



## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**June 30, 2022**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Hybrid Format**

## **MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Governors of Toronto Metropolitan University (the "University") held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in-person and by video and teleconference.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** H. Al-Jarrah, S. Babikian, N. Campbell, J. Cockwell (Vice-Chair), J. Dallaire, S. Dworkin, C. Garay, R. Graham, M. Lachemi, G. Leong, D. Miller, N. Mohamed, M. Mullings, C. Paisley, D. Porter, S. Ragunathan, C. Randall, R. Rodrigues, W. Soliman, T. Staffieri (Chair), B. Venkatesh

**Regrets:** J. Fukakusa, T. Ho, M. Kolios, E. Shim, S. Sinha

### **Board Secretariat:**

J. Shin Doi, General Counsel, Secretary of the Board of Governors, and University Privacy Officer  
V. Luckiram, Governance Coordinator

J. MacInnis, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Governors

A. Mall, Senior Legal Counsel and Governance Officer

### **Others in Attendance:**

D. Campbell, Executive Director, Community Safety and Security

T. Conte, Interim Executive Director, Provost's Office

G. Craney, Deputy Provost, International and University Planning

M. Dettweiler, Executive Director, Campus Development

R. Frankle, Assistant Vice-President, Advancement

J. Grass, Assistant Vice-President, University Relations

C. Holmes, Interim Vice-Provost, Academic

R. Iannacito-Provenzano, Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs

S. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation

G. Mallon, Assistant Vice-President, Facilities Management and Development

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  
M. Piorkowski, Manager, Finance and Administration, Community Safety and Security  
A. Saloojee, Interim Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion  
J. Simpson, Provost and Vice-President, Academic  
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

Chair of the Board, T. Staffieri welcomed Board members to the first hybrid meeting of the year.

- 3.1.1 Land Acknowledgement

T. Staffieri acknowledged the land.

- 3.1.2 Chair's Remarks

T. Staffieri remarked how the University experienced another momentous year with the approval by the Board of the new name, the creation of the medical school, and the return to campus for many students, faculty, and staff.

- 3.1.2.1 Recognition of Departing Board Members

T. Staffieri thanked departing Board members, B. Venkatesh, H. Al-Jarrah, T. Ho, and C. Randall, for their collective work and contributions to the governance of the University. T. Staffieri noted they would all be receiving a gift of thanks in the form of a Herschel briefcase and a University t-shirt with the new logo.

T. Staffieri thanked all Board members for their work throughout the year. T. Staffieri thanked Board Committee Chairs J. Cockwell, R. Graham, C. Paisley, and D. Porter for their hard work in ensuring that the Board committees ran effectively and smoothly.

T. Staffieri noted that all Board members will be receiving a thank you gift in the form of a book from the Ryerson Image Centre titled "Since 1839...Eleven Essays on Photography" and an insulated mug with the new University logo.

### 3.2 Approval of the June 30, 2022 Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

## 4. **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

M. Lachemi thanked Board members for their support and engagement during the 2021-2022 Board year. M. Lachemi noted that the invaluable support of the Board enabled the University to be nimble and effectively deal with the evolving impact of the pandemic and achieve a successful return to in-person learning.

M. Lachemi noted the successful convocation season from June 13, 2022, to June 24, 2022, with twenty (20) in-person convocation ceremonies. M. Lachemi explained that invitations were sent out to students who graduated virtually during the last two (2) years and that a combined total of three thousand three hundred (3,300) graduates came back to campus to cross the stage in person.

M. Lachemi noted that for the spring 2022 graduating class, the University celebrated eight thousand two hundred and fourteen (8,214) graduates. M. Lachemi explained that this number included over six thousand seven hundred (6,700) undergraduate students, six hundred and fifteen (615) students receiving graduate degrees, and eight hundred and ninety-four (894) students receiving continuing education certificates. M. Lachemi thanked the team led by Manager of the Ceremonials Office, K. McDonald, who organized the ceremonies, the Board members who participated in them, and Chancellor J. Fukakusa who participated in all twenty (20) ceremonies.

## 5. **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY**

Secretary J. Shin Doi thanked L. Nater and B. Boase from Media Services for their assistance this year in ensuring the virtual Board meetings ran smoothly. J. Shin Doi also thanked the Board Secretariat team for their work, noting that ninety-eight (98) resolutions were passed during the year.

### 5.1 Election of Chair

J. Shin Doi advised that at the April 28, 2022 Board of Governors meeting, and pursuant to section 12.1 of the By-laws, nominations for the position of Chair of the Board were opened and T. Staffieri was nominated by S. Babikian, D. Porter, and N. Campbell. J. Shin Doi explained that T. Staffieri consented to this nomination in writing, that the nomination period was now closed and that T. Staffieri was elected by acclamation.

## 5.2 Election of Vice-Chair

J. Shin Doi explained that since J. Cockwell's term as Vice Chair of the Board will end at the June 30, 2022, Board meeting, nominations for the position of Board Vice Chair were opened at the May 30, 2022, Governance Committee meeting pursuant to section 12.2 of the By-laws. J. Shin Doi advised that C. Paisley was nominated by D. Porter, S. Babikian, and R. Graham. J. Shin Doi explained that C. Paisley consented to this nomination in writing, that the nomination period was now closed and that C. Paisley was elected by acclamation.

## 5.3 Annual Board Assessments

J. Shin Doi reminded Board members to complete the Annual Assessment which would be sent to them by email on June 30, 2022.

## 5.4 Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal

J. Shin Doi announced that the Spring 2022 Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal winner was J. Pellegrino, who graduated from the Chemistry and Biology program in the Faculty of Science. J. Shin Doi thanked the Award Selections Committee.

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

J. Simpson advised that the University continues to receive support and enthusiasm for the new name. J. Simpson noted that the University is being recognized as a national leader in reconciliation. J. Simpson explained that this indicates the University's ability to be one of the first in Canada to make this change and its capacity to continue doing the work, recognizing there are more recommendations to implement.

# 7. **REPORT FROM THE INTERIM VICE-PRESIDENT, EQUITY AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION**

Interim Vice-President, Equity and Community Inclusion, A. Saloojee noted that his presentation was included in the Board materials and spoke to three (3) items in his report. A. Saloojee advised that in accordance with one of the recommendations from the Anti-Black Racism Committee Report, the Office of the Vice-President, Equity, Community and Inclusion ("OVPECI") has nuanced the mandate.

A. Saloojee explained that in partnership with facilities management, OVPECI submitted five (5) key buildings for auditing to the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Program and has received the gold standard for the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex. A. Saloojee advised that as a result, the University now has delegations visiting this building as a model site for them to emulate in their buildings. A. Saloojee reported

that OVPECI will be working this year to develop an equity, diversity, and inclusion strategic plan and will deliver on this commitment OVPECI made to the Board last year.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

R. Graham reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee met on June 27, 2022, and received an update regarding the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan Valuation and the OMERS Quarterly Fund Review. R. Graham noted that the Committee was also presented with the 2021 Environmental Health and Safety Report and recommended that the Board approve the Environmental Health and Safety Management System Policy.

#### **8.1.1 Audited Financial Statements of the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan and Audit Findings for the year ended December 31, 2021**

R. Graham reported that the Employee Relations and Pensions Committee recommended that the Board approve the audited financial statements for the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan and audit findings for the year ended December 31, 2021.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

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

**THAT the Audited Financial Statements of the Ryerson Retirement Pension Plan for the year ended December 31, 2021 be accepted and approved to be filed with regulatory authorities.**

### **8.2 Report from the Chair of the Audit Committee**

#### **8.2.1 Draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended April 30, 2022**

C. Paisley reported that the Audit Committee met on June 27, 2022, and recommended that the Board approve the draft audited financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2022.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

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

**THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, be approved as presented.**

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

T. Staffieri moved to adopt the consent agenda.

9.1 Approval of the April 26, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

9.2 Approval of the April 28, 2022 Minutes

The minutes were approved as presented.

9.3 Environmental Health and Safety Management System Policy

9.4 Review of Revenue and Expenditures for proposed Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering

**10. FOR INFORMATION**

10.1 University Relations Monthly Metrics and Reach

10.2 2021 Environmental Health and Safety Report

**11. TERMINATION**