

## Summary of the June 4, 2026 Board of Governors Meeting

**From:** Marcie Morrison, Associate University Secretary

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**Members:** *Rajni Agarwal; Robert Arnone; Dr. Claudine Cousins; David Elliott; Sunil Kumar; Robert Lamb; Dr. Nancy Luckai; Pauline Tait; Michael Nitz; Michel Piché; Dr. Leigh Potvin; Dr. Gillian Siddall; Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay; Mark Smith (Vice-Chair); Simran Talpade; Cathy Tuckwell (Chair); Maria Vasanelli; Dr. Rose Zacharias*

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The Board of Governors convened a regular meeting on June 4, 2026, at the Campus. The Orillia Campus. The agenda, supporting materials, and approved minutes from open Board sessions are accessible online at [www.Lakeheadu.ca](http://www.Lakeheadu.ca).

### OPEN MEETING

#### **Spotlight Presentation: INTD 3013: City as Space, Place, and Pace (Dr. Ryan McVeigh, Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies, Lakehead University)**

The Board received a presentation highlighting the Interdisciplinary Studies program at Lakehead University's Orillia campus. The presentation focused on the course's experiential learning approach, which uses urban ethnography and field-based activities to examine how the built environment shapes life within it. Students engage in exercises such as participant observation, mapping, and travelogue assignments to explore issues related to accessibility, social inclusion, and cultural identity.

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

#### **Executive Committee**

- Report of the May 14, 2026 meeting

#### **Audit and Risk Committee**

- Report of the May 14, 2026 meeting
- Annual Review of the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund
  - *MOVED to approve the Lakehead University Pension Investment Fund financial statements, as recommended by the Board Audit and Risk Committee. CARRIED*

#### **External Relations Committee**

- Report of the May 13, 2026 meeting

## **Finance and Operations Committee**

- 2026-2027 Proposed Operating Budget - As required by the Board of Governors, the Administration presented a balanced operating budget.
  - *MOVED to approve the 2026-2027 Lakehead University operating budget, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. CARRIED*
- Report of the May 14, 2026 meeting
- Policy Review: Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan:
  - *MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures, Lakehead University Pension Plan. CARRIED*
- Policy Review: Procurement Policy:
  - *MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Procurement Policy, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. CARRIED*
- Policy Review: Approval Authority Policy:
  - *MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Approval Authority Policy, as recommended by the Board Finance and Operations Committee. CARRIED*

## **Governance and Nominating Committee**

- Report of the May 13, 2026 meeting
- Notice of Resignation from Staff Member Tim Lade (as of May 6, 2026)
- 2026-2028 Board of Governors Meeting Schedule:
  - *MOVED to approve the proposed 2026-2028 Board of Governors meeting schedule, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee. CARRIED*
- 2026 Board Appointment Process Summary
- 2026-2027 Standing Committee Chair Recommendations:
  - *MOVED to approve that the following External Board Members be appointed as Standing Committee Chairs for the term commencing at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee:*
    - *BARC: Sunil Kumar*
    - *BERC: Robert Lamb*
    - *BFOC: Michel Piché*
    - *BGNC: Michael Nitz*
- 2026-2027 Standing Committee Assignment Recommendations
  - *MOVED to approve the proposed committee assignments for the term commencing at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting to the close of the 2027 Annual Meeting, as recommended by the Board Governance and Nominating Committee. CARRIED*

## **President's Report on Appointments**

Pursuant to the authority delegated to the President and Vice-Chancellor by the Board of Governors, the following appointments are being reported, for information:

- Dr. Lori Chambers was re-appointed as Chair in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies for the term effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

- Dr. Steven Jobbitt was appointed as Chair in the Department of History for the term effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.
- Dr. Donald Kerr was appointed as Acting Chair in the Department of Undergraduate Studies in Education for the term effective May 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- Dr. Juan Sánchez Martínez was appointed as Acting Chair in the Department of Indigenous Learning for the term effective July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
- Dr. Chris Sanders was appointed as Acting Chair in the Department of Sociology for the term effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- Dr. Les Fleischer was re-appointed as Director in the School of Social Work for the term effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028.

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

- 2nd Progress Report on Strategic Plan Year One
- President's June Report
- Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Report (of the May 5, 2026 meeting)
- Senate Report (of the May 11, 2026 meeting)

### **In Camera Business Reported in the Open Meeting**

- President's Report on Promotion to Full Professor - The President granted promotion to Professor, effective July 1, 2026, to the following individuals:
  - Dr. Angela Hovey, School of Social Work
  - Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston, Faculty of Education
  - Dr. Erin Pearson, School of Kinesiology
  - Dr. Michael Rennie, Department of Biology
  - Dr. Paolo Sanzo, School of Kinesiology
  - Dr. Abdulsalam Yassine, Department of Software Engineering

## **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**

- In Camera Report of the May 14, 2026 meeting
- President's Annual Assessment

### **External Relations Committee**

- In Camera Report of the May 13, 2026 meeting

### **Reports Received**

- Chair's In Camera Report
- President's In Camera Report:
  - President's Report on Promotion to Full Professor

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is October 15, 2026 from 9:30am to 1:30pm (ET), Orillia Campus.