

# ***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 June 19, 2025 in Halifax at the IT Campus.

## **MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Jackie Poirier (Chair)  
Krista Jangaard (Vice Chair)  
Donna Bonner  
Jason Crowell (virtual)  
Lisa Donovan (virtual)  
Andrea Glenen  
Angélique LeBlanc  
Diane MacConnell-Cameron  
Sara Napier  
Michael Peters (virtual)  
Nicole Robinson  
Kathleen Yurchesyn  
Hira Bari  
Lee Erickson  
Andy Knowles  
Kevin McCann

### **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  
  
Kevin Cowper, Core Services Administrator  
Ashley Power, Executive Director, NSCC Foundation  
Kate Snyder, Director, Office of Learning and Transformation  
Mollie Campbell, former NSCC student  
Chantel Jollie, former NSCC student  
Beth Easson, Applied Research  
Joanne Firth, Applied Research  
Al Joseph, Applied Research

### **Regrets:**

Gerry Post  
Damilola Oluyemi  
Arthur Kidston

## **1. Call to Order**

Quorum being present, the Chair, Jackie Poirier, called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

The Chair took a moment to celebrate several governors including Damilola Oluyemi on graduating from Business Administration, Financial Services; Hira Bari on graduating from Business Administration, Accounting and earning the Board of Governors' Award; Diane MacConnell-Cameron on welcoming her first grandson; and Michael Peters on being named one of Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEOs for 2025.

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**

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Lee Erickson

*That the Board of Governors approve the consent agenda for the June 19, 2025 meeting as presented. (Agenda, Minutes, April 24, 2025, Committee Placement; and Admissions Policy)*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

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

Don Bureaux provided an update at the meeting and referenced his written report that was included with meeting materials. He spoke briefly about:

- The celebration event held for NSCC employees who have reached 25 years of service.
- Convocation just concluded after 21 ceremonies with approximately 4,900 graduates. Don spoke to each graduate as they crossed the stage and was pleased to report the majority had jobs to go to. He also thanked Kevin Cowper for the work ensuring convocation ceremonies were livestreamed for those who couldn't attend to watch their family, friends, and loved ones graduate. This year was the first time the College hosted a dedicated eCampus, in-person, convocation ceremony.
- Work happening across the Colleges across Canada to work with the new Federal Government and changing directions of the Government.

### **5. Celebrate with the People of NSCC**

The Chair reminded Governors that each June we bring guests to the Board to share their stories and celebrate the success of NSCC learners. She noted that Chantel Jollie and Mollie Campbell who introduced themselves at the start of the meeting, will share their stories along with the Applied Research team who have joined to talk about the Student Research Network.

The Board broke into three groups and took time with each of the presenters to engage in small group discussions.

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

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Donna Bonner

*That the NSCC Board of Governors Meeting of June 19, 2025 move to In-Camera.*

This motion was put to a vote and

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## **7. Executive Committee Update**

### **Foundation Update**

Ashley Power, Executive Director of the NSCC Foundation & Alumni Relations provided an update. She referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. She shared our stats that the Foundation has

- granted over \$9.4M in funds this year compared to \$6.1M last year,
- received \$12.5M in donations,
- welcomed 5,000 new graduates to the alumni network, and
- received a clean external audit.

### **Fundraising Policy**

Ashley Power provided an update on the status of the Fundraising Policy. She indicated the policy is due for review but more time is needed as they assess best practices and any gaps in the policy. Some items specifically being reviewed include gift acceptance, government funds management, donor recognition, and donor expectations. The policy is anticipated to be presented for review in the fall.

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

Diane MacConnell-Cameron, Chair, Finance, Audit & Risk Committee provided an update on the recent committee meeting. She noted that KPMG attended the meeting to present and review the audited financial statements. She also noted that Glenda Barrett presented and reviewed the year-end financial summary.

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Lee Erickson

*That the NSCC Board of Governors approve the Audited Financial Statements as presented at the regular board meeting of June 19, 2025.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Krista Jangaard

*That the NSCC Board of Governors accept the Year-end Financial Summary as presented at the regular board meeting of June 19, 2025.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Business Plan Report Card**

Kate Snyder, Director, Office of Learning and Transformation, presented the Business Plan Report Card for quarter four that was included with the meeting materials.

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

Anna Burke, Vice President College Services & Strategy referenced the report that was included with the meeting materials. She indicated that the College is in the home stretch on the Ivany Campus building which is coming in on time and on budget and students will be

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welcomed this fall. She then briefly updated on the four outstanding housing projects that are in various stages of start-up and reminded Governors that those projects are being managed by Public Works. It is anticipated that Kingstec will be first to break ground, and the project has been awarded to Iron Maple.

### **Programs Committee**

Sara Napier, Chair, Programs Committee provided a brief update. She noted that the committee received a detailed enrolment report from Donna Kennedy, Director, Enrolment & Registrar. Jeff Taylor, AVP, Research, Innovation and Workforce Development presented an update on the clean Annual Responsible Conduct of Research report. She noted several program updates for multiple academic years of which all were information items were presented. Sara also noted that in the fall, committee members will receive a refresher on terms and approval requirements to help with their work on the committee. Lastly, she commented on the Student Program Satisfaction survey that was presented to the committee.

### **8. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

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

The Chair called to adjourn the meeting of June 19, 2025 and move to Governors' Forum.

It was moved by Diane MacConnell-Cameron / Lee Erickson

*That the NSCC Board of Governors regular meeting of June 19, 2025 adjourn and move to Governors' Forum.*

This motion was put to a vote and

CARRIED.

Approved by Board Motion: October 23, 2025