

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**September 28, 2022**  
**Jorgenson Hall – JOR 1410**  
**380 Victoria Street**  
**2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**M I N U T E S**

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Toronto Metropolitan University (the “University”) held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in-person and by video and teleconference.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** S. Babikian, N. Campbell, N. Chauhan, J. Cockwell, J. Dallaire, S. Dworkin, J. Fakhim, J. Fukakusa, I. Gammel, C. Garay, R. Graham, M. Kolios, M. Lachemi, G. Leong, D. Miller, M. Mullings, C. Paisley (Vice-Chair), D. Porter, S. Ragunathan, R. Rodrigues, S. Sinha, E. Shim, W. Soliman

**Regrets:** K. Bhatia, J. Kuriakose, N. Mohamed, T. Staffieri (Chair)

**Board Secretariat:**

J. Shin Doi, General Counsel, Secretary of the Board of Governors, and University Privacy Officer  
G. Lowrie-Dennis, Administrative Coordinator  
V. Luckiram, Governance Specialist  
J. MacInnis, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors  
A. Mall, Senior Legal Counsel and Governance Officer

**Others in Attendance:**

G. Craney, Chief Strategy Officer, University Planning  
M. Forbes, Chief of Staff and Executive Director, Communications  
R. Frankle, Assistant Vice-President, Advancement  
J. Grass, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations  
T. Ho, Student, Faculty of Community Services  
R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs  
B. Lesser, Chief Information Officer  
S. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation  
J. McKee, Chief Financial Officer  
J. McMillen, Vice-Provost, Students  
I. Mishkel, Vice-President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations  
L. Nater, Senior Presentation Technology Specialist  
J. O'Donnell, Chief Human Resources Officer

A. Saloojee, Interim Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion  
J. Simpson, Provost and Vice-President, Academic  
J. B. Walters, Executive Director & Chief Negotiator, Office of the Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs  
S. Zolfaghari, Vice-President, Administration and Operations

**1. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)**

**2. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)**

**END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**3. INTRODUCTION**

3.1 Welcome

3.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

C. Paisley stepped into the role of Board Chair for this meeting. C. Paisley acknowledged the land.

3.1.2 Chair's Remarks

C. Paisley welcomed Board members to the first Board meeting of the year, including the new Board members, N. Chauhan, I. Gammel, K. Bhatia, J. Fakhim, J. Kuriakose, and S. Babikian, who was re-elected to the Board. C. Paisley thanked I. Gammel, Board member, S. Zolfaghari, Vice-President, Administration and Operations, and President Lachemi for the gifts provided for the Board members.

3.2 Approval of the September 28, 2022 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

**4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

M. Lachemi discussed the return to campus and highlighted the success of student orientation programming. M. Lachemi described the launch of the University's new "Made of Grit" marketing campaign and the opening of the Red Bull Gaming Hub at the Creative School.

**5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

Secretary of the Board, J. Shin Doi, advised that her written report was included in the Board materials.

**6. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC**

Provost and Vice-President, Academic, J. Simpson, advised that her written report was included in the Board materials.

## **7. REPORT FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS**

S. Zolfaghari presented a report on the roles and responsibilities of the seven (7) units within his portfolio that focus on people, infrastructure and operations. S. Zolfaghari provided a snapshot of key initiatives, including the implementation of the new name, the Free Store, the Urban Farm, and the Future of Work. S. Zolfaghari focused on how the new name is being implemented both digitally and physically and how the Free Store has engaged communities and fostered a welcoming culture. S. Zolfaghari outlined the role the Urban Farm plays within the community and described the progress of the Future of Work project.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Report from the Chair of the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee**

Chair of the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee, R. Graham, reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee met on September 20, 2022, and recommended that the Board approve the valuation assumption changes and the filing of the actuarial report for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan as at March 31, 2022, with the regulatory authorities.

R. Graham reported that at the same meeting the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee recommended that the Board approve the appointment of WTW as the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan for the December 31, 2022 valuation.

#### **8.1.1 Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan Valuation Report at March 31, 2022**

R. Graham reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee recommended that the Board approve the valuation assumption changes and the filing of the actuarial report.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

#### **BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the following as presented:**

- a) the valuation assumption changes; and**
- b) the filing of the actuarial report for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan as at March 31, 2022, with the regulatory authorities.**

#### 8.1.2 Appointment of the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan

R. Graham reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee recommended that the Board approve the appointment of WTW as the Actuary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the appointment of WTW as the Actuary for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan for the December 31, 2022 valuation.**

#### 8.2 Student Wellbeing Centre Referendum Proposal

Vice-Provost, Students, J. McMillen, and current Faculty of Community Services student, T. Ho, presented the Student Wellbeing Centre Referendum Proposal and explained how the addition of resources, via a wellbeing fee, would improve service accessibility and quality, and create the conditions for student success.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

**THAT the Election Procedures Committee be authorized to hold a student referendum at a time to be determined, for all Toronto Metropolitan University undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in degree programs, to seek approval to increase the health and wellness ancillary fee by an amount not to exceed Thirty-Four Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$34.90) for each of the fall and winter terms to support the Future of Wellbeing proposal.**

**THAT the compulsory fee be adjusted annually by the change in the Toronto Consumer Price Index (CPI); and**

**THAT the specific wording of the referendum question be subject to approval by the Vice-Provost, Students.**

### 9. FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Toronto Metropolitan University Common Abbreviations

9.2 University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

### 10. CONSENT AGENDA

C. Paisley moved to adopt the consent agenda.

10.1 Approval of the June 30, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

**11. TERMINATION**