

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 26, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 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 Monday, January 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: S. Akhlaghi, A. Bernabe, D. Chin-Loy Chang, T. Conte, R. Dagher, S. Dworkin, A. Elshahed, I. Gammel, H. Gawne, N. Gupta, G. Kalra, M. Lachemi, C. MacDonald, C. Paisley (Chair), D. Porter, W. Soliman, L. Taylor Green, M. Turco, A. Virmani

Regrets: N. Campbell, J. Cockwell, J. Dallaire, M. Davis, J. Fukakusa, K. Noor, S. Rangunathan, S. Sinha, 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
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
S. Hodges, University Registrar and Executive Director, Strategic Enrolment Management
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
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

- 3.1.2. Chair's Remarks

C. Paisley welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of the new year.

- 3.2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.2.1. Approval of the January 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 November 25, 2025 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

M. Lachemi reported on six (6) University friends and community members who were appointed to the Order of Canada; the recent Research Infosource rankings; the launch of the Integrated Health Centre; the partnership between the Dais and Rogers on a national initiative called "Screen Break"; and the international media coverage of Dr. F. Asrar, who has a rare expertise in space medicine.

5. REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

W. Lawrence, Secretary of the Board, reported on the upcoming Governance Essentials sessions and the Board election process in February and March.

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

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Provost and Vice-President, Academic reported on recognitions received by students and schools at the University and recent events such as a sector collaboration focusing on financial sustainability and international enrolment. R. Iannacito-Provenzano highlighted the strong interest in the University as evidenced by the Fall Open House and an increased number of applications from international fee-paying students. R. Iannacito-Provenzano noted that the MD program at the SoM has again received the highest number of applicants among Ontario medical schools and that there has been an increase in the applications for the residency program. R. Iannacito-Provenzano discussed the funding formula review and shared the recent appointment of S.Hodges as University Registrar and Executive Director, Strategic Enrollment Management.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

7.1.1. Introduction to the 2026-27 Budget Process

D. Porter, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee met on January 22, 2026, and heard from M. Lachemi, R. Iannacito-Provenzano, K. McCausland, Vice-Provost, University Planning, and J. McKee, regarding the introduction to the 2026-27 Budget Process.

8. FOR INFORMATION

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

8.1.1. Discrimination and Harassment Annual Report

8.1.2. Student Mental Health Policy Report

8.2. University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: March 31, 2026