campuses & Communities
Andrew Lafford, VP, Academic
Christabell Pinchin, Secretary, Board of Governors
Jill Provoe, VP, Equity & International

Stacey Baillie, Director, Public Affairs
Glenda Barrett, Chief Financial Officer
Erin Collens, Director, Respectful Community & Human Rights
Ashley Power, Executive Director, NSCC Foundation
Kate Snyder, Director, Office of Learning & Transformation
Bruce Spares, Director, Internal Audit

Regrets:

Diane MacConnell-Cameron
Gerry Post

1. Call to Order

Quorum being present, the Chair, Jackie Poirier, called the meeting to order and welcomed Brian Santarpia to his first meeting. She also acknowledged that it is the final meeting for Don Bureaux.

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 acknowledged 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.

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2. Affirmation of Absence of Conflict

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

3. Consent Agenda

The Chair reminded Governors that an updated Addendum to the Banking Resolution was shared prior to the meeting reflecting the change to the Acting Vice President, Colleges Services & Strategy role.

It was moved by Arthur Kidston / Spencer Peters

That the Board of Governors approve the revised consent agenda for the February 19, 2026 meeting as presented. (Agenda, Minutes, December 18, 2025, Committee Placements, Addendum to Banking Resolution, and Governance Committee Terms of Reference)

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

4. President's Update

Don Bureaux provided his final President's Update. He spoke about enrolment and shared that numbers are tracking well with no red flags to share. Don thanked the Board and shared his pride in the Governance Model at NSCC.

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

It was moved by Kahtleen Yurchesyn / Donna Bonner

That the NSCC Board of Governors' meeting move to in-camera.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

6. Executive Committee Update

The Chair noted that in Gerry Post's absence, we would skip the Foundation update and Governors could refer to the briefing note that was provided with the meeting materials.

STC Report Recommendations & Actions

Jill Provoe, Vice President, Equity & International provided an update on the STC Report & Recommendations. She noted of the thirteen recommendations she would not be speaking about the nine that were tied to the policy indicating that the policy is later in the agenda.

'Guidelines for Fair Investigations' are in progress. It will be the focus of NSCC's Fair Practice Lead post policy roll-out. The College is developing a manual (not just guidelines) for fair investigations.

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'Centralized Tracking System' is project is projected to be approximately 2 to 3 years with an expected implementation date in 2028-29.

'Internal Training for Investigators' is underway. The NSCC Fair Practice Lead is researching options for the most appropriate training available that is specific to Sexual Violence for HR and HREI for Spring.

'Training for College Community' Jill noted that Training for the full college community is underway, mandatory training for managers took place with 100% participation. The training that was used is being modified with some adjustments to make it fit non-management as well.

Jill concluded her update noting that the final recommendation 'Gather information from the College Community' is still being assessed tied to feedback and evaluation on the new policy once rolled out. It is anticipating this will roll out in the 2026/2027 year.

7. Finance, Audit & Risk Committee

The Chair provided the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee update on behalf of committee chair Diane MacConnell-Cameron. She noted that the Third Quarter Financial report was reviewed in detail and that the External Auditors reviewed their audit plan for 2025-2026. Derek McCurdy, CIO presented the Information Technology Annual Report and the committee received an Ancillary Services mid-year update.

It was moved by Lee Erickson / Brian Santarpia

That the NSCC Board of Governors approve the Third Quarter Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

On-Campus Housing Update

Anna Burke, Vice President, College Services & Strategy provided a brief update on campus housing. She referred to the meeting materials and noted that Cumberland and Kingstec are advancing.

8. Programs Committee

Angélique LeBlanc, Chair, Programs Committee provided a brief update. She noted that the Committee welcomed Donna Kennedy, Director Enrolment & Registrar, to provide an enrolment update. She shared that enrolment is at 65% of target consistent with previous years. The committee received presentation on Graduate Survey results by Kate Snyder and Cynthia Dunning Zwicker.

9. Governance Committee

Kathleen Yurchesyn, Chair, Governance Committee provided a brief update. She referred to the two annual reports (Sustainability & Safety) included with the meeting materials and noted that

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Michael Chapman presented them for the Committee. She briefly referred to the Governance Committee Terms of Reference that were included in the consent agenda.

Sexual Violence Policy

Jill Provoe, Vice President, Equity & International presented the revised Sexual Violence Policy. She shared that the materials also included, for information, the procedures and tools that accompany the policy. She reminded Governors that a review of this policy was underway seeking input from across the College in advance of receiving the anonymous complaint. She highlighted how the nine recommendations that were incorporated into the policy revisions. She also shared that her team met with the consultant from Rubin Thomlinson to review and understand each of the recommendations.

Governors had the opportunity to engage in conversation. It was suggested that the policy be reviewed in one year to ensure the changes are serving the College well.

It was moved by Krista Jangaard / Andrea Glenen

That the NSCC Board of Governors approve the Sexual Violence Policy effective August 15, 2026.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

10. Other Business

There was no other business discussed and the Chair indicated immediately following the Board Meeting, Governors would take time to celebrate Don Bureaux.

11. Adjourn and Move to Governors Forum

The Chair called to adjourn the meeting of February 19, 2026 and move to Governors' Forum.

It was moved by Angélique LeBlanc / Lisa Donaldson

That the NSCC Board of Governors regular meeting of February 19, 2026 adjourn and move to Governors' Forum.

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

Approved by Board Motion: May 8, 2026