

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
June 26, 2026
2:30 p.m. to 5:00 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 Friday, June 26, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: A. Bernabe, D. Chin-Loy Chang, J. Cockwell, T. Conte, R. Dagher, J. Dallaire, M. Davis, S. Dworkin, A. Elshahed, I. Gammel, H. Gawne, N. Gupta, M. Lachemi, K. Noor, C. Paisley (Chair), D. Porter, M. Turco

Regrets: S. Akhlaghi, N. Campbell, J. Fukakusa, G. Kalra, C. MacDonald, S. Ragunathan, S. Sinha, W. Soliman, T. Staffieri, A. Virmani

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
T. Chan, Dean of the School of Medicine, Vice-President, Medical Affairs
K. Christie, Interim Executive Director, Community Safety
T. De Mello, Vice President, Equity and Community Inclusion
M. Dettweiler, Executive Director, Campus Development
M. Forbes, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations
R. Frankle, Assistant Vice-President, University Advancement and Alumni Relations
R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic
S. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation
G. Mallon, Assistant Vice-President, Facilities Management and Development
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

J. O'Donnell, Chief Human Resources Officer

H. Wood London, Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships & Labour Relations and Senior Legal Counsel

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, Board Chair, acknowledged the land.

3.1.2. Chair's Remarks

C. Paisley welcomed Board members to the last Board meeting of the year, noting that the University had experienced another momentous year, and highlighted key milestones. C. Paisley thanked departing Board members for their collective work and contributions to the governance of the University, as well as all Board members for their work throughout the year.

3.2. CONSENT AGENDA

3.2.1. Approval of the June 26, 2026 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3.2.2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3.2.3. Approval of the April 29, 2026 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

M. Lachemi reported on his recent visit to the Aga Khan Academies in East Africa and the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the University and the Aga Khan Schools; the hosting of an event in support of Toronto's bid to host the future Defence. Security and Resilience Bank; the new research partnership with Kids Help Phone; the investment received to launch the Future of Sport Lab x FIFA 2026 Legacy Incubation Hub; and spring convocation.

5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

5.1. Annual Board Assessment

W. Lawrence, Secretary of the Board, reminded Board members to complete the Annual Assessment they would receive on June 26, 2026.

5.2. Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal

W. Lawrence announced that the Spring 2026 Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal recipient was K. Longland.

5.3. 2026 Board Election Report

W. Lawrence reported that J. Lowe was elected as the Alumni representative during the recent Alumni elections.

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

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, reported on rankings and global recognition noting the University's positive trajectory in the QS World University Rankings with its improved ranking and the strong performance in the Times Higher Education Impact Ratings, which assess universities' contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. R. Iannacito-Provenzano highlighted recent engagements including events marking June as National Indigenous Peoples Month and discussed the work of the Generative AI Leadership Task Force. R. Iannacito-Provenzano also noted the work being done by the Black Scholarship Institute.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

7.1.1. Amendments to *By-Law No. 1 being the General By-Laws*

D. Porter, Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Governance Committee met on June 1, 2026, and heard from W. Lawrence, who provided an overview of the amendments to *By-law No. 1 being the General By-Laws*, which the committee recommended that the Board approve.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the amendments to *By-Law No. 1 being the General By-Laws* of Toronto Metropolitan University, as presented, with an effective date of September 1, 2027 for Article 6.4 (c) - Removal of Governors, and an effective date as of approval for all other amendments proposed.

7.1.2. Discontinuance of Property Committee

D. Porter reported that at the same meeting, the Governance Committee also heard from M. Lachemi, who advised that the Property Committee should be discontinued as its mandate has now been fulfilled and that the committee recommended that this action be approved.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the discontinuance of the Property Committee as it has fulfilled its mandate.

7.2. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

7.2.1. Draft Audited Financial Statements - Year ended April 30, 2026

C. Paisley reported that the Audit and Risk Committee met on June 15, 2026, and heard from J. McKee and R. Haldavnekar, Controller and Senior Director, Financial Accounting and Reporting, regarding the draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending April 30, 2026, and recommended that the Board approve these financial statements.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, as presented.

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

D. Porter reported that when the ERPC met on June 9, 2026, it heard from S. Zolfaghari, G. Mallon, Assistant Vice-President, Facilities Management and Development; and T. DuCroix, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, regarding the 2025 Annual Environmental Health and Safety Report.

7.3.1. Audited Fund Financial Statements of the Toronto Metropolitan University Pension Plan and Audit Findings for the year ended December 31, 2025

D. Porter reported that at the same meeting, the ERPC heard from J. McKee, R. Bornstein, and D. Del Monte, regarding the Audited Fund Financial Statements of the TMUPP and Audit Findings for the year ended December 31, 2025, which the committee recommended that the Board approve.

It was moved, seconded, and carried:

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Audited Fund Financial Statements of the Toronto Metropolitan University Pension Plan for the year ending December 31, 2025, as presented.

8. FOR INFORMATION

8.1. 2025 Annual Environmental Health and Safety Report

8.2. University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: This is the final Board meeting of the 2025-2026 governance year.