

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
April 29, 2026
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Video and Teleconference**

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors (the “Board”) of Toronto Metropolitan University (the “University”) held on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: S. Akhlaghi, A. Bernabe, N. Campbell, D. Chin-Loy Chang, T. Conte, R. Dagher, J. Dallaire, M. Davis, S. Dworkin, A. Elshahed, I. Gammel, H. Gawne, N. Gupta, M. Lachemi, C. MacDonald, K. Noor, C. Paisley (Chair), D. Porter, S. Raganathan, S. Sinha, L. Taylor Green, M. Turco, A. Virmani

Regrets: J. Cockwell, J. Fukakusa, G. Kalra, W. Soliman, T. Staffieri

Board Secretariat:

W. Lawrence, General Counsel, Secretary of the Board of Governors, and Chief Privacy Officer
V. Luckiram, Program Manager, Governance
A. Mall, Executive Director, Legal and Governance and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors

Others in Attendance:

M. Anthony, Director, Real Estate
M. Baker, Chief of Staff and Senior Director, Government Relations
W. Bamgbose, Chief Information Security Officer
R. Bornstein, Director, Pension and Benefits
T. Chan, Dean of the School of Medicine, Vice-President, Medical Affairs
T. De Mello, Vice President, Equity and Community Inclusion
M. Dettweiler, Executive Director, Campus Development
M. Forbes, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations
J. Gonzales, Interim Vice Provost, Students
R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
B. Lesser, Chief Information Officer
S. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation
K. McCausland, Vice-Provost, University Planning
J. McKee, Chief Financial Officer
K. Mehta, Vice-President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations

L. Nater, Senior Presentation Technology Specialist
S. Zolfaghari, Vice-President, Administration and Operations

1. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Executive Group Invited)

END OF IN-CAMERA SESSION

2. INTRODUCTION

2.1. Welcome

2.1.1. Land Acknowledgement

C. Paisley, Board Chair, acknowledged the land.

2.1.2. Chair's Remarks

C. Paisley welcomed everyone to the second last Board meeting of the 2026 Board calendar year.

2.2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.2.1. Approval of the April 29, 2026 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2.2.2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2.2.3. Approval of the March 31, 2026 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

3. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

M. Lachemi reported on two (2) significant developments in university advancement with the first being an anonymous pledge of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) to the Ted Rogers School of Management, and the second being the creation of the McCall McBain Community Health Award, a Ten Million Dollar (\$10,000,000) scholarship

program. M. Lachemi noted that this was the largest single investment in student scholarships in the University's history. M. Lachemi discussed the memorial honouring the life of Stephen Lewis held on campus, and the launch of the Global Migration Institute, a University-wide hub that brings together the school's strengths in migration and integration research.

4. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

4.1. 2026 Board Elections

W. Lawrence, Secretary of the Board, announced the Board election results, noting that Professor S. Al Natour was acclaimed as the faculty Board member; A. Sotnykova was elected as the administrative staff Board member; S. Akhlaghi was re-elected as a student Board member; and M. Qaid, and J. Vanek were elected as student Board members.

5. REPORT FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, reported that the University continues to build momentum in national and global rankings and placed tenth among comprehensive universities in Canada with first in student services in the recent Maclean's rankings. R. Iannacito-Provenzano discussed recent events, including the March open house, which welcomed three thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine (3,769) attendees. R. Iannacito-Provenzano outlined the work of the Generative AI Leadership Task Force, which will develop an AI framework for the University and the recent appointment of J. Gonzales as the Interim Vice-Provost, Students.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.1.1. 2026-27 University Budget Priorities and Expenditures

D. Porter reported that the Finance Committee met on April 22, 2026, and heard from M. Lachemi, R. Iannacito-Provenzano, K. McCausland, Vice-Provost, University Planning, and J. McKee regarding the 2026-27 University Budget Priorities and Expenditures and recommended that the Board approve the budget and fees.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2026-2027 University Budget, as presented.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the 2026-2027 Domestic Tuition Fees (including Continuing Education); International Fees; Non Tuition-Related Fees; Departmental Lab/Ancillary Fees; Service Fees; Residence Fees and Meal Plans, as presented.

6.1.2. Compliance with Directives under Bill 166: *Strengthening Accountability and Student Supports Act, 2024*

D. Porter reported that at the same meeting, the Finance Committee also heard from R. Iannacito-Provenzano, K. McCausland and S. Kheraj, Vice-Provost, Academic, regarding the Report on Educational Costs Directive under the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act* and recommended that the Board approve the report.

6.1.2.1 Report on Educational Costs Directive under the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Report on Educational Costs Directive dated April 9, 2026, under the *Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Act*, as presented.

6.2. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND PENSIONS COMMITTEE

L. Taylor Green reported that when the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee met on April 24, 2026, it heard from J. McKee, R. Bornstein, and the representatives from WTW, R. Bowen, Director, Retirement, and D. Kenny, Managing Director, Retirement, regarding the Toronto Metropolitan University Pension Plan Proposed Valuation Assumptions and Estimated Results at December 31, 2025.

7. IN-CAMERA DISCUSSION (Board Members Only)

8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2026