

## Report on the June 6, 2024 Board of Governors Meeting

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**Members:** *Rajni Agarwal; Brandon Amyot; Robert Arnone; Karen Boz; Peter Caldwell; Dr. Claudine Cousins; David Elliott; Thomas Kehoe; Dr. Don Kerr; Sunil Kumar; Pauline Mickelson; Michael Nitz; Anna Sampson; Dr. Gillian Siddall; Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Mark Smith; Brent Sylvester; Cathy Tuckwell (Vice-Chair); Maria Vasanelli (Chair)*

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The Board of Governors held a regular scheduled meeting on June 6, 2024 on the Orillia Campus. In accordance with the Board of Governors Bylaws, Article 7.2, video conferencing was also available for Governors participating remotely. The agenda, materials and minutes of the open Board meetings are available at [www.Lakeheadu.ca](http://www.Lakeheadu.ca).

### OPEN MEETING

The following items of business were dealt with during the open meeting:

- **Deputation** - A Resolution to Divest from Organizations Enabling the Genocide in Gaza (Co-signatories: Lakehead Socialist Club, Disrupt, Climate Justice Thunder Bay, LU Solidarity with Palestine)  
The next steps for the Board of Governors recommended by the group included:
  1. Disclosure of all investments held by Lakehead University
  2. Divestment from:
    - a. businesses, companies, banks, and corporations profiteering from the genocide in Gaza
    - b. those that produce and support militarization, the arms trade, emerging military,
  3. security/surveillance technologies, and nuclear weapons.
  4. Public statement from Lakehead University supporting:
    - a. academic freedom of faculty and student's right to speak freely about Palestine.
    - b. an immediate and permanent ceasefire
    - c. an end to Israel's blockade of Gaza
    - d. an end to the sale of Canadian arms & military technology to Israel
  5. in consultation with the university community, develop a policy for reviewing future
  6. investments that seeks student, faculty, and staff input

The Board plans to review these recommendations.

- **Chair's Report**
- **President's Report**
  - June 2024 Online President's Report
  - Report on Appointments

- **Executive Committee**
  - Report of the May 9, 2024 Meeting
- **Audit and Risk Committee**
  - Report of the May 9, 2024 Meeting
- **External Relations Committee**
  - Report of the May 8, 2024 Meeting
- **Finance and Operations Committee**
  - Report of the May 13, 2024 Meeting
- **Governance and Nominating Committee**
  - Report of the May 14, 2024 Meeting
  - 2024-25 Board Appointment Process Summary
  - 2023-24 Board Meeting Schedule Amendments
    - MOVED that the Board approves the following amendments to the 2023-24 Board meeting schedule:
      - Move October 10, 2024 Board meeting to October 9, 2024, 9:00am-1:00pm (ET)
      - Move October 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to October 9, 2024, 1:00pm-3:00pm(ET)
      - Move October 11, 2024 Board Fall Retreat to October 10, 2024, Time TBD CARRIED
  - Recommendations for Term Renewals (External Members)
    - MOVED that the Board re-elects Maria Vasanelli for a 3 year term, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting. CARRIED
    - MOVED that the Board re-elects Robert Arnone for a 3 year term, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting. CARRIED
  - Recommendations to External Organizations (Senate, Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council, and Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan)
    - MOVED that Mark Smith be recommended for appointment to the Senate, to serve as the Board Member on the Senate for a one year term. CARRIED
    - MOVED that Thomas Kehoe be recommended for appointment to the OIEC, as the Board Member on the OIEC for a one year term. CARRIED
    - MOVED that Cathy Tuckwell and Ann Dumyn be recommended for appointments to the Board of the Professional Staff Pension Plan for one year, commencing at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2024 through to the close of the Annual Meeting in 2025. CARRIED
  - Committee Chair Recommendations
    - MOVED that the the following list of proposed Committee Chairs be approved and that the term for each be one year, commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting, through to the close of the 2025 Annual Meeting:
      - BEC - Cathy Tuckwell
      - BARC - Sunil Kumar

- BERC - Michael Nitz
  - BFOC - Robert Arnone
  - BGNC - Mark Smith
  - BLLC - Maria Vasanelli (Chair) and Claudine Cousins (Vice-Chair)
- CARRIED

- **Learning and Liaison Committee**

- Report of the May 8, 2024 Meeting
- Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD) Board Membership Renewal
  - MOVED to recommend that the Board of Governors approves renewing the ICD Board membership that expires on May 31, 2024. CARRIED

### **Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund**

- Pension Investment Fund Annual Report
- Pension Investment Fund Audited Financial Statements
  - WHEREAS the Board Audit and Risk Committee has been delegated by the Board to review and recommend to the Board approval of the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund audited statements; and  
WHEREAS this matter requires attention prior to the the next scheduled Board Audit and Risk Committee meeting scheduled on September 12, 2024;  
MOVED that the Board of Governors approves the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund financial statements, as circulated. CARRIED

### **Strategic Plan - June Report on Implementation (Year 6)**

Administration provided a progress report on implementation of the Strategic Plan, year 6.

### **Informational Items Received**

- Senate Report (of the April 18, 2023 meeting)
- Senate Report (of the May 13, 2023 meeting)
- 2023-24 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule (public meetings)

## **IN CAMERA SESSION**

An in camera session was held to discuss items of personnel, legal, or real estate nature, and other sensitive or confidential matters.

The following items of business were dealt with during the in camera session:

- **Executive Committee**
  - Report of the May 9, 2024 In Camera Meeting
- **Finance and Operations Committee**
  - Report of the May 13, 2024 In Camera Meeting

- 2024-25 Budget Development Update
- **Governance and Nominating Committee**
  - Report of the May 14, 2024 In Camera Meeting
  - Board Officer Recommendations - In accordance with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair Election Procedures, an election was held in camera. The following election results were reported in camera:
    - Board Chair: Cathy Tuckwell - commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting to the close of the Annual Meeting in 2026
    - Board Vice-Chair: Mark Smith - commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting to the close of Annual Meeting in 2026
    - Board Past-Chair: Maria Vasanelli commencing at the close of the 2024 Annual Meeting and ending at the close of the Annual Meeting in 2026.
  - Annual Board Performance Evaluation Results

### **Annual Presidential Assessment**

In accordance with the Annual Presidential Assessment: Policy and Procedures, the Board reviewed and approved the 2023-2025 President's goals and objectives statement.

### **Other Reports and Informational Items Received**

- Update from the Professional Staff Pension Board
- President's In Camera Report
  - President's Report on Promotion to Full Professor  
Exercising the authority delegated by the Board of Governors, the President and Vice-Chancellor, granted promotion to full professor, to the following individuals, effective July 1, 2024:
    - Dr. Douglas Hayes, Department of English
    - Dr. Charles Levkoe, Department of Health Sciences
    - Dr. Claudio Pousa, Faculty of Business Administration
    - Dr. David Richards, Faculty of Business Administration
    - Dr. Matthew Tocheri, Department of Anthropology

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is October 9, 2024 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (ET).